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Dear Participant in the MIT LINC Workshop:

I am pleased to welcome you to the MIT campus for this first workshop of the Learning International Network Consortium.

The themes of your presentations, panel discussions, and conversations are consistent with MIT's core educational activities and of great interest to us. During these two days, you will focus on how higher education in developing countries might be impacted through the leveraging of television and radio technologies and the Internet.

You will have an opportunity to hear from leading experts about several of these efforts. Our OpenCourseWare program will make MIT course materials available free of charge on the Web, the Singapore-MIT Alliance promotes in-depth investigation of remote learning technologies, the MIT World effort makes the best of MIT accessible via video and the Web, and our iLab enables remote laboratory access anywhere, anytime.

While we are honored to share these efforts with you, we are far more interested in what we will learn from the extraordinary expertise that you bring to this conference. Participants come from both developed and developing nations and from areas of both vast and limited access to information. Your experiences with the ever-expanding dimensions of technology-enabled learning are invaluable to us, and we will be listening closely.

In the classic MIT tradition, your days here will be quite full, and you will go home with a substantive homework assignment — to design LINC as a growing and sustainable organization. I wish you the very best with this important undertaking, and I hope that your stay on our campus is an enjoyable and rewarding one.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles M. Vest".

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