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Dear John:

This is merely to expand on the facts of the situation vis-a-vis your friend which I will cover briefly in a telephone call to you tonight, and which are different from those in paragraph 2 of my letter of 5 March.

After thinking through all of the risks involved in providing the man with a letter, I have decided that the chances that the man will use the letter for his own purposes or divulge what he thinks is the real purpose behind the letter are too great.

We will therefore just have to take the chance of furnishing him sufficient funds to make the trip and letting him make his own arrangements.

You may suggest to him that perhaps he can devise a business reason for the trip - but this is entirely up to him. If he decides to make contacting his co-religionaries or NCPE the reason, then he must understand that "you-friend" is only interested in talking with him before he makes any other contacts here. He should let you know his plans for the trip as soon as he secures a visa.

I hope you and Mary have a pleasant vacation trip.

Sincerely yours,

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