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Dear Willis:

I received your gracious invitation and other materials concerning the symposium on Tuesday, June 18. At the time that I talked to you the previous week about my possible participation, I had expected to hear from you by return phone call that day or perhaps the next day concerning both format and possible schedule. Unfortunately, your letter arrived at a time when the proposed schedule makes it impossible for me to participate. I immediately called your office twice on June 18 but was unable to reach you, although my secretary left the message that I would not be able to participate and I was letting you know so that you could make alternative arrangements. I hope that this does not cause you any inconvenience. Perhaps on some other occasion with longer lead time, I may be able to work with you.

I sincerely hope that the symposium will be a resounding success. Both the brochure and tentative schedule suggest that the program will constitute a major academic and musical event in the study and performance of black American music. You and your colleagues are to be congratulated in organizing so high a calibre of personages in this field. Again, best wishes for continued success.

Very truly yours,

Herman Hudson/ah

Herman Hudson, Chairperson
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