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Dear Western Branch Member,

There will be no Western Branch meeting this Fall. The next meeting will be held in the Fall of 1989 at the University of Colorado, Boulder, hosted and organized by the Department of Oriental Languages there. We are grateful to Professor Paul W. Kroll, Chairman of that Department, for extending this invitation to the Western Branch. Full details about the meeting, and a solicitation for papers to be presented, will be sent to the membership in the Spring of 1989. In the meantime please consider attending and giving a paper or organizing a panel, so that we can keep the Western Branch as viable and active as it has traditionally been in the past. Please also consider possible venues for the 1990 meeting.

Two items are enclosed with this letter: (i) a copy of the Procedures of Operation, ratified by mail ballot of the membership at-large last Fall, and formally adopted at the annual meeting in Berkeley in November, 1987, and (ii) a list of names and addresses of the current Western Branch officers. From this second item you can see that the terms of two members of the Executive Committee, and those of the President and Vice-President, will expire in 1989. The Vice-President will of course become the President, and the President will join the Executive Committee as the immediate past President. We will need to elect a new Vice-President and two members of the Executive Committee at the 1989 meeting in Boulder. In accordance with the Procedures of Operation the Executive Committee will nominate one candidate for each of these posts. Nominations of additional candidates may also come from the membership at-large, by mail as described in the Procedures of Operation, and are most welcome.

We would like to continue the practice, inaugurated at the last meeting in Berkeley, of inviting someone to deliver a special plenary session address on the afternoon of the second day of the annual meeting. Suggestions and recommendations of names of people to be invited for this address are welcome and in fact encouraged. While the Western Branch does not have the means to provide for transportation to the meeting, or hotel expenses, it is able to offer a modest honorarium to such a speaker. Please convey any suggestions you might have in this regard to me, or to any member of the Executive Committee.

Other suggestions for activities or arrangements in connection with the Boulder meeting in the Fall of 1989 are most welcome. You may contact me or any member of the Executive Committee.

With all best wishes for the next academic year,

Sincerely,



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