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Dear Professor Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Auguste Comte Memorial Trust Committee to invite you to deliver an Auguste Comte Memorial Lecture at the School. I write without specifying a date and in the hope that some time within the next year or two you may already be planning a visit to Britain, or that this invitation might persuade you to do so. We are able to offer a modest fee of £300 which includes expenses.

In the Trust Deed it is laid down that the lecture "shall be upon any aspect of scientific or philosophical thought or of human activity; preferably approached from a broad historical, positive and humanist standpoint". I enclose a list of the lectures already given, from which you will see that previous lecturers have covered a fairly wide range of subjects.

Copyright in the lecture will belong to the School as Trustee of the lectureship, but it can be assumed that the School will permit a lecturer to reproduce the lecture in a journal or in any series of collected lectures or essays which he might wish to publish. Meanwhile, if you wish, the lecture might be published in our journal, The British Journal of Sociology, subject to a length limit of 7,000 words. You would receive 25 offprints automatically; should you wish for more, we would try to provide them.

Public lectures at the School normally begin at 5.00 o'clock in the afternoon, last for about one hour, and are followed by an informal reception.

The Committee very much hope that you will be able to accept this invitation, even if the date has to be some time ahead, or cannot be firmly fixed for a while.

Yours sincerely,

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