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*Experimental Nursery, Vineyards and Vinifera Wine Cellars
European Grape Varieties and European Estate Bottled Wines*

R.D. 2, Hammondsport, New York 14840

June 21st, 1971

Mr. Robert de T. Lawrence-Highbury Farm, The Plains, Virginia
Mr. E. DeLong Bowman-Belvoir Farm, The Plains, Virginia
- Mr. H. L. Showalter-Girard Associates, Inc. Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
- Mr. Gary & Robert Woodbury, Woodbury Fruit Farms, Dunkirk, New York
Mr. John Moorhead, Moorhead Grape Farm, North East, Pennsylvania
Mr. George Mathiesen, Mathiesen Grape Farm, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.
✓ Mr. Arnulf W. Esterer, Markko Vineyards, Conneaut, Ohio
Mr. Harold E. Applegate, Applegate Vineyards, Cranbury, N.J.
Mr. Thomas R. Clarke, Clarke Vineyards, New Canaan, Connecticut
Mr. All Wiederkehr, Wine Cellars, Altus, Arkansas and
Mr. G. H. Mowbray and Mr. Charles S. Singleton-Montbray Wine Cellars, Westminster, Maryland

Gentlemen!

Except Mr. Bowman, all of you are European grape growers. Some of you are my cooperators for fifteen years, some of you have already a considerable acreage of vinifera grape of fifteen and twenty acres, already for years in production.

For more than one and a half decade I have now more than a hundred friends, cooperators that grow these, the most best and famous European grape varieties as amateurs, home wine makers in the Eastern USA, from Texas to Chicago, Illinois and Detroit, Michigan.

Now, I decide to call a convention, to discuss this project, to discuss and exchange experience, to exchange and to prevent some made faults-errors and to inspect critically the potentiality of growing these the most best of 10.000 of existing European grape varieties, comparing them with the grown here French hybrids, that are prohibited to grow the world over.

This convention shall take place in Hammondsport, at our vineyards on 28th and 29th of June, 1971.

From all my cooperators I select only you, being convinced that you have decided seriously to go in grape growing and wine production business.

I do hope to see you all here during this convention.

Cordially,

Konstantin Frank

Please, your friend and partner
is very welcome also