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Pat Cummings
28 Tiffany Place
Brooklyn, New York 11231

April 6, 1992

Eleanor Tellemaque
230 E. 88th Street
New York, NY 10128

Dear Eleanor,

The plans to start a Multicultural Resource Center at HarperCollins are underway. As it has been a while since we talked about it, I want to bring you up to date and invite you to be part of a planning session.

A group of multicultural writers and illustrators of books for children and young adults is coming together to identify, mentor, and hopefully, bring new talent into our business. As projected, the Resource Center will house a collection of slides and tearsheets by multicultural artists, solicit and review manuscripts and maintain a library of members' books. Most importantly, Harper plans to offer a grant and publishing contracts to those promising writers and illustrators identified through our efforts.

The details have been roughed out in meetings between Harper representatives and our acting steering committee, which includes Arnold Adoff, Shiela Hamanaka, Walter Dean Meyers, Nicholasa Mohr, and myself. What is needed now is to detail how the center would operate and to discuss what level of participation could be realistically anticipated by members.

We are all facing deadlines and commitments, but I hope that your input can be included. The intent of the meeting is to start to nail down procedures for soliciting, reviewing and processing manuscripts and art samples. We are going to try and cover the criteria that will be applied to submissions; devise the forms that we will use to process everything; flesh out the brochure or promotional material; and get ideas on staffing and funding. Soup to nuts in two hours.

It is clearly understood that only the time and energy that you can spare will be expected of you. I'll try and get an agenda out to you in advance of the meeting for your review. If you have any questions, call me at (718) 834-8584.

MEETING FOR THE MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER
APRIL 21, 1992 10 AM-NOON
HARPERCOLLINS PUBLISHING - 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
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Hope to see you - Pat

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