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Mr. Mike Nichol  
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Dear Mr. Nichol;

Your secretary suggested that I briefly outline the request made of you by Arthur Knight. The enclosed letter was sent out recently and it explains the event which we have each year and who we are honoring this year. Since that letter we have added Earl Bellamy, Jimmy Stewart, and Jack L. Warner to the committee. Mr. Stewart will also appear on a panel for Mr. Capra. Ross Hunter has also been added.

Our usual format is rather simple. We usually ask three or four people who have been closely associated with our honoree to ask our honoree one or two prepared questions to bring out a bit of his career. We also show a few minutes of film clips. Our total program usually runs about 70 minutes. Actually the banquet starts at 7:30 and we usually end by 10:20. It is held on the campus of the University. We usually fill the hall where it is held---about 600 people. Our committee tries to turn out a good crowd of film people for us. They do a great job.

We would be greatly honored if you would consider being the chairman of our banquet this year. In past years it has been chaired by George Cukor, Gene Kelly, King Vidor and others. The invitational letter with return envelope, etc. goes out under the name of the chairman. The major function of the chairman is to give us advice on our program, its order, form, etc. We usually spend all day Saturday before the banquet-- (Sat., Jan. 14th) decorating. Often the chairman has dropped in for an hour on that day and we go over the program. Sometimes we go over the program an hour before the banquet starts. This is done at your convenience. The people directly connected with the program would be Arthur Knight, Stanley Musgrove, the M.C. and the banquet chairman.

Ross Hunter is asking Carl Reiner to M.C. the affair. We should know about him by this coming Monday. Invitational letters should be in the mail by next Wednesday, the 21th.

All of us, our students, faculty and committee would consider it a great favor and honor if you chaired the banquet. I hope you will consider this favorably and let us know shortly.

Cordially,

*Bernard R. Kantor*

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Chairman, Cinema