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To the Leaders of the Papuan National Collective di tempatnya:

I am honored to receive your invitation to the historic Congress that will take place next week.

I fully support your aims of using peaceful means to protect fundamental human rights, including the right to self determination; accountability of security forces for crimes against the civilian population; and the protection of the environment. I also stand with you as you seek to affirm your basic rights in the present and the future.

Regrettably, I am unable to be with you due to prior commitments. However, I trust that you will appoint a delegate to bring news of the Congress to me and my colleagues here in Washington.

As always, my thoughts and prayers are with the people of West Papua, and I extend to each of you my highest and personal regards.

Sincerely,

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