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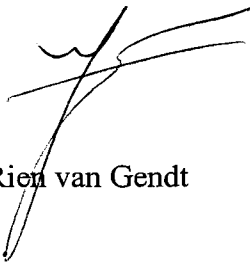
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Dear Amir,

On April 11, 2005 I received the Distinguished Grantmaker Award 2005 in San Diego, U.S. It has been one of the most memorable days in my professional life. Although I have, given my Dutch Calvinistic background, a nearly genetic aversion to awards and ceremonies, particularly when I am centre stage, I must confess that the event was wonderful: an audience of nearly 2000 people from the foundation world, a very nice laudation, my acceptance speech (see attached document), a party organized by Van Leer and Rockefeller with warm and very personal speeches by an array of people 'from the industry' and the presentation by Van Leer of an endowed lecture in the Council on Foundations' annual meeting in my name (see attached document). Unfortunately many of my friends and colleagues could not be in San Diego. You are among them. I would like to thank you very much for the very nice message presented to me by Marjorie Benton at the occasion of the award.

Sincerely,



Rien van Gendt

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