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Dear Professor Der Kiureghian,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated 1 May 1989 regarding the establishment of a technical university in Leninakan.

The proposal was examined during the International Seminar on the Spitak Earthquake held in Yerevan, 23-26 May 1989, under the auspices of Unesco, and it was endorsed unanimously. The Seminar "recommended that Unesco endorse and support the establishment of a Technical University in the earthquake-affected area of northern Armenia, using modern concepts of technical education".

It was also suggested that a monitoring group composed of Messrs. Chaguinian and Darbinian from Armenia, and Messrs. Agbabian and Der Kiureghian from the United States, be entrusted with the follow-up of this recommendation, in liaison with Unesco, as necessary. Unesco shall now examine the ways and means to contribute for the implementation of this recommendation. We shall not fail to inform you of any further action on our part. Please let me know of any development in this important endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "B. Rouhban".

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