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Senator Paul E. Tsongas  
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Lowell, Mass.

Dear Senator Tsongas:

Congratulations on your appointment to the Foreign Relations Committee.

Perhaps your constituency outside the international and academic communities does not yet realize the significance of your appointment. There is no doubt in my mind, however, that in the near future public attention and world attention will be forced to focus on the problems of South Africa and southern Africa. At that time your interest and experience in Africa and African affairs should prove valuable to all of us.

Of course those of us interested in African studies are delighted with your new committee position. My wife Elizabeth and I would like to receive any mailings which may come about as a result of your new committee assignment. We are already on a mailing list of political supporters.

As you may remember, we have lived and worked in East Africa for some six years. Originally we went to Tanzania, as members of Columbia University's Teachers for East Africa Project. My position was as a Teachers' College tutor, and Elizabeth went as a secondary school teacher.

It might be of interest to you that one of Elizabeth's sisters, Katherine Erisman, is a well known and respected expatriot educator in Tanzania. She has been a friend and confidant of the Nyerere family for over twenty years. In addition, she is a leader of the Maryknoll Sisters, who have been active in Kenya, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

I hope all goes well when you come to speak at the Westfield State Commencement exercises. It is difficult to know exactly what college students are thinking about these days.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Psychas".

George Psychas  
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