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Dear

Please join the International Relations Center (based in New Mexico) for a *tea-time briefing for funders* on *Wednesday, February 8th from 2:30 - 4:30 PM* at the Tides Foundation, Presidio Building 1014 (Lincoln Blvd and Torney), in the Pacific Room. IRC staff will be presenting a brief overview of our past work, and focus on our current foreign policy initiative, *Global Good Neighbor*.

Global Good Neighbor (GGN) is an ambitious effort to evolve the framework in which our nation's foreign policy is discussed to a morals-based framework. Rooted in American history, GGN draws from President Roosevelt's Good Neighbor and New Deal policies of the 1930s. FDR's Good Neighbor policy marked a dramatic shift in U.S. foreign relations, characterized by a public repudiation of three decades of imperialism, cultural and racial stereotyping, and military intervention. It brought hope to a world in fear, it brought sustenance to people in need, and it brought dignity to the degraded and oppressed.

We have found that by recalling the Good Neighbor Policy we evoke among diverse social sectors—different ages, political affiliations, class backgrounds, and ethnicity/religion/race—a sense of pride, determination, rootedness, and hope. Through this multi-faceted initiative, we aim to rouse such emotions and convictions throughout the nation.

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We hope you can join us for tea at the Pacific Room, Tides Center, preceding our Anniversary Reception sponsored by over 50 local supporters of the IRC (see enclosed invitation) at the San Francisco Film Centre, also in the Presidio Please RSVP for either or both events to Sebia Hawkins, development associate, at sebia@irc-online.org, or (505) 982-1863.

Sincerely,

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