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## Letter to University President Kenneth T. H. Brooks from Harold I. Hansen, Chairman of AETA-USO Overseas Touring

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April 13, 1970

Dr. Kenneth T. H. Brooks, President  
Gorham State College  
of the University of Maine  
Gorham, Maine 04038

Dear President Brooks:

I am pleased to inform you that the application of the Gorham State College Theatre to make an overseas tour for the Defense Department has been favorably considered by the Overseas Touring Committee of the American Educational Theatre Association. Selection for such a tour reflects credit on the work of your theatre and on your university since only twelve schools were selected this year for the tours from over fifty applicants.

The production is to have a total producing company of fifteen including the faculty director. Your tour will be scheduled for the Northeast Command for 16 June 1971 departure. All further arrangements for processing, travel, etc. will be made through the USO.

If you desire to approve the selection of your university for this tour, will you please indicate its availability under the conditions found in the enclosed copy of Regulations for AETA Overseas Touring Companies. This offer to tour should be directed to Colonel Jerome Coray, Director of USO Shows, United Service Organizations, Inc., 237 East 52nd Street, New York 10022, New York, within the next few days. Kindly send me a copy of your letter to Colonel Coray.

It is important that no public announcement of this be made until the acceptance of your offer by the Department of Defense is confirmed by the USO.

In addition to providing entertainment for our servicemen, the tour offers a real opportunity for your theatre group to be unofficial ambassadors for the United States in the foreign countries visited. Equally important are the educational benefits for the members of your company. A number of universities

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have successfully integrated the tour with the academic studies and thus provided the students with background on the life and culture of the countries visited to enrich their foreign travel experience.

Again, may I congratulate your university on being given this opportunity to serve your country and to extend the educational experience of your students.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

cc: Colonel Jerome Coray  
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