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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send my personal greetings to everyone participating in the 25th Annual Conference of the M Technology Association. While I regret not being able to join you for this important gathering, I do want to extend my best wishes for a successful and productive event.

The development of a National and Global Information Infrastructure will advance and enhance the way we live, work, learn, and share information with each other here in the United States and around the world. Communications technologies will play a critical role in a global economy that is ever more dependent upon information for expanded business and trade opportunities.

In addition, President Clinton and I are committed to making sure the goal of universal service is met so that all Americans can benefit from the communications revolution. As a nation we cannot tolerate--nor, in the long run, can we afford--a society in which some children become fully educated and others do not, in which some patients benefit from shared medical expertise and others do not, in which some people have access to lifetime learning and job training and others do not.

I know that all of you attending this important event share this vision. Please accept my best wishes for your continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely.

Al Gore

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MTA received this letter from Vice President Al Gore, an invited guest speaker for the 1996 Conference.