The following letter of opposition to an IRRT/ALA reception at the World Bank Headquarter's library was written following a SRRT/ALA meeting to discuss joint projects between U.S. and overseas library groups.

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An Open Letter to Nancy John, Chair
International Relations Round Table

We as representatives of progressive/radical library and information groups are disappointed that the International Relations Round Table Reception for International Visitors is being held at the World Bank. We appreciate the spirit of the reception for international guests but we feel that, given the role of the World Bank in international affairs and its policy of structural adjustment, the choice of venue is inappropriate to the ALA theme of Global Reach, Local Touch.

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