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STARS FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL

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"There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world, and that is an Idea whose time has come." — Victor Hugo

"Eriend": From Freond: Free; Out of Bondage; Noble; Glad.

E Pluribus Unum — Out of Many (Nations) One (Earth)

- * * * Greater harmony among nations is critically needed in a world society now starving for positivity to such an extent as to risk instant, automated extinction in the name of "security."
- * * * As long as the machinery for multiple, global overkill remains in place, even a technical mistake, or a terrorist act, could unleash an unspeakable chain of disasters [culminating in a Nuclear Winter.]
- * * * This situation we must face squarely: no nation is any longer fully secure by strength of arms alone.
- * * * The only "race" humanity can now afford is a race among nations: to see who can better and more harmoniously enrich the quality of life, at home, and throughout our common home: Planet Earth.

* * Clearly, it should be the cherished goal for every nation that all countries on earth lay down their weapons, once and for all, and make friends, absolutely as soon as possible!

There are enough common enemies to nations and people everywhere-Including hunger, poverty, disease, degradation of natural resources and purity of the environment, crime and injustice, and the dally stresses and tensions of modern life — for any nation or people to waste time, energy or o t h e r precious natural and human resources, on preparations for a pointless and cataclysmic end to all human life!

- * * * We must no longer stay in the self-perpetuating, "vicious-circle" created by historic, political, cultural, religious, and economic tensions and inadequacies. If even a modest fraction of all the defense budgets and human resources of the world, now employed in preparations for war, were put to relieving the fundamental causes of war, humanity would quickly enjoy a greatly higher quality of life for all, and there could be no further defensible need for war again.
- * * * Power in the modern world must be forever redefined-from force of arms-to strength of character: purpose, creativity, respect, generosity, intelligence, and fairness.
- * * * Peace is such more than the absence of war. Peace is a practical, dynamic, evolving state of progress, prosperity and harmony.
- * * * Peace includes, and requires, balanced and enriching exchange among many, varied aspects of society worldwide, Peace is highly practical. Harmonious relations always lead to a freer flow of mutually beneficial exchange, whether between individuals or nations.
- * * * It is important to note that in realistic terns, peace must be achieved before disarmament can be achieved, and not the other way around. Improvement in human relations comes first. Major, significant changes in the area of armaments alone will be extremely difficult to achieve before the achievement of widespread peace among individuals and nations.

* * * In 1983, a report by the Harvard Nuclear Study Group, published in "Atlantic Monthly," June 1983 pp. 39-49, stated:

The supply of weapons is not the sole or even the prime cause of war. Disarmament may remove the most destructive weapons, but others will be found...There are limits to what arms control can accomplish... In the long run, arms control must be accompanied by some improvements in...relations, if humanity is to cope with its nuclear predicament.

- * * * We cannot expect political leaders, alone, to magically create a world of peace; they exist and act in an atmosphere of intense tension, generated by the collective effects of billions of stressed, unhappy people.
- * * * Ultimately, the responsibility for world peace begins with each individual. When the desire for peace--and the atmosphere for peace generated by the citizens of the world is strong enough, powerful national leaders will be at once enabled and <u>required</u> to act in the best interests of world harmony.
- * * * Humanity as a whole must lift itself, quickly, from the impractical and outmoded theater of modern warfare. This "lifting" requires a fundamental jump in the evolution of human awareness.
- * * * Each individual nation must be recognized as an indispensable part of the global whole.
- * * * We must creatively use the media to educate the peoples of all nations to the wonderful, positive characteristics and achievements of other nations and cultures, Instead of continuously dwelling on the current preponderance of negative international news.
- * * * Nations must rise above their differences in the Nuclear Age, but in so doing, they need not sacrifice their individuality. It is not necessary that every nation have the same form of government, or culture, or language, or religious makeup — to achieve permanent harmony among nations. This would be like saying that every one of

the billions of galaxies in the universe, or every plant in a garden, should be the same. Unity and diversity co-exist in nature!

* * The leaders of nations are human beings, as well as the people. If top national leaders could come together regularly, in a retreat setting, away from the more direct pressures of state — this would certainly increase the possibility for significant, human communications and friendships at the highest levels of international relations.

* * * Lincoln said:

With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed.

- * * * Those who have achieved fame and prosperity in society have a special opportunity and responsibility to help uplift the public climate for Peace among nations.
- * * * The celebrity "stars" actors, musicians, dancers, artists, sports champions, and entertainers are very powerful in the area of public relations. By definition, they easily reach the hearts and minds of millions of people. And people learn better when they are relaxed and entertained. Together, the celebrity s t a r s represent an important national and international resource, which can be systematically tapped for the all-important task of improving international relations (as well as the domestic quality of life.)
- * * * For the fi r s t time in h i s t o r y t h a n k s to modern technology— creative use of television and other media enables the peoples of nations to send a positive, harmonious, cultural, and educational message, directly to the peoples of other nations. We may thus effectively bypass the inherent and historical tensions of international politics, and appeal directly to the fundamental human values of the people of other nations people to people.
- * * * Communication, by definition, creates *u n i t y* and *community*. We now have global communications. Why not global community?!

- * * * The field of Entertainment is the one most suited to the task of opening the doors of international, people-to-people communication, because the business of entertainers to create enrichment, harmony and *good times*.
- * * * Music, art, and entertainment are universal languages of harmony, relaxation and enjoyment!
- * * * We must vigorously locate, develop, and apply individually, nationally, and globally appropriate technologies for peace, including creative and entertaining use of the media, to help create better international relations. And we must identify this effort as a top priority worldwide. It is nothing less than a matter of our security and survival.
- * * * Positive application of the technologies of peace alone will be equal to the challenges presented by the modern-day technologies of war.

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The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.

Thomas Jefferson