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Dear Ms. Economides,

It was very kind of you to write to me and send a copy of your work, "The Two Faces of Greece", which I shall read with interest.

Yours sincerely,

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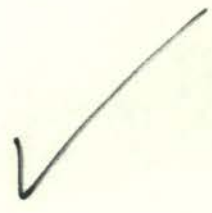
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**TIMELY ACTION PLAN
FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

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ON SEIZING THE MOMENT

Although unconfirmed by the media, many of us feel that Fulfillment Day for the U.N. has finally arrived. Thoughtful, hopeful citizens everywhere are looking to you for leadership of a different nature than they have seen before. From whatever country, citizens don't expect miracles, but there is a hint of optimism in the air. This is a refreshing change from the largely negative views about the U.N., which, especially in the U.S., are still prevalent, even after its success in the Middle East.

In an open letter to you on January 2nd, which unfortunately has yet to be printed in the U.S. press (except for the Christian Science Monitor scheduled for January 15), the heads of the U.N. Association of the USA states that: **"Never before has a Secretary General had so many exciting choices"** while facing such an **"awesome mix of opportunities and problems."** The Open Letter goes on to say that "with the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the old bi-polar system, people are looking to the U.N. to ensure a peaceful transition to a more just and humane world order."

I don't entirely agree. Very few people are looking to the U.N. to ensure such a feat. However, I believe that many more will do so if you take advantage of your "honeymoon stage" over the next few months. I am sure you are been advised to grab the reins while expectations are still somewhat higher than the past, and to rebuild and energize world opinion and support for a new world order. Naturally, what this means will have to be specified.

PRE-SHARING THE VISION?

Just what is the shared vision in the minds of forward thinking individuals around the world? Such vision has been notably lacking from government on this side of the Atlantic, although if you listen to those behind the spokesmen, a wide spectrum of wise voices and sound ideas at the citizen level, you will be more encouraged.

Here you will find a sounding board and eager constituency for a farsighted global agenda that transcends national chauvinism and makes clear the new consciousness of interdependence. I have been talking to many of these individuals and we have a plan on how to help you convey to global audiences such a vision. And we humbly suggest that this should be done as soon as possible to take advantage of the moment.

The U.N.A. concurs: "speak to the people of the world, not only to nations and government, which may be as much a part of the problem as of the solution. Use the U.N. as your rostrum and the worldwide media as your partner." Much of the world is waiting to hear or see a unified coherent plan of action which is both compelling and understandable to the average citizen.

PROPOSAL

A master plan, or the outline of one, should be the first priority, many of us feel, one that will capture the allegiance of even those who advise their governments not to pay U.N. dues. We have been working on some of these elements.

The First Global Revolution is a report recently published by the Council of Club of Rome. I am sure your staff has already referred to it as a lucid and timely report. The latter stresses global warming and economic conversion (for military to non military industries) as having the most potential for solutions. For example, the potential of emerging new sciences for solving some of the planetary geophysical crises is now at hand and is just as exciting as the problems are alarming.

It has been suggested that an international consortium of technological companies could be brought together to hasten the worldwide applications of these scientific breakthroughs, such as microencapsulation. Because of the avalanche of new technologies and the urgency of the problems, creating such a catalyst would be more than a major advance in international cooperation, it would be a matter of survival.

The UN Environmental Fund June Conference in Brasil will doubtless call for action of this type. Similar Action Plans could be articulated for the other major U.N. programs (Disarmament, Food and Agriculture, Health, Maritime, Atomic Energy, UNESCO, HABITAT, UNDP/UNFPA, etc...)

INPUT BY COMPUTER CONFERENCE

What we propose is to conduct a **computer mediated feedback mechanism**, using computer conferencing software to make workable a farflung advisory group working with you on the new U.N. priority agenda, gaining the maximum public exposure worldwide.

We believe that the resulting comprehensive Action Plan, which could be the core of an overall State of the World address, would receive the backing of a wide variety of worldwide media ranging from public forums and educational institutions to radio, television, magazines, newspapers and video conferences.

The resulting publicity plan would be backed up by the UN's own Public Relations staff, naturally, but we propose to first marshal the kind of creative and communications talent rarely assembled. The cost of these efforts over the next three months would be restricted to administrative and coordination staff time which I could manage, with the help of my colleagues, perhaps with financial assistance from outside sources.

I look forward to your response, which I hope will be soon. If you like, we could meet on how to proceed in mounting a platform for your ideas which I am convinced, will meet the challenge of the First Global Revolution.

CONCLUSION

Wherever your plans in preparing a presentation to the U.N. which captures your ideas and leadership, we would like to, in advance, give you feedback on your platform from those outside of the normal channels of policy making. One way to elicit participation and diverse opinions is to include the thinking of advisors from other walks of life, people who normally do not have the opportunity to provide input into policy making, except after the fact.

To achieve that goal we propose to establish on your behalf a consensus-building mechanism which could organize such advisory input on a world-wide but rapid basis. What we have in mind is to conduct an electronic Delphi technique, using a popular computer conferencing software and international communications network (**Decision Support System**) This is an asynchronous, continuous interchange using communicating personal computers, because it is a textual exchange only and not a video-conferencing, it is both ongoing, inexpensive, and self-editing as a group process

We further suggest working with you and others, including the U.N.A., to select a list of participants which would include a mixture of professional communicators, scientists, and academics. Such an initiative could be done within 30 days from the selection of participants.

A budget for such an undertaking, is being prepared, it is based on the participation of the **advisory group on a pro-bono basis**. We will need very rapid response and discussion prior to approval for this to be accomplished in the timeframe we have in mind. We will be waiting for you upon your arrival in New York on January 20th.
