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SECOND CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Friends of Peace in all corners of the world,

This year, for the fourth time, the directors of peace museums from all over the world are meeting in Diksmuide, Belgium (May 5-9, 2003). Surely, this meeting will be overshadowed by the war in Iraq and its unpredictable consequences.

Millions of friends of peace in all continents are taking to the street to protest against war and violence, knowing how powerless they are in their fight against the might of the mighty. In spite of this, the common experience of powerlessness can only strengthen our hope when we realize that we are not alone anymore.

You have probably heard the following statement: "Hundreds of thousands say that one person by themselves cannot produce change." The Austrian writer Peter Rosegger once wrote, "If all lovers of peace join the 'friends of peace club,' we shall be the biggest club in the world."

A worldwide network of peace museums could take on the task of providing homes and centers of communication for this "biggest club in the world." Providing these forums would be the realization of our common goals.

Such an assignment would certainly be in the spirit of the goal established at the First Conference of Peace Museums in Bradford, UK (1992) namely, to create a worldwide network of peace museums.

Truly yours in our common aim,

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