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Paris

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Dear Sir:

I am sending you a documentation which I hope you will read and ... like. Our leader is a man of science, Professeur Pierre Girard Directeur de l'Institut de Biologie Physico-Chimique de Paris, and I am one of his followers.

Last monday I was invited in Bruges by "Les Amis de Bruges" - They spoke to me of the late Mr. Tulpinck and of course of your gigantic effort to prevent mad politicians of destroying what humble workers have, with so much effort, made to the glory of God and to enlightenment and beautify our world...


We are one with you! May I ask you to join "en masse" your movement. I am Secretary General of Federal Union and Coforces Mondiales. Your aims are ours. We are, here in Belgium, some 900 members. We hope to be 100,000 at the end of the year. Yes, we are not afraid of say^{ing} so. Over the door we have King Albert's beautiful sentence: "L'Enthousiasme fait plus en un jour que la raison en plusieurs siecles" - We propose to work very hard indeed. The race is on against the misuse of atomic energy, and we must win.

We want Bruges to be considered a "security zone" - The people will like the idea and pave the way for many others towards Peace. We shall have interpellations in the Parliaments to obtain that in the city and even in the neighbourhood, no national army shall be allowed. A milice will maintain order.

I do hope you will have confidence in us and that we shall be able to work closely together. Peace will grow, just as a baby grows, and shall not be this artificial Peace which some men with little inspiration, want to create like a robot, top-heavy and devoid of sincerity, courage and heart.

The Committee in Bruges is aware that I am taking contact with your organisation.

We are determined to Stop War, and we find in your plan the way to an ever growing Peace.

My wife is Italian, I am a portrait painter; we would also work closely with our Italian friends, getting Venice to follow soon. We like the symbol  which almost impedes atomic splitting of the earth by containing it in unity.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Baron Allard:

Thank you for your very interesting letter with enclosure of your descriptive booklet and leaflets. Since, as your letter states, "your aims are our aims", let us of course begin all possible cooperation without delay.

We welcome your expressed wish to join our movement, as there is much in the spirit of your letter to indicate a real kinship, and at our next Committee meeting we will bring this proposal to the attention of the Committee.

We have written Mr. Veubeke, of Les Amis de Bruges, encouraging further communication with you on behalf of our Committee and we have written also to Dr. E. G. Carpani, head of the Committee in Bologna, Italy, asking him to contact you in regard to possible mutual planning of future activities there.

There should be more such movements as yours, without narrow political aims or selfish ambitions, but with vital humanitarian motivations. We agree with you that this is a time for action - direct action by the people. All people who value culture and cooperative progress of humanity, and who emphatically wish to stop war, should unite as quickly and closely as possible. The world is sick of hatred and distrust, which is still increasing among the nations. Perhaps official channels are poisoned, from one cause or another, and are primarily at fault, but now the people themselves are being drawn into the maelstrom. We all know but too well that the present war of nerves which is already spreading everywhere may soon develop into another actual catastrophe - World War III.

Perhaps you already have a copy of our booklet, but, to be sure, we are mailing you one under separate cover. You will respond to the practical idealism in it, and to this far-reaching, clear-cut plan for the future. Most important of all, you will see that it cannot interfere or conflict with your own program. Truly, the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace can only help every organization which adopts it as a phase of its own plan.

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All worthy Peace movements everywhere at this time are urged to take up the idea of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace and utilize immediately its symbol as an identifying and rallying sign. We shall be very pleased if this noble project enters into life thus freely, without waiting for official governmental action which is slow and difficult in this critical period.

We shall look forward to hearing from you soon again.

Most sincerely yours,

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Chairman