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This letter is to report on the development of the United States Pacifist Party, inform you of the availability of literature and other materials for promoting the Party, and outline plans for building the Party.

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Since its founding March 2, the Party has been described in articles published in a variety of peace movement publications, among them The Conscience and Military Tax Campaign Newsletter, Fellowship, The Peacemaker, Peacework, Resistance News, and WIN Magazine. As a result of these articles, a number of people in different parts of the country have written me. These inquiries, coupons returned from leaflets distributed in the Chicago area, and verbal expressions of interest, have built the Party's mailing list to 157, a small number to be sure in terms of winning a national election, but a foundation upon which the Party steadily can be built.

In addition, there have been several phone calls from the media. I don't know if these have resulted in stories being broadcast or published.

My own energy has been focussed mainly on preparing interpretive literature for the Party. The most important piece is a 71 page booklet, The Flaw in Deterrence, which uses mathematical probability analysis to show why deterrence is inherently unstable, points out dangerous errors in the thinking of several prominent deterrence strategists, and suggests alternatives to military policies. Among the strategists whose works are analyzed are Bernard Brodie, John Foster Dulles, Colin S. Gray, Alexander Haig, Jr., Herman Kahn, Henry A. Kissinger, and Thomas C. Schelling. This booklet presents in considerable detail the arguments, that I believe are irrefutable, which show why military power can't be a foundation for enduring peace, and why disarmament, defense by nonviolent resistance, and democratic world government are policies, programs, and institutions upon which peace can be built.

Copies of The Flaw in Deterrence have been sent to President Reagan, about two dozen U.S. deterrence strategists, Premier Yuri Andropov, the Soviet Peace Committee, bishops and others who helped in the writing of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter on War and Peace, and several dozen peace movement publications, peace movement activists, and media representatives in the U.S.

The Flaw in Deterrence costs \$1. Postpaid prices for one copy are \$2.70 first class, \$1.77 fourth class. The booklet weighs 8 oz. There's a 30% discount for orders of five copies or more.

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