

Letter to Friends of the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute
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When you sit down to send in your contribution to the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute, you probably think about our grants and literature series. But if you value the work of War Resisters League, Womens' International League for Peace and Freedom, Paper Tiger and Deep Dish TV, RepoHistory and other groups, you can't forget our building at 339 Lafayette Street. Thanks to our stewardship, dozens of activist organizations have had a secure and affordable base of operations for over twenty years. Many movement organizations have to move constantly or close their offices as rents increase around the city. We have been able to establish a place where groups will not be "gentrified" out of their offices and can devote a greater portion of their funds to program instead of rent.

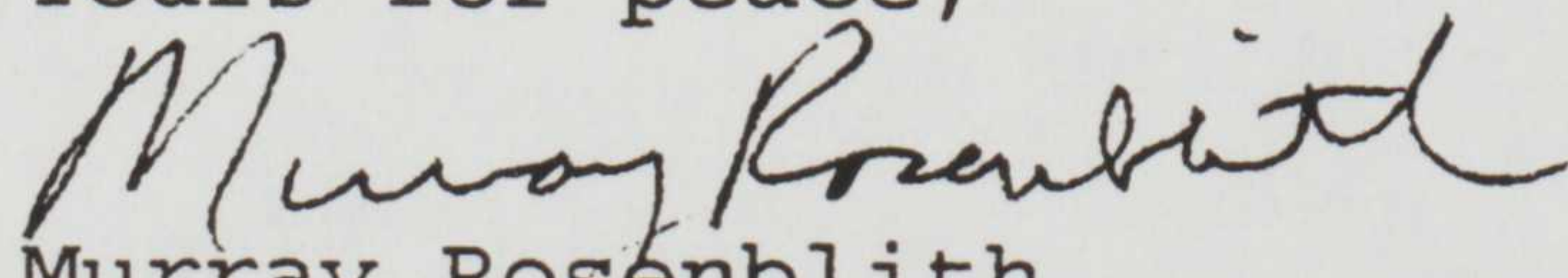
The "Peace Pentagon" is as much a part of our program as our grants and literature. When we have to make major capital repairs, as we did in 1991, we must draw on general reserves and special fund raising. Along with our grant making and publications, we rely on your support to keep the building going as a home for activist groups.

Recently, we've been thinking about the future. The enclosed copy of *Muste Notes* tells you about our deliberations so far. We are in the process of considering how to best carry our mission forward. Our planning includes making sure the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute will have the funds in reserve to cover capital expenses and the promotion necessary to expand our programs. The Institute has grown slowly over the years, but the demands on our resources have grown faster.

We are working to expand the Muste Memorial Institute's impact on social change actions. Your contributions will make it possible for us to carry out our plans. As the Board of Directors and staff continue their strategic planning, I ask you to join us by renewing and increasing your support. The Muste Memorial Institute is a charitable organization and your contribution is tax exempt as allowed by the IRS. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your donation today. This is your investment in the future of nonviolence.

Thank you for your continuing support. Together we will face the challenges of the next twenty years and keep people moving toward a world free from war and injustice.

Yours for peace,


Murray Rosenblith
Executive Director