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Dear co-worker for world peace,

The enclosed brochure tells how our nation has been shortchanging the U.N. at the very time it is proving its usefulness in solving conflicts around the globe, including Namibia, Cambodia and hopefully the Persian Gulf. As of June 30 of this year the U.S. owed the U.N. 72 per cent of all arrearages owed the U.N. The result of our financial irresponsibility has been to push the world organization to the brink of bankruptcy, forcing other nations to make advance payments to cover the U.S. shortfall.

There is an easy way to remedy this problem, as the brochure outlines. It is to persuade President Bush to reprogram unspent Pentagon funds and pay all we owe the U.N. These reprogrammed funds can be taken from the Pentagon account at the Department of the Treasury, funds which reverted to the Treasury because the allotted time for the Pentagon to spend them had elapsed. Of the 591 million dollars the U.S. owes the U.N., about 150 million is for the U.S. share of past peacekeeping expenses. By persuading the President to reprogram Pentagon funds, we will literally be turning swords into ploughshares.

We urge you and the members of your organization to write, wire or call President Bush and request this action. The address is The White House, Washington, D.C., 20500. The phone number of the White House 'Comments' line is (202) 456-7639.

Should you have any questions or wish more brochures (while they last) please write to Eric Cox, Project Director for the Swords into Ploughshares Campaign, 418 7th Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003, phone (202) 546-3956.

For a safer, saner world,

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