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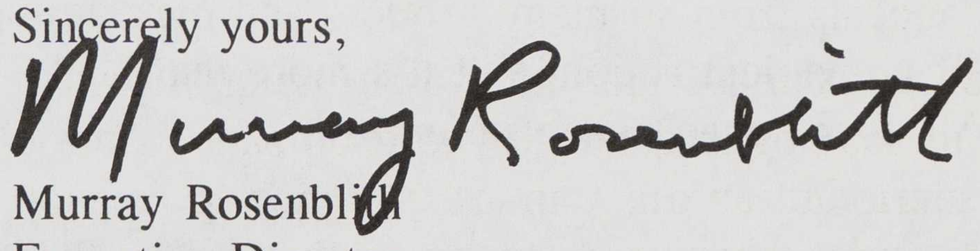
Our sponsorship of contributions for nonviolence projects has been one of our most active areas recently. As a publicly supported charitable organization, we have more flexibility to fund internationally than private foundations or individuals. The growing use of electronic communication like fax machines and "e-mail" has made it easier to move information and funds around the world. The dollars from the Institute to groups in other countries often multiplies their efforts to a much greater extent than domestic projects. As a charitable organization, we are in a position to assist donors to get maximum benefit if they wish to endow a particular group or project. For over two years now, the Muste Institute has provided a steady stipend to more than a half dozen interns in the War Resisters League national office through the Ruth and Harrop Freeman endowment. The International Nonviolence Training Fund also has established itself as an innovative funder of nonviolence training programs around the world.

We continue to search for better ways to promote and distribute our pamphlet series. We have donated hundreds of copies of our Spanish language edition of the Martin Luther King pamphlet to groups working in Cuba, in Chiapas, Mexico, and elsewhere in Latin America. Our pamphlets are donated or sold at cost--they are an important part of our program, not a fundraiser. You, our supporters, have been one of our best sources of publicity. Your orders and contacts have helped spread the word about these important writings on nonviolence. Keep it up.

Consider this an appeal from all the groups the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute supports through our programs. When you send a contribution to us you are funding all these groups and guaranteeing that the peace movement will be around this year, next year and beyond. Please use the enclosed envelope to send in your tax deductible donation today. If you own an appreciated stock, you can donate shares directly to the Institute and receive a deduction for the full value, without incurring capital gain taxes. Contact us if you wish to exercise this option.

Last year we sent you a letter from the Muste family that talked about the important legacy of our work. Now I'm asking you to contribute, and even increase your gift, to insure that this legacy will carry on. The future holds great challenges for nonviolent activists. It also holds great opportunities for people to work together for change in a broader way than ever before. Stand with the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute as we continue to explore new ways to make peace possible.

Sincerely yours,



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