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Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc., 815 15th Street, NW, Suite 506, Washington, D.C. 20005

February 14, 2000

Mr. Michael S. Joyce
President
Chief Executive Officer
The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation
P.O. Box 510860
Milwaukee, WI 53203-0153

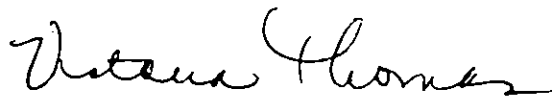
RE: Check #5622, Grant ID#980484

Dear Mr. Joyce,

We are in receipt of your generous check of \$100,000 (#5622, replacing check #5133, Grant ID#980484) from The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation for FDE's "New Economy Information Service" project.

On behalf of FDE's board of directors, I want to thank you and the Bradley Foundation's directors for the continued support of our work.

Sincerely,



Victoria Thomas
Treasurer

January 25, 1999

Mr. Michael S. Joyce
President
The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation
P.O. Box 510860
Milwaukee, WI 53203-0153

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Dear Mr. Joyce,

We are in receipt of check no. 4764 in the amount of \$100,000 for the "New Economy Information Service." I want to thank you and the Board of Directors of the Bradley Foundation for your generous grant.

In the future, please address all correspondence to David Jessup, President, Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc, 815 15th Street, NW, Suite 506, Washington, DC 20005.

Thank you again for your continued support of our work.

Sincerely,



Victoria Thomas
Treasurer



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Michael S. Joyce, President
& Chief Executive Officer

April 10, 2000

Mr. David Jessup
President
Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
815 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Jessup:

Enclosed is the Foundation's check in the amount of \$100,000 which was awarded by our Board of Directors to support the "New Economy Network and Information Service" project. This payment represents the final installment of an \$800,000 grant.

The Foundation directors are pleased to be able to support your work and wish you every success in your endeavors. Please provide periodic reports accounting for the funds which were expended for your activities.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Joyce /dmd

Michael S. Joyce

MSJ/kt

Enclosure: Check #5706

Grant ID #980484



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Michael S. Joyce, President
& Chief Executive Officer

February 11, 2000

Mr. David Jessup
President
Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
815 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Jessup:

Enclosed is the Foundation's check in the amount of \$100,000 which was awarded by our Board of Directors for the "New Economy Network and Information Service" project. This payment represents the seventh installment of an \$800,000 grant.

The Foundation directors are pleased to be able to support your work and wish you every success in your endeavors. Please provide periodic reports accounting for the funds which were expended for your activities.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Joyce /kt

Michael S. Joyce

MSJ/kt

Enclosure: Check #5622, replaces check #5133

Grant ID #980484



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Michael S. Joyce, President
& Chief Executive Officer

January 13, 2000

Mr. David Jessup
President
Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
815 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Jessup:

Enclosed is the Foundation's check in the amount of \$100,000 which was awarded by our Board of Directors for the "New Economy Network and Information Service" project. This payment represents the seventh installment of an \$800,000 grant.

The Foundation directors are pleased to be able to support your work and wish you every success in your endeavors. Please provide periodic reports accounting for the funds which were expended for your activities.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Joyce/kt

Michael S. Joyce

MSJ/kt

Enclosure: Check #5551

Grant ID #980484



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Michael S. Joyce, President
& Chief Executive Officer

October 7, 1999

Mr. Richard E. Messick
President
Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
3445 Mt. Pleasant Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Mr. Messick:

Enclosed is the Foundation's check in the amount of \$100,000 which was awarded by our Board of Directors for the "New Economy Network and Information Service" project. This payment represents the sixth installment of an \$800,000 grant.

The Foundation directors are pleased to be able to support your work and wish you every success in your endeavors. Please provide periodic reports accounting for the funds which were expended for your activities.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Joyce

MSJ/kt

Enclosure: Check #5363

Grant ID #980484

July 14, 1999

Mr. Richard E. Messick
President
Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
3445 Mt. Pleasant Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Mr. Messick:

Enclosed is the Foundation's check in the amount of \$100,000 which was awarded by our Board of Directors for the "New Economy Network and Information Service" project. This payment represents the fifth installment of an \$800,000 grant.

The Foundation directors are pleased to be able to support your work and wish you every success in your endeavors. Please provide periodic reports accounting for the funds which were expended for your activities.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Joyce

MSJ/kt

Enclosure: Check# 5133

Grant ID #980484

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Michael S. Joyce, President
& Chief Executive Officer

April 9, 1999

Mr. Richard E. Messick
President
Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
3445 Mt. Pleasant Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Mr. Messick:

Enclosed is the Foundation's check in the amount of \$100,000 which was awarded by our Board of Directors for the "New Economy Network and Information Service" project. This payment represents the fourth installment of an \$800,000 grant.

The Foundation directors are pleased to be able to support your work and wish you every success in your endeavors. Please provide periodic reports accounting for the funds which were expended for your activities.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Joyce /dmd

Michael S. Joyce

MSJ/kt

Enclosure: Check# 4897

Grant ID #980484



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Michael S. Joyce, President
& Chief Executive Officer

January 11, 1999

Mr. Richard E. Messick
President
Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
3445 Mt. Pleasant Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Mr. Messick:

Enclosed is the Foundation's check for the amount of \$100,000 which was awarded by our Board of Directors for the "New Economy Network and Information Service" project. This payment represents the third installment of an \$800,000 grant.

The Foundation directors are pleased to be able to support your work and wish you every success in your endeavors. Please provide periodic reports accounting for the funds which were expended for your activities.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Joyce /dmd

Michael S. Joyce

MSJ/kt

Enclosure: Check# 4764

Grant ID #980484



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Michael S. Joyce, President
& Chief Executive Officer

October 9, 1998

Mr. Richard E. Messick
President
Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
3445 Mt. Pleasant Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Mr. Messick:

Enclosed is the Foundation's check for the amount of \$100,000 which was awarded by our Board of Directors to support the "New Economy Network and Information Service" project. This payment represents the second installment of an \$800,000 grant.

The Foundation directors are pleased to be able your work and wish you every success in your endeavors. Please provide periodic reports accounting for the funds which were expended for your activities.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Joyce

MSJ/dmd

Enclosure: Check# 4520

Grant ID# 980484



The Lynde and Harry
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Michael S. Joyce, President

August 10, 1998

Mr. Richard E. Messick
President
Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
3445 Mt. Pleasant Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Mr. Messick:

Enclosed is the Foundation's check for the amount of \$100,000 which was awarded by our Board of Directors to support the "New Economy Network and Information Service" project. This payment represents the first installment of an \$800,000 grant.

The Foundation directors are pleased to be able to support your work and wish you every success in your endeavors. Please provide periodic reports accounting for the funds which were expended for your activities.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Joyce

MSJ/dmd

Enclosure: Check# 4378

Grant ID# 980484

THE LYNDE & HARRY BRADLEY FOUNDATION, INC.
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MILWAUKEE, WI 53202
Voice: 414-291-9915
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GRANT AGREEMENT
ID# 980484

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Upon application by Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc. (hereinafter "Grantee") to The Lynde & Harry Bradley Foundation, (hereinafter "Grantor"), Grantor agrees to make the following Grant, and Grantee agrees to accept such Grant, in accordance with the terms below and subject to the additional conditions set forth in Paragraph 11:

DATE AUTHORIZED: June 2, 1998
AMOUNT AUTHORIZED: \$800,000
DURATION OF GRANT: One year from date of first payment
REPORT SCHEDULE: Semi-annual

SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE GRANT

The purpose of this grant of \$800,000 is to support the New Economy Network and Information Service project.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT

1. PURPOSE: The Grantee agrees to use the funds solely for the described purposes and to so designate them in the Grantee's records as well as not to use any of the funds in violation of the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code governing grantees of private foundations. To alter disbursement of funds from an approved budget, permission is required from an officer of the Grantor. (See paragraph 9.)
2. FUNDRAISING: No funds awarded through this grant are to be shared with or used to pay fees or wages for the services of fundraising or consulting firms.
3. EVALUATION: The Grantor may, at its expense, conduct an evaluation of operations under this grant, which may include visits by representatives of the Grantor to observe the Grantee's program procedures and operations and discuss the program with the Grantee's personnel.
4. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW: A complete and accurate record of the funds received and expenses incurred under this grant must be maintained by the Grantee and submitted to the grantor at the end of the grant period. The Grantor may, at its expense and on reasonable notice to the Grantee, audit or have audited the records of the Grantee insofar as they relate to the activities funded by this grant.
5. TAX EXEMPTION AND FOUNDATION STATUS: The Grantee shall immediately give written notice to the Grantor if, prior to receipt of all or any portion of the grant, or before all or any portion of the funds are expended, the Grantee ceases to be exempt from Federal income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) or Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code or becomes a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Code.

In particular, but not by way of limitation, the Grantee agrees that no portion of any grant by the Grantor shall be used to carry on propaganda, or otherwise to attempt to influence legislation, including any referendum, or to participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. If the Grantee is authorized by the terms of the grant to use the funds for "nonpartisan analysis, study or research," which may legitimately be undertaken by the Grantee, the Grantee agrees to engage in such activities in strict compliance with all Treasury and IRS regulations which provide that such analysis, study or research must be made available to the general public or a segment of members thereof (or to governmental bodies, officials or employees) and may advocate a viewpoint but (a) must reflect objectivity, a full and fair exposition of the facts (including presenting information about both

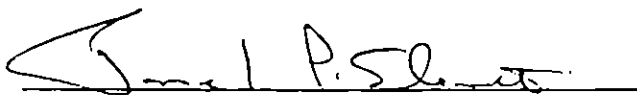
sides and any factual support for contrary views) and lack of unsupported opinion and (b) may not encourage the recipient to take action with respect to legislation (including any referendum) or be directed solely to persons who are interested only in one side of an issue. Grantee also represents to the Grantor that, in addition to the above prohibitions on the use of grant funds hereunder, no substantial part of its activities is or will be attempting to influence legislation (including any referendum) within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

6. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT: By making this grant, the Grantor assumes no obligation to provide other or additional support for the Grantee. This grant is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for further support of the Grantee.
7. REPORTING: The Grantee shall furnish to the Grantor a written report on the use of the grant either semi-annually or on some other schedule as specified in Special Conditions (see Paragraph 11). This report should furnish an appraisal of the program results under the grant for the reporting period.
8. PUBLICITY: In the event that the Grantee wishes to issue a news release concerning the grant, the Grantee will inform the Grantor in a timely fashion prior to its release and clear it with an officer of the Grantor.
9. REVERSION OF GRANT: All or any portion of the amount granted shall be returned to the Grantor in the event that any or all of the grant is not expended or committed for the purposes authorized by the Grantor. The Grantor may upon request from the Grantee authorize a modification in the disbursement of funds.
10. PUBLICATIONS: In the event that a project funded by the Grantor would naturally issue in publications, the Grantee expects publication to occur. In the event of special requirements concerning publication, these will be enumerated under Paragraph 11 -- Special Conditions.
11. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: The Grantee accepts and agrees to comply with the following Special Conditions: None

Executed by or on behalf of Grantor and Grantee as follows:

GRANTOR: The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, Inc.
1241 North Franklin Place
P.O. Box 92848
Milwaukee, WI 53202

BY: Daniel P. Schmidt


Signature


TITLE: Executive Vice President

DATE: June 5, 1998

GRANTEE: Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
3445 Mt. Pleasant Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

BY:

RICHARD E MASSICK
Name of Signatory


Signature

TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER:

President

DATE:

JUNE 10, 1998

*Foundation for
Democratic Education, Inc.*

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*202/332-0986
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June 10, 1998

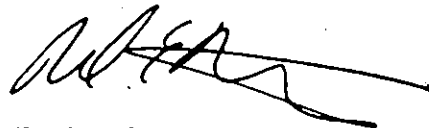
Mr. Daniel P. Schmidt
Executive Vice President
The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation
Post Office Box 92848
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

On behalf of the Foundation for Democratic Education I would like to thank the Bradley Foundation for its generous support for the New Economy Network and Information Service Project. We believe it is important effort and are gratified that the Bradley Foundation shares our view.

Please find enclosed a signed copy of the grant agreement.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Messick



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June 5, 1998

Mr. Richard E. Messick, President
Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.
3445 Mt. Pleasant Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Mr. Messick:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) has awarded a grant of \$800,000 to the Foundation for Democratic Education, Inc.

It is understood that these funds will support the New Economy Network and Information Service project.

The payment of this grant is subject to your agreement to the terms specified in the enclosed grant contract. Please sign and return one copy to the Foundation. The grant has been scheduled for payment as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
08/10/1998	\$100,000
10/10/1998	\$100,000
01/10/1999	\$100,000
04/10/1999	\$100,000
07/10/1999	\$100,000
10/10/1999	\$100,000
01/10/2000	\$100,000
04/10/2000	\$100,000

The Foundation reserves the right to change the payment schedule. Changes, if any, would be communicated to you promptly.

We are happy to be able to support your work and look forward to keeping closely in touch with your progress.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Schmidt
Executive Vice President

DPS/ye

Enclosure

Grant ID 980484

The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, Inc.
Corporate Tax Exempt Status Information

I. Organization Data:

Applicant Organization: FOUNDATION for Democratic Education Employer ID #: _____
 Payee Organization: _____ Employer ID #: _____
 (if different)

II. Tax Exempt Status of PAYEE Organization (See reverse for explanation of Internal Revenue Code sections):

- A. Is payee organization tax exempt under:
- | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|
| Section 501(c)(3) <u>X</u> | Section 501(c)(1) _____ | Section 115 _____ | Yes <u>X</u> | No _____ |
| IRS tax exempt determination letter attached | | | Yes <u>X</u> | No _____ |
| Referring to your IRS determination letter, check all items that apply to your organization (See reverse for explanations). | | | | |
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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Section 509(a)(1) | Section 509(a)(2)-(See item B) _____ | Political subdivision |
| 170(b)(1)(A): | | Section 170(c)(1) _____ |
| (i) Church _____ | Section 509(a)(3) _____ | |
| (ii) School _____ | | Government Instrumentality _____ |
| (iii) Hospital _____ | Section 509(a)(4) _____ | |
| (iv) College or University _____ | | Local Chapter or Religious Organization |
| Support Organization _____ | "Not a 509(a)" _____ | under group ruling _____ |
| (v) Governmental Unit _____ | | |
| (vi) Publicly Supported _____ | Non-U.S. Organization _____ | Private Foundation: |
| Organization _____ | | Grantmaking _____ |
| (See item B) <u>X</u> | | Operating _____ |

Other (explain), and if uncertain, attach copy of Form 990, page 1, and Schedule A:

- If payee organization is covered under a group ruling, are the group ruling letter and letter from the umbrella organization indicating the organization's affiliation attached? NA _____ Yes _____ No X

Explain "No" answers: Not covered by group ruling

B. Public Support Status [Please complete only if organization is classified as a 509(a)(1)-170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Publicly Supported Organization), OR a 509(a)(2)]

- Does the tax exempt determination letter attached under item A above indicate public support status is granted for an advance ruling period? ~~Yes~~ No X
- If yes, advance ruling period expires: 11/15/97. And if the advance ruling period has expired, attach a copy of IRS letter granting public support status for periods after the expiration of the advance ruling period. ~~See attached~~
- Did your organization have a substantial and material change in sources of support in the current tax year and four immediately preceding taxable years that could result in the loss of your organization's public support status under Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or 509(a)(2)? Yes _____ No X
- Will the requested grant and any other grants received from the Bradley Foundation during the current taxable year exceed 25 percent of the aggregate support received by your organization from all sources other than the Bradley Foundation during the four taxable years immediately preceding the current taxable year? Yes X No _____

III. Conflict of Interest

Please list any names of the applicant and/or payee organization's board of directors, management or employees which hold similar positions or are affiliated with the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation.

None

IV. Purpose of Grant:

Bradley ID # 980484

- Will the proceeds of the requested grant be used exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes? Yes X No _____
- Will any of the requested grant funds be used to carry out propaganda or attempt to influence legislation, to influence the outcome of any election, to carry on any voter registration drive or invest in a commercial venture? Yes _____ No X

X

[Signature]

(Signature)

RICHARD E. MASSICK

(Print Name)

President

(Title)

5/15/98

(Date)

*Foundation for
Democratic Education, Inc.*

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*3445 Mt. Pleasant Street, N.W.
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April 27, 1998

Mr. William Shambra
The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation
1241 North Franklin Place
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-0848

Dear Mr. Shambra:

Under separate cover I am forwarding a proposal for a project to establish a "New Economic Network and Information Service." It will be a Foundation project directed by Mr. David Jessup. We intend to submit the proposal to other potential funders including the John M. Olin Foundation.

The Foundation for Democratic Education is a Washington, D.C., based organization exempt from U.S. taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Established in 1980 with the aim of promoting greater understanding of public policy issues among the American people, it has sponsored conferences, such as "New Moment in America" on the post-Cold War era and articles and books on foreign and defense policy matters. It recently supported a book by George Urban on the history of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

The Foundation also works with nongovernmental organizations in the developing world and in the republics of the former Soviet Union to promote greater awareness and appreciation of democratic values. Since 1995 it has been administering a series of grants to Youth Alternatives, a Ukrainian non-governmental organization, to support internships with members of the Ukrainian Parliament. Funds have been provided by the U.S. National Endowment for Democracy.

The Foundation's Board of Directors consists of distinguished academics, trade unionists, and former diplomats and includes Michael Novak, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Max Kampelman, and David Jessup. The Foundation's first President was Richard Penn Kemble, who served until July of 1993 when President Clinton nominated him to be Deputy Director of the United States Information Agency. The current President is Richard E. Messick, a Washington attorney who has held a variety of posts in the public sector including chief

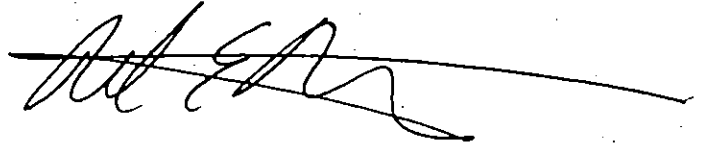
Mr. William Shambra
The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation

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counsel of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee under Senator Richard G. Lugar. All officers, staff, and board members serve without compensation.

Thank you for your attention to our proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard E. Messick", written over a horizontal line.

Richard E. Messick
President

A Proposal for a

"New Economy Network and Information Service"

A Project of the Foundation for Democratic Education

America seems to be entering the next millennium with great hope and optimism. Economic restructuring and globalization have produced an unprecedented period of economic growth, investment and trade. New technologies open heretofore unimagined possibilities for individual entrepreneurship. Employment figures and the astonishing performance of the stock market suggest that we never had it so good.

Yet underneath this upbeat and sometimes self-congratulatory mood run currents of unease. Many Americans feel insecure about their jobs, resentful of growing income inequality and worried about wage stagnation and inadequate health care. Our country's increasing engagement with the international economy appears to some to have come at high cost to the security of our workers, the cohesiveness of our communities, and to traditional moral concerns about religious freedom, democracy and human rights in the world around us. Parents fret about whether their children are receiving the kind of education that will enable them to sustain our prosperity into the future, and whether the deterioration in culture, marriage and family life will bring growing youth violence, addiction and promiscuity. Ethnic and racial divisions continue to fester as debates about the proper place of group and gender identity in American life go unresolved. The boom of the Nineties is still shadowed by a malaise that rose out of the turbulent 1960s.

Although the institutions of America's commerce, industry and finance are flush with energy and optimism, the institutions of what we often term our civil society are still beset by divisions and uncertainties. Our schools, churches, universities, labor unions, philanthropic, arts and civic organizations still show the stress of cultural and ideological conflicts that divided us in decades past. These "mediating institutions" cannot be ignored or brushed aside: in time, the problems that linger in them could re-emerge to challenge the high hopes that boom on Wall Street and in the information economy.

It is our conviction that within the sector that we call the civil society there are many people of vision and commitment who are dedicated to the values of democracy, character and enterprise. These people, while not hostile to many values of the business world, are not stirred by appeals for tax cuts, deregulation, or privatization that are so central to the politics of contemporary conservatism. In fact, they may dispute some elements of this agenda. But they also recognize the dangers of moral agnosticism, group divisiveness and economic obstructionism that persist in their own spheres of society and culture. They are open to new ways of thinking that cut across the divisions that have preoccupied the baby-boom generation. They want to negotiate a new social contract that can extend the promise of the new economy to all Americans, and prevent any relapse into the difficulties of the past.

The Foundation for Democratic Education has long-standing ties to leaders in many of these

arenas of civil society. It believes that this is an auspicious time to engage them in a dialogue about the challenges they face in the arenas in which they work, and to develop a network among them that will allow them to speak about their concerns to their constituents and the wider public. This networking and communication can be achieved at modest cost yet with broad reach through the use of the new communications technologies that tap the Internet: E-mail, web sites, list-serves and passworded dialogue rooms. Although much of what appears on the Internet is indeed "junk information," it has been shown that well-written and researched material and appropriately designed mechanisms of presentation do make it possible for groups with modest resources to have considerable effect.

We propose to create networks of common interest and communication in five key areas:

1. Democracy and the Global Economy.

As good students of Adam Smith recall, markets need rules: a clear framework within which the free trade in capital, labor, and commodities can take place. Where the rule-makers become overbearing or corrupt, markets will wither. But where rulemakers are too weak and ineffectual, the efficiency of markets will also be undone.

America today is indissolubly linked to the global market economy; indeed, our country has been a leading force in its creation. But if the global market is to work effectively and to expand, we must develop a clearer consensus about its rules. Our businesses need stronger protection against fraud and arbitrary extortion or seizures by foreign authorities. Intellectual property rights, increasingly valuable to the U.S., economy, must be assured. The safeguards we and other democratic societies have established to prevent gross abuses of the environment, the exploitation of workers and child labor, and the public health must not be undermined in competition in global markets. We need to encourage more effective instruments of international criminal and civil law. Until there is a stronger consensus about what constitute responsible rules for the global market -- and where governments should keep hands off -- the pendulum of public opinion and public policy may swing destructively between anarchy and isolationism and protectionism.

The FDE will engage individuals engaged in international business and finance and figures from labor, the academy, religious life and the civil society organizations to examine these issues and seek areas of consensus.

2. The Quest for Fairness.

The dream of a color-blind society with equality of economic opportunity, which galvanized millions of citizens under the leadership of Martin Luther King Jr. and Bayard Rustin, has faded into an increasingly contentious debate. On one side, advocates of multiculturalism try to impose "diversity" quotas on academic, government and economic institutions. Facing them are opponents who would destroy any kind of affirmative action program, even those which attempt to maintain high standards while helping minorities acquire the skills to compete. An alternative school of thought seeks to substitute class or economic disadvantage for race and ethnic origin in

offering the helping hand of affirmative action. The FDE will encourage discussion and a network of support for those who would build "ladders to climb" for the disadvantaged, as opposed both to "benign neglect" of minority inequalities or the fixing of outcomes according to demographic quotas.

3. Labor and the New Economy.

Years of declining trade union membership caused by both a changing economy and legal and legislative conflicts have left this key institution of our democracy in a state of uncertainty about its future role. Labor activists debate new organizing strategies, some aimed at the lowest socio-economic ranks and others targeted at the more highly skilled worker. Also under discussion are questions of "militant" vs. "cooperative" styles in collective bargaining, partisanship vs. issue-oriented approaches to politics, and nationalistic vs. internationalist views on foreign policy. Woven throughout these debates is the question of which civil society organizations are the best allies for the trade union movement.. The FDE will provide a forum for key trade union activists to sustain a discussion on these and other issues, and link those who may wish to cooperate.

4. Education -- Foundation of a New Egalitarianism.

Luck, character, special talents and skills -- all play a part in determining the wealth and status individuals achieve, and most Americans agree that some differences are justified. But we also believe that in some areas of our national life we need to insure equality: among them equality before the law, equality in political liberties, and equality of educational opportunity. Since the landmark decision *Brown v. Board of Education* and the report on "A Nation at Risk" our schools have been an arena of debate and struggle over how equality of educational opportunity can best be achieved.

One school of thought has emerged that believes the public school system should give way to a system of privately-managed educational institutions which parents and students can attend by choice, using tax-funded vouchers to pay tuition. Another camp contends that deficiencies in our public education can be overcome simply by spending more money, eliminating racism, and providing greater attention to disturbed or inattentive pupils.

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Dear Bill

I found this an interesting proposal.

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To: The Foundation
From: The Action Team

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Re: "New Economy Network and Information Service"
A Project of the Foundation for Democratic Education

America seems to be entering the next millenium with great hope and optimism. Economic restructuring and globalization have produced an unprecedented period of economic growth, investment and trade. New technologies open heretofore unimagined possibilities for individual entrepreneurship. Employment figures and the astonishing performance of the stock market suggest that we never had it so good.

Yet underneath this upbeat and sometimes self-congratulatory mood run currents of unease. Many Americans feel insecure about their jobs, resentful of growing income inequality and worried about wage stagnation and inadequate health care. Our country's increasing engagement with the international economy appears to some to have come at high cost to the security of our workers, the cohesiveness of our communities, and to traditional moral concerns about religious freedom, democracy and human rights in the world around us. Parents fret about whether their children are receiving the kind of education that will enable them to sustain our prosperity into the future, and whether the deterioration in culture, marriage and family life will bring growing youth violence, addiction and promiscuity. Ethnic and racial divisions continue to fester as debates about the proper place of group and gender identity in American life go unresolved. The boom of the Nineties is still shadowed by a malaise that rose out of the turbulent 1960s.

Although the institutions of America's commerce, industry and finance are flush with energy and optimism, the institutions of what we often term our civil society are still beset by divisions and uncertainties. Our schools, churches, universities, labor unions, philanthropic, arts and civic organizations still show the stress of cultural and ideological conflicts that divided us in decades past. These "mediating institutions" cannot be ignored or brushed aside: in time, the problems that linger in them could re-emerge to challenge the high hopes that boom on Wall Street and in the information economy.

It is our conviction that within the sector that we call the civil society there are many people of vision and commitment who are dedicated to the values of democracy, character and enterprise. These people, while not hostile to many values of the business world, are not stirred by appeals for tax cuts, deregulation, or privatization that are so central to the politics of contemporary conservatism. In fact, they may dispute some elements of this agenda. But they also recognize the dangers of moral agnosticism, group divisiveness and economic obstructionism that persist in their own spheres of society and culture. They are open to new ways of thinking that cut across the divisions that have preoccupied the baby-boom generation. They want to negotiate a new social contract that can extend the promise of the new economy to all Americans, and prevent any relapse into the difficulties of the past.

The Foundation for Democratic Education has long-standing ties to leaders in many of these

arenas of civil society. It believes that this is an auspicious time to engage them in a dialogue about the challenges they face in the arenas in which they work, and to develop a network among them that will allow them to speak about their concerns to their constituents and the wider public. This networking and communication can be achieved at modest cost yet with broad reach through the use of the new communications technologies that tap the Internet: E-mail, web sites, list-serves and passworded dialogue rooms. Although much of what appears on the Internet is indeed "junk information," it has been shown that well-written and researched material and appropriately designed mechanisms of presentation do make it possible for groups with modest resources to have considerable effect.

We propose to create networks of common interest and communication in five key areas:

1. Democracy and the Global Economy.

As good students of Adam Smith recall, markets need rules: a clear framework within which the free trade in capital, labor, and commodities can take place. Where the rule-makers become overbearing or corrupt, markets will wither. But where rulemakers are too weak and ineffectual, the efficiency of markets will also be undone.

America today is indissolubly linked to the global market economy; indeed, our country has been a leading force in its creation. But if the global market is to work effectively and to expand, we must develop a clearer consensus about its rules. Our businesses need stronger protection against fraud and arbitrary extortion or seizures by foreign authorities. Intellectual property rights, increasingly valuable to the U.S., economy, must be assured. The safeguards we and other democratic societies have established to prevent gross abuses of the environment, the exploitation of workers and child labor, and the public health must not be undermined in competition in global markets. We need to encourage more effective instruments of international criminal and civil law. Until there is a stronger consensus about what constitute responsible rules for the global market -- and where governments should keep hands off -- the pendulum of public opinion and public policy may swing destructively between anarchy and isolationism and protectionism.

The FDE will engage individuals engaged in international business and finance and figures from labor, the academy, religious life and the civil society organizations to examine these issues and seek areas of consensus.

2. The Quest for Fairness.

The dream of a color-blind society with equality of economic opportunity, which galvanized millions of citizens under the leadership of Martin Luther King Jr. and Bayard Rustin, has faded into an increasingly contentious debate. On one side, advocates of multiculturalism try to impose "diversity" quotas on academic, government and economic institutions. Facing them are opponents who would destroy any kind of affirmative action program, even those which attempt to maintain high standards while helping minorities acquire the skills to compete. An alternative school of thought seeks to substitute class or economic disadvantage for race and ethnic origin in

offering the helping hand of affirmative action. The FADE will encourage discussion and a network of support for those who would build "ladders to climb" for the disadvantaged, as opposed both to "benign neglect" of minority inequalities or the fixing of outcomes according to demographic quotas.

3. Labor and the New Economy.

Years of declining trade union membership caused by both a changing economy and legal and legislative conflicts have left this key institution of our democracy in a state of uncertainty about its future role. Labor activists debate new organizing strategies, some aimed at the lowest socio-economic ranks and others targeted at the more highly skilled worker. Also under discussion are questions of "militant" vs. "cooperative" styles in collective bargaining, partisanship vs. issue-oriented approaches to politics, and nationalistic vs. internationalist views on foreign policy. Woven throughout these debates is the question of which civil society organizations are the best allies for the trade union movement.. The FDE will provide a forum for key trade union activists to sustain a discussion on these and other issues, and link those who may wish to cooperate.

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