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Dear Mr. Singleton,

On behalf of the Co-Chairs of the State of the World Forum I would like to extend to you an invitation to join a distinguished network of individuals from around the world at our 1997 Forum, scheduled November 4-9, 1997, in San Francisco.

For the past several years, the State of the World Forum has gathered people from around the world and from a spectrum of disciplines to deliberate together concerning the great issues pertaining to the future of humanity on the threshold of the 21st century and a new millennium. Under the guidance of our co-chairs, the Forum has begun the process of convening senior statespeople, politicians, intellectuals, policy makers, entrepreneurs, business executives, scientists, spiritual leaders, artists and youth interested in deliberating comprehensively and acting cooperatively together.

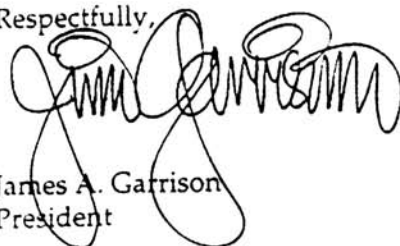
Friedemann-Eckart Schwarzkopf and Christopher Mann are working with us in crafting the issues and projects within the 'Sustainable Agriculture' theme, and felt that your perspective and the work you are pursuing would be a valuable contribution to this endeavor. Toward that end, we would be delighted to have you with us for the Forum and, particularly, to have your active participation in sessions related to this theme.

We would be happy to cover your expenses to and from the Forum. The Forum customarily covers air travel (Apex economy fare), hotel accommodations and waives the \$5,000 registration fee in support of your participation.

Either Friedemann or Christopher will contact you in the next few weeks to discuss the nature of your participation in more detail.

We trust that you will look favorably upon this request, and we await your response at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,



James A. Garrison
President

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April 8, 1998

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Dear George,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am pleased to enclose the Final Report from our 1997 State of the World Forum gathering. It contains the plenary highlights, keynotes, poetry and summaries of the roundtables. I hope it conveys the spirit and success of the Forum which you helped create.

From my conversations in the past few months with many of you, the 1997 Forum's success can be attributed to many reasons, including the extraordinary group of youth we had from all over the world; the fact that we had gender parity in all our proceedings; and the genuine sense of community which developed as the conference unfolded.

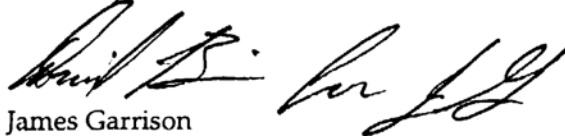
Thank you for your contribution. It has allowed us to move forward with confidence knowing that the network we have been establishing since 1995 has now become real, something that all of us can now count on for conversations that matter and for actions which make a difference.

With the participation of individuals like yourself, the Forum continues to grow and expand. We are already well on our way to giving shape and substance to the 1998 Forum, scheduled again to be in San Francisco, October 27-November 1, 1998. The program promises to be even more comprehensive, international and inclusive than it was last year. You will be receiving a formal invitation to participate in May. If you would like information beforehand, please give us a call.

We continue to develop our strategic initiatives: Nuclear Weapons Elimination; The Global Educational Campaign on Chemical Toxics and Children's Health; Coexistence and Community Building; Technology for Micro-Economies; and the Whole Child Initiative. All of these initiatives are a direct result of people meeting at the Forum and deciding to do something about issues of concern.

Each of you is important to the continual unfolding of the Forum, and we trust that you will continue to contribute in ways that are most appropriate and valuable to you as we proceed. In particular, I hope that you plan to attend the next Forum in October. Your contribution was important last year. It will be even more so this year.

Sincerely,



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PANEL I: A Seed in the Cosmos: Working with the Earth as a Living Organism

Primary Speakers: Ibrahim Abouleish, Fritjof Capra, Walter Goldstein

PANEL II: Organic Agriculture and the Biodynamic Contribution to Sustainability

Primary Speakers: Nicanor Perlas, Peter Proctor, Philip Sweeney

PANEL III Correlation Between the State of Nature and Social Life: Gardening and Farming Projects in Urban Communities

Primary Speakers: Siegfried Finser, Matthew Schwartz, George Singleton, Cathrine Sneed

The three roundtables on Sustainable Agriculture had the task to illustrate the earth as a living organism; how living processes, in themselves, can be an indicator of the life that causes them; how farming practices affect the vitality of nature and nutrition; and how the *biodynamic* approach to organic agriculture creates a form of sustainability that allows not only a non-polluting form of organic farming, but thorough regeneration of the soil and higher value of nutrition.

Participants discussed the principal elements of the *biodynamic* approach and described farming methods that consider the complex interrelationships between various plants and their connections with the mineral and animal, and the role of the farmer to arrange the processes and rhythms. Compelling statistics were also provided which showed that organic methods are more profitable and can produce harvests just as good, if not better, than conventional farming methods. Examples were provided of the effectiveness of organic and biodynamic farming methods in Egypt, the Philippines, and India.

In the final roundtable attention was placed on the social and financial dimensions of agriculture, including urban programs such as the San Francisco Garden Project and "Hope L.A U.S.A.". The Equity Trust, a foundation serving Community Supported Agriculture initiatives (C.S.A.), illustrated the advantages of conservation easements for farming and gardening. The roundtables presented convincing evidence that organic forms of farming will be indispensable for the future sustainability of the earth, and that the biodynamic approach enhances the vitality of a farm's natural environment. Many participants, especially youth, expressed satisfaction that they were offered practical answers to some of the Forum's questions. They could leave with new motivation, enthusiasm and confidence that there are things we can do.

Day 3

Saturday, November 8, 1997 2:30 - 5:30:

Theme Leaders: Christopher Mann, Friedemann Schwarzkopf

Roundtable: **Correlation between the state of Nature and the Social Life:
Gardening and Farming Projects in Urban Communities**

Moderator:

Principal Speakers: Urban Community Gardens and Social Healing
Cathrine Sneed, *THE GARDEN PROJECT, San Francisco*;
George Singleton, *HOPE L.A., U.S.A.*

Land Ownership: Community Supported Agriculture and
Credit Guarantee Communities

Charles Mathei, *EQUITY TRUST*;
Friedemann Schwarzkopf, *Peaceful Valley Farm*

Description:

Community gardens producing healthy food give hope and meaning for socially and economically disadvantaged communities. The Garden Project in San Francisco offers prison inmates social healing and economic reintegration. Urban youth can forego gang warfare with the assistance of Hope L.A./U.S.A. in South Central Los Angeles.

The challenging task is to provide land for such projects. The price increases steadily due to urban development. Revenues from agriculture can no longer finance debt. Caught in the same mechanism land owners rarely consider long term leases. Fertile land is no longer cared for; and as conventional farming practices do not sustain ecological balance, Nature turns increasingly barren. The Equity Trust presents solutions for Community Supported Agriculture cooperatives (C.S.A.'s). W. E. Barkhoff's Credit-Guarantee-Cooperatives build new fabric of community through mutual alliances. [136 words]

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Notes: **Available as sliding scale consultant in Sustainable Agri-Forestry (SAF).**

Funding, Promotional and SAF Consultant for AID-Comilla (Bangladesh), Inc.'s "Integrative Pest management Food Security in Rice Project".

Presently looking for low interest venture capital and grant seed money to install 10 acre Sustainable Agri-Forests (SAF) in chronic poverty areas of America.

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Title, **Executive Project Director, BRCA, Inc.**
Organization:

Skills, **Sustainable Agri-Forestry, Nutritional Herbology and**
Interests: **General Human Systems Analysis**

Organizations, **Brattleboro VT. Food Coop (Board Member)**

Projects: **Hope LA-USA Project (VT, CT, TN, AZ, CA, IN & NY)**

Needs: **Giant California Earthworms, Peat Moss, Beneficial Soil Bacteria, Venture Capital Finders Services**
Expires: **Feb 2003**

Bio, CV, **George Singleton is Executive Project Director of the**
Resumé: **BCRA/Hope LA-USA Project, Inc. He received a B.A. in Biology from the University of Chicago (1970) and a Doctor of Herbology Degree from the International Monastery:University of Eternal Light Consciousness (Los Angeles, CA., 1986).**

Since 1974 Mr. Singleton has directed research, development and demonstrations into the causes of and sustainable solutions to chronic poverty. His work has centered upon classic ancient civilizations that lacked chronic poverty especially ancient Egypt's culture and technologies.

This work culminated after the 1992 L.A. Riot with USDA/Forest Service Grant # 92-LA-5 funding a nationally awarded and documented Sustainable Agri-Forestry (SAF) demonstration utilizing inner city gang and "at risk" youth and young adults of South Central Los Angeles, CA.

The resulting 12 element holistic Sustainable Agri-Forestry (SAF) land and community development model when properly implemented can generate on acre of land in the US or Canada annually minimally \$150,000 and provide 4 jobs at \$10/hour (US currency) in training stipends. The SAF model can produce the equivalent of 160,000 pounds of "organic" food and horticultural products on any international land site with 1/2 the normal water requirements.

Sustainable Agri-Forestry (SAF) as exemplified in ancient Egypt (Annu peoples), ancient Israel (Essene people), ancient Peru (Inca people), ancient Mexico (Toltec and Mayan peoples) and ancient North America (Anatazi and Mississippi Mound Builder peoples of WI, IN and MI) can significantly ameliorate chronic poverty wherever properly implemented.

The people of the Hunza province of Pakistan, the Peoples Republic of China and Israel have implemented varying levels of SAF demonstrations ongoing.

Proper one time installation investment of \$85,000/acre with 85% being soil amendments, soil bacteria and lubricus giant earthworms will result in the minimal production standard of \$150,000 in horticultural products within 24 months.