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To: Ms. Gerry Eitner

From: María Landís, Counselor, Cultural Affairs 

Subject: "Today's Children - Tomorrow's World"

Date: August 28, 2002

President's Portillo signed form for "Today's Children - Tomorrow's World"
Event is herewith transmitted.

I am looking forward to meeting you. Thank you for your E'mail.

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"Today's Children - Tomorrow's World" Event On the U.S. Capitol Lawn and National Mall September 11, 2002

Dear Ambassador:

On September 11, 2002, our organizations (Global Mothers, American Mothers, The Institute of Multi-track Diplomacy, Mothers Group, Youth News Network, Friendship House, and Airline Ambassadors) will be co-sponsoring an event titled "Today's Children - Tomorrow's World" event on the U.S. Capitol Lawn and National Mall (see attached event program). The focus of this event is bringing forward children's wishes, hopes, feelings, dreams and projects for peace. Our intention in assisting this to happen is to help create a world where all children everywhere are safe and at peace.

For this event, the children of Washington, DC are creating a structure called a "Global House of Peace". This will be comprised of wooden building blocks, signed by country leaders, dedicating January 1st as an annual day of nonviolence and sharing food in their country. We are asking that you present the plaques below to your country leader for signature, and please return it to us by August 25, 2002 to be transferred onto your country's block as the children and congressional leaders build the House of Peace. We expect major media to be covering this event, so it will be easy to see which country leaders are first in their commitment to creating a peaceful world for all children.

Children spearheaded the successful effort for January 1st being declared "One Day of Peace and Sharing" in the United States. The US congressional resolution was passed unanimously on December 13, 2000 (see attachment), and subsequently recommended by the United Nations General Assembly to member nations (56/2) in October 2001. Here is what one of the children of Washington has written: "We learned what it is like to be attacked on September 11th, and we want to help stop the hate and the suffering and the anger of everybody. If we can be just like Mrs. Paudyal, one day every year, maybe it will help us learn to love each other. Please, president, or king, or queen, sign this and tell all the children in your country about this special day."

We have three related requests for our September 11th event:

1. Can you please designate a child and a mother to represent your country at the event to show international solidarity on that day.
2. We would also welcome your embassy co-hosting this children's event. Please call us for details.
3. For the Children's Cloth of Many Colors, our intention is to display at least one square from children in one country for this event. We welcome your participation. Directions are attached to make the cloth.

Please return the attached form by August 26 to Gerry Eitzer, 5800 Holmes Run Parkway, #306, Alexandria, VA 22304 or by fax 703-751-3726. If you have any questions, please call Gerry Eitzer at 703-751-7423. We appreciate your encouragement of the children.

Gerry Eitzer

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The country of GUATEMALA supports the children's special day of Peace and Sharing on January 1st each year. As a leader of my nation, I pledge to work harder than ever to build a future world that is safe for every other's child.

Signed this 29 day of MAY

LIC. ALFONSO PORTILLO CARRERA
(Title) PRESIDENTE REPUBLICA GUATEMALA

(Signature)



*Permanent Mission of Guatemala
to the United Nations*

December 2, 1999

Mr. Robert Alan Silverstein
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Dear Mr. Silverstein,

Thank you for your letter of November 29.

This is to inform you that President Alvaro Arzú Irrigoyen intends to present a brief video statement, such as the one described in your letter, on the idea of One Day in Peace.

We hope that we will be able to provide this statement to you in the next few days.

Cordially yours,

Gert Rosenthal
Permanent Representative