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Don Toppin, Chairman  
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Dear Don,

We are now well into the Year 2000 and I would like to set out my thoughts on the role the Global Foundation can undertake in the new Millennium.

As expressed in my paper *Humanity's Evolutionary Future* and by Professor Ervin Laszlo in his new book *Macroshift 2001-2010*, humanity is currently at its evolutionary crossroads. Our existing civilization has reached its zenith and a new global one is emerging. Either we soon develop a sustainable and peaceful global society or we may well self-destruct. This decade is the critical one in determining our direction.

It is apparent, however, that we have reached this crucial point with the prevailing view of society's leaders being that there are now no major problems confronting humanity, especially since the Y2K bug was so easily vanquished.

Accordingly, an organization is urgently needed to come to the fore and address the challenges and opportunities of this time in a realistic and effective manner. The Global Foundation is this organization. Its unique history and role as well as the people associated with it enable the GFU to perform this essential task.

The role of the GFU, expanding on the original mandate, can be to:

- Build bridges of understanding, locally and globally.
- Promote the evolutionary, global and holistic perspectives together with the related new values, principles and ethics.
- Foster greater individual and organizational responsibility toward each other, nature and our common future.
- Bring together key thinkers and leaders to address the major challenges and opportunities of our time.

In addressing this essential mission, the GFU should immediately create a framework for a 'Global Think Tank' and for an on-going series of Workshops, Seminars and Conferences, which should begin as soon as possible.

I am attaching a proposed budget for the first year operation of the rejuvenated Global Foundation for Understanding and suggest we approach potential partners and supporters as soon as possible.

With Very Best Regards,

David Woolfson  
Executive Director

Cc Eric McLuhan and the members of the World Millennium Network