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Re: Turn Towards Peace

Dear Ken:

Lucy made it pretty clear last Friday that she prefers a more activist approach to dealing with the problems of peace than Turn Towards Peace is taking. You know I respect Lucy's unbounded energy and zeal for working closely and personally with the pressing issues of our time. I know from my own experience, as I mentioned to you, the gratification of feeling a personal impact on these issues. My experience helping register Negro voters in Montgomery is a case in point.

However, the peace issue is different from civil rights in that any approach which is plainly anti-establishment is like bailing out the ocean with a thimble. The men in Washington who shape our foreign policy must be reached on a basis that is meaningful to them--namely through community and business leaders and others who shape the moral and political climate of our society.

It is in this sense that I believe an organization like Turn Towards Peace has inestimable value. Just a look down the roster of the members of the Chicago Founding Council shows the breadth and reach of the organizations and individuals represented, many of whom, including myself, were reluctant to participate in any peace movement before because of the lack of responsible leadership and direction that typified so many of the earlier peace efforts. We all agree that peace is the paramount issue of our time because unless we have peace all the other issues are moot. I agree with Lucy that each of us should deal with this critical issue in a way that best suits our temperments and needs, but with the full

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recognition that a multi-dimensional approach is needed, one that includes not only the protests and marches but also the less dramatic but, I think in the long run more effective, plodding attack on the faulty moral underpinning of some of our basic foreign policy stands.

I am well aware that someone of your position is the target of a steady barrage of requests for money for this and that cause, but like any of us you must rank your giving in terms of the relative importance of the causes. I hope you will recognize the need for the kind of work Trun Towards Peace is doing and make a substantial contribution to help its work.

Sincerely,



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