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QUESTIONNAIRE

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This inquiry is addressed to those men and women, of whom there must be now be many, who realize that the course which the United States government is pursuing at the present time cannot lead to enduring peace. These persons want to see the U.S. adopt, after the '48 elections, a constructive policy which would have at least ~~some hope~~ ^{some hope} of leading to the establishment of real peace; and have a fairly realistic conception of what the prerequisites of peace would be.

The attached memorandum attempts to describe the beliefs and sentiments which such a group might have in common.

The purpose of the present inquiry is to determine whether it would be possible, with such a group serving as a base, to set up an organization that could effectively accomplish the task of creating an atmosphere in the U.S. that would be conducive to the establishment of peace. Could such an atmosphere be created, the next President would have public support were he, upon taking office in '49, to reverse the present direction of our foreign policy and make an adequate attempt to establish peace on the basis of a new approach to Russia; an approach which is outlined in the attached.

In order to achieve its task, such a group would have to devote part of its efforts towards clarifying in the public mind just what would be involved in the war with Russia in which the U.S. may find itself entangled in the near future, if the present foreign policy is allowed to continue. Such a clarification is, to say the least, important; for if the American people remain in ignorance of the probably ~~scope~~ scope, duration, and loca~~ation~~ location of such a war, their discussion of foreign policy cannot be other than unrealistic. But the main task of the organization would consist of attempting to define, and obtain agreement on, the fundamental concepts upon which the foreign policy of the U.S.

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must
~~would have to~~ be based, if it is to have a chance of leading the world to
peace.

The organization would address itself, etc.

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The organization which is visualized, etc.

~~Since~~ The nature of the work to be undertaken requires that the parti-
cipants feel strongly on the issue which is involved, and that ~~each of them~~
~~should be able to exert~~ they be persons of some influence in their communities.

The following would be the requirements for Associate Membership:

The A.M.'s would be asked for an initiation fee of perhaps \$20.00 etc.

Applicants for membership would be required to etc.

Please read the enclosed memorandum carefully, as it attempts to des-
cribe a common ground of opinion that such a group might share. Having
read it, would you please answer the questions below:

etc.