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hi George,

yes--this project sounds *very* interesting (saw the post from Peacenet about "Triumph of the Image" -- i like the allusion to "Triumph of the Will"....). of course, *i* think the nuke story would qualify. i think you would find people like John Gofman, Ernest Sternglass and Jay Gould would be extremely interested in contributing a distillation of what they have learned in the past decades. of course, i know by posting stuff in the past 2 months that a lot of science types--especially physicists but also medical doctors consider these people "the lunatic fringe" and "crackpots". in my way of seeing things, of course i believe this "majority" of "professionals" are in extreme denial about something they only get around to considering in "rational," "laboratory" modes of considering, but don't have much experience with the people who are the victims--or the relatives of same--of this lethal technology.

> Could you do something for this book and/or contact others
> and let me know? (There were some names on the Nuke story,
> etc.)

by "There were some names on the Nuke story" do you mean the 3 people i list above as potential contributors/collaborators? i would be happy to be the contact/liason with them if you want. although what i'd like to do in this case is to have a printed letter from you stating the proposal more fully that i can copy and include in a letter i send to the three above with my own enthusiastic supporting of your proposal. (things like expected time frame/length of chapters/sections/etc., would be very useful.) also i don't have a good "who's who" kind of description of your background, accomplishments, etc., which i would like to have (i can't remember what the actual name for this kind of "description" is but i think/hope you know what i mean) in general anyways because your background and history and breadth and depth of knowledge is, vast and i would appreciate being able to more clearly recite it to others to help them understand where you're coming from.

another one that comes to mind is the "Beyond Out of Control" quality

of society the U.S. careens ever faster towards as a 'happy violence' (love your articulation of *that* idea!) brand of crypto-fascist "it can't happen here" Spartan State that encompasses trends like:

- the glorified leader/madison avenue front men continue to mouth plattitudes about "freedom" and "liberty" and "democracy" while at the same time showing amazing little interest in seeing democracy get upgraded for the people these leaders supposedly serve as people like Nader and many others propose;
- National Security Act of 1947 was a milestone along the way toward the cult of secrecy and the classification of history;
- disintegration of the checks and balances of the three branches of the federal government;
- post WWII undeclared/"unofficial" "wars" is fundamentally important facet of the breakup of the system of checks and balances;
- the use of political assassination in the 1960s and early '70s to achieve a change in power is always ballyhooed by the official reality consortium hacks--the "it can't happen here" mindset, meaning "we don't have politically motivated assassinations in America--that only happens in banana republics" sort of myopic fantasizing/revanchist history creating--but i think this part of U.S. post WWII history says a great deal about what has become of the land of the free and the home of the brave. Henry Gonzalez is one person who almost succeeded in addressing this in the latter '70s w/the HSCA, but, unfortunately, he and Richard A. Sprague his Chief Counsel, were successfully divided and driven from the committee by intelligence plants before the committee could complete the investigations they were avidly and successfully conducting.

in the next week or so i probably can come up with some other ones and i know the above may not necessarily be what you had in mind... this is just a first gasp. i'll try to get a fix on other ideas i know are inside but can't focus on right now. thanks for letting me know about this.

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The life of the Individual only has meaning insofar as it aids in making the life of every living thing nobler and more beautiful. Life is sacred, that is to say, it is the supreme value to which all other values are subordinate.
-- Albert Einstein

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George,

i on vacation next week, but i will be at my home during the latter
part. my "coordinates" are:

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santa cruz, ca
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408/479-4187 (h)
800/488-1414 (w) (when i am working, i'm usually
415/390-3556 (w) here between 6:15am to 3:30pm)

> In addition to liaison on possible Nuke/radiation chapter, you may think of
> something YOU might want to write. So let us talk more about this next week.
i am, of course, flattered, but now that i'm thinking more about it, there
IS something very deep in me i would like to write about:

the collective guilt a majority of americans have with regard to
what our ancestors did to the nations of people who were already
here, and some, like the Haudenosaunee [pronounced hoe dee no sho
nee] (i.e. Six Nations/Iroquois Confederacy) who had a magnificent
participatory form of democratic governance in place long before
columbus arrived.

this "unacknowledge/unfinished buisness" with this nation's collective
past, "born in genocide" as Martin Luther King said, is, in my opinion,
one of the most tragic and limiting/constraining forces sapping the
otherwise limitless potential and energy for learning how to become a
more truly evolved society based on compassion, empathy, caring and
sharing than the kind of dominator paradigm that has marked so much of
the western mind throughout its history.

anyways, look forward to kicking this around some more with you!

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The man who doesn't read good books
has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

-- Mark Twain (1835-1910)

7/3/93

Peter Raymond

Dear Peter:

Pictures going by
Fedex for delivery "Next
business morning."

Best regards -

George

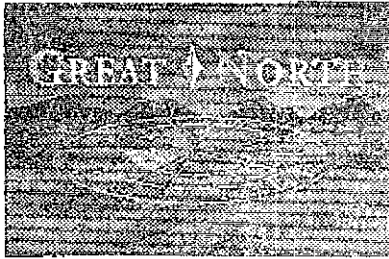
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July 2, 1997

Dear George,

It was good to talk with you again today.

We are busy completing the editing of your documentary.

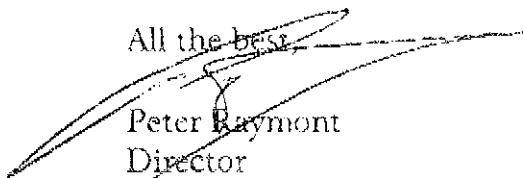
As we discussed, we very much appreciate it if you would please send us, via courier, any photographs of you and of yourself when you first began your research into TV violence (was it 1968?) If you have a photo of yourself with President Johnson or other anti-war officials, that would be useful. Also, any photos you have of the founding of your movement last year would also be useful.

We are under a considerable pressure here to complete the "rough cut" of our film in the next few days. If it is possible for you to courier the photos to us today or tomorrow, to arrive here Friday of this week, we'd really appreciate it. Our Federal Express Billing Number is 13587356-0. Our address is as above.

Thank you much, George.

I'll keep you informed of our progress in completing the documentary, our broadcast dates, etc.

All the best,


Peter Raymond
Director