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Dear Sir: PRIME MINISTER MARIA de LURDES PINTASSILGO

As an educator and California Historian it has been my dream to collect all the national costumes of the peoples throughout the world and display them with honor and distinction.

It is my plan to categorize these items of each country and display them at the annual California State Fair in Sacramento, California and at the 1980 and 1981 World's Fair that will be held in Los Angeles, California.

To complete this large project in sufficient time, I am beginning immediately to contact each respective government.

The citizens of California, people throughout the United States, visitors from countries throughout the world will be attending the World's Fair and will have the opportunity to see for the first time all these items listed below displayed under one roof. We hope that you will be able to send the following listed information so that we can categorize the material and store it in our school vault for safety.

Information and items needed: Native costume-traditional biographical sketch of yourself, autographed photograph of yourself, historical sketch of your country, seal or symbol of your country, 3 by 5 foot flag of your country, sword and knives, artisans handiwork of your country, medals or awards that are earned by the people, military uniform if available, musical instrument, National Anthem on phonograph recording.

We are attempting to receive funding up to ten thousand dollars for this project which will be used for purchasing large display cases that will show these items on mannequins. We hope that you and your country will assist us with this project to promote peace in the world and understanding of our different cultures.

Sincerely,

Ray L. Ferguson

Dr. Ray L. Ferguson Project Director International Costume Exhibition

