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Madame Secretary,

I hope you have heard of SODEPAX, the curious acronym by which we are known. However, because I cannot take this for granted I am enclosing a brochure which describes briefly our nature and purpose.

I am also sending you enclosed a copy of the report of the international conference on Christian Concern for Peace which we held last April at Baden, Austria. I direct your attention especially to paragraph (20) on page 48. The recommendation there made was later endorsed by our general committee at its annual meeting in July.

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The Women's Ecumenical Liaison Group (WELG) has assumed responsibility, with the assistance of SODEPAX, to undertake to implement this recommendation. At a meeting in Rome in October it appointed a committee which met in February in Geneva with me and members of my staff. It was there decided that, before attempting to devise a program, it was advisable to find out what others were already doing. It is in furtherance of this suggestion, that I am writing to you.

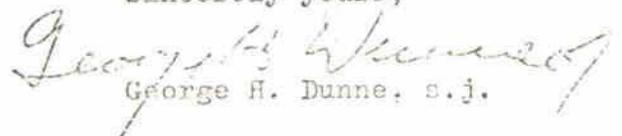
I should be deeply grateful for any information you can send me about what your organisation has done, is doing, or plans to do to further the cause of peace.

It would also be extremely helpful if you would share with me any ideas you may have as to how we might best proceed to achieve maximum results in our desire to mobilize the enormous potential of women in the cause of peace.

The next meeting of the planning committee is scheduled for June 19. It would be very helpful if we could have your suggestions before that date.

Thanking you for your consideration,

Sincerely yours,


George H. Dunne, s. j.