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To say that the School could not make good use of additional funding would be disingenuous; however, my reasons for opening this dialogue with you have nothing to do with solicitation of direct support. Our primary focus is education; yours, I understand, is research and publication. Another difference is that the School cannot (in fact, should not) pretend to be investigative in the pursuit of primary understanding. We are offering people a unique perspective on how human civilization has developed, on distinctions between moral and immoral behavior and on the application of socio-political principles to the challenge of constructing societal constraints. Our efforts today do not seem to suffer the same degree of automatic resistance as was the case not that many years ago. Part of the reason is that much of the impatience you alluded to has disappeared. More and more, we are striving to demonstrate that what the School teaches is mainstream and pragmatic.

As to the School's finances, I am optimistic that additional funding from foundation sources can be obtained to expand our development of materials for high school social studies programs. The *Social Science Forum* may also begin to generate some revenue as well. What we recognize is that these efforts require a long-term view. If at least some of our young people enter college with an appreciation that *land* is important as a separate and distinct factor of production, the way economics is taught a generation from now may more enlightening.

I suspect that George would have strongly opposed the adoption of his own name as a label for a set of socio-political principles having a long and noble history. He emerged to pick up the torch of cooperative individualism that had fallen from the hands of Thomas Paine. George was rather more effective during his lifetime than Paine in bringing together individuals of like mind to work toward a common objective. However, I tend to agree with those who criticize George for his direct forays into politics, thereby diminishing his influence as a social philosopher and political economist. I certainly have a sincere interest in acknowledging George's contributions. More importantly, I am committed to providing others with the opportunity to study the socio-political philosophy he espoused.

Sincerely,



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President