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Dear (Organization Leader):

dear Mr. Ostutay,

The April, 2002, meeting of German-American organizations in Washington, DC, provided the initial stage in the development of the **German World Alliance** (GWA). I am contacting you now about further activities being planned and encourage your assistance in the opening of the new world-wide organization which will have a serious impact on German-related topics.

The delegates to the April 29 meeting developed the Mission of the German World Alliance as:

- 1) Guarding the human rights of ethnic Germans worldwide;
- 2) Fostering communication and information sharing among Germans throughout the world; and
- 3) Preserving the German language and culture.

From these simple terms will flow a myriad of important and responsible projects. It is for this reason I contact you to request that you and your organization take a leading role in the founding of the German World Alliance. The next meeting will be in Washington DC on September 21, 2002 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. We ask that your organization be present as the structure of the German World Alliance begins to take place. A number of delegates present in Washington have agreed to lend their hands to the development stages of GWA. A list of their names and responsibilities is appended to this letter.

One of the important steps which will take place at this first, founding meeting, will be to establish a working structure for the governance of the organization. Initial discussions with several similar organizations seem to lean toward a governing body composed of several strong organizations from which a Board of Directors will be chosen. We hope your organization will be among those leaders to assist in the founding of the Alliance.

With this in mind and if this structure is acceptable to all, the financial picture needs to be addressed. Along with serious and substantial donations being solicited, it is felt that the organizations represented in the governing body shall also be those that provide a fundamental financial basis on which the organization will thrive. The organizations being invited to be part of that central bureau should be prepared to provide to the treasury a sum of at least \$1,000 as a pledge, payable at the meeting of September 21. This will provide the initial set of funds from which the organization can develop further.

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Also scheduled for the September meeting will be the continuation of the structure of the organization leading toward Bylaw formation and the initiation of the first projects following the priorities discussed in April by the delegates to that meeting. To be given a priority of primary position is that of Homeland Security, a topic expressed as being of such importance that the German World Alliance needs to address this first.

We trust you and your organization will join with the Institute for German American Relations (IGAR) in forming the founding group of organizations and will not only lend to the German World Alliance your wisest of sages and financial support, but also a truly dedicated membership who will forward the ideals and mission of the Alliance.

Our very best to you. We hope to hear from you as soon as you have discussed this with your membership and have agreed to lend support.

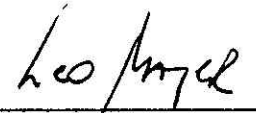
Sincerely yours,



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Ms Iris Spitzeder and Mrs. Carol Traxler are the webmasters for the website
Mr. Rudolf Pueschel represents GWA at this year's Sudetendeutschertag in Germany and at the Forced Migration conference in England.
Mr. Horst Ulrich represents GWA to the Captive Nations.
Prof. Alfred Overnberger is the GWA meeting coordinator for DC
Mr. John Gally represents GWA to the Karpatendeutsche in Germany and Slovakia.
Mr. Kearn Schemm will assist GWA as Legal Counsel.
Dr. Volker Schmeissner represents GWA to German-American organizations and German-Germans.
Mr. Edgar Grunwald will represent GWA to the Steuben Society.