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Dear friends,

This year has seen a momentous advance in the impact of nonviolent struggle and the use of Gene Sharp's work across the world.

The revolutions and struggles that took place this year in Egypt, Syria, Tunisia and elsewhere were carried out by brave people who recognized that by using nonviolent action, rejecting fear, and keeping nonviolent discipline, they could end decades-long oppression. At home in the U.S., activists from the Occupy movement have found our writings useful in maintaining a course of nonviolent action to achieve change.

Our profile in national and international publications and television news has been immense. We have also enjoyed the premiere of a new documentary about our work which continues to win awards and spread the message further. The attention has been welcome but has not come with increased funding, and this has taxed our frugal resources to the limit.

Longtime friends and supporters of the Institution can take great pride in having understood the potential and importance of these ideas long before they came under the international media spotlight. Your continued support has allowed us to continue offering materials to people living under dictatorships and other forms of tyranny all over the world. The results of that support can take years to come to fruition.

It is critical that we now increase access to writings that empower people and demonstrate the means of struggle that can greatly increase their effectiveness, raising the chances that they will achieve their objectives.

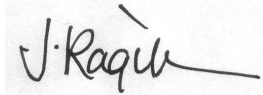
We continue to search for individual benefactors and organizations who can provide an endowment that will assure funding on a higher level for additional staff, a better-equipped office and for planning and carrying out new projects. An endowment will ensure that this vital work can be preserved for many years to come. In the meantime, we proceed with your support to do the very best we can with the resources we have.

We do not want to miss the opportunity before us. People rely on us, and in turn, we rely on you. **Please give as generously as you can so that we can face these opportunities together, and share in the results.**

It is your support that makes this work possible, and allows it to continue. Please join us in our efforts towards creating a healthier, more just, and less violent world.

We wish you a very happy holiday season, and as always, thank you very much for your continuing support.

Best wishes,



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P.S. Please see [Breakthrough: An Update on the work of the Albert Einstein Institution](#) to read about recent developments in our work. For more information on any of the specific items that are outlined in this update, please visit our website at www.aeinstein.org, or contact our office.