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To: [david@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:david@decade-culture-of-peace.org)  
Sent: Sun, 15 Mar 2009 03:16:16 +0000 (GMT)  
Subject: Book to review?

Dear Prof. Adams,

Would you be agreeable to reviewing the following book for Peace and Conflict (Journal of the Peace Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association)?

de Rivera, Joseph (Ed.) Handbook on Building Cultures of Peace.




If you can do the review, then (subject to my being able to obtain a review copy) I will send a copy to you (along with some brief notes and a copyright release form).

I realize that you are very busy, so if there is any problem about this, do simply let me know, if possible suggesting somebody else.

Yours sincerely,  
Herb Blumberg (Review Editor)

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Date: 2009-03-16 10:03

Dear Prof. Blumberg,

Thank you for the honor of asking me to review the DeRivera handbook, but I must decline for the following reasons.

I was asked to be one of the contributors to the volume when it was first formulated, but did not agree at the time because I am fundamentally in disagreement with some of its main premises and its way of characterizing the culture of peace. In fact, there was a considerable polemic at that time which involved many of the invited contributors, and I am not the only person who declined to participate as a result.

Therefore I cannot write a fair appraisal of the book.

Instead, I will be publishing three books this spring that take a very different approach to the culture of peace, and which will stand in opposition to at least some of the premises of the DeRivera handbook. They are:

The History of the Culture of War  
World Peace through the Town Hall: A strategy for the global movement for a culture of peace  
I Have Seen the Promised Land: A utopian novel.

Thank you again for asking, and I wish you all the best in finding an appropriate reviewer.

Peace,

David Adams

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To: [david@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:david@decade-culture-of-peace.org)  
Sent: Mon, 16 Mar 2009 23:50:59 +0000 (GMT)  
Subject: Re: Book to review?

Dear David,

Thank you for your carefully considered reply.

In anticipation of the possibility of our wanting to review the following in Peace & Conflict -

World Peace through the Town Hall: A strategy for the global movement for a culture of peace

- could you conveniently arrange for me to receive a review copy (or perhaps a prepublication version), or would it be best if I check with you nearer the time, or simply wait and refer any prospective reviewer to the relevant website? (I notice that it is to be self-published and available on Amazon as well).

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Best wishes, Herb

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On Mon, 16 Mar 2009, [david@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:david@decade-culture-of-peace.org) wrote:


Dear Herbert,  
Thank you for the suggestion. I will send you a review copy when available.  
Peace,  
David Adams

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To: [david@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:david@decade-culture-of-peace.org)  
Sent: Tue, 14 Jul 2009 03:13:19 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Review copy available?

Dear David,  
Thank you for agreeing to send me a review copy of World Peace through the Town Hall - for review in Peace and Conflict.  
Is it in fact now available and if so would it still be possible to send a review copy?  
Best wishes, Herb

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To: [psa01hhb@gold.ac.uk](mailto:psa01hhb@gold.ac.uk)   
Date: 2009-07-14 7:13

Dear Herbert,

Good timing. I just received the proofs yesterday for the corrected versions, so I can send you the proofs, as I will receive the printed books within the next few weeks.

I say "books" rather than "book", because it is a trilogy that goes together. If possible I should like them reviewed together. I will appreciate your taking that into consideration.

Should I use your university address below?

Peace,

David Adams

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From: david@decade-culture-of-peace.org   
To: psa01hnb@gold.ac.uk   
Date: 2009-07-14 11:35

Dear Herb,

I mailed the books this morning and was told they should take about 5 business days to reach you. Please confirm when they arrive.

Peace,

David Adams

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From: Herbert Blumberg <[psa01hnb@gold.ac.uk](mailto:psa01hnb@gold.ac.uk)>  
To: [david@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:david@decade-culture-of-peace.org)  
Sent: Tue, 14 Jul 2009 12:57:12 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: Review copy available?

Dear David,

Congratulations on the books moving forward! And yes, please, my university address is fine.

Best wishes, Herb

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To: [david@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:david@decade-culture-of-peace.org)  
Sent: Fri, 24 Jul 2009 12:38:48 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: Review copy available?



Dear David,

Thank you for these helpful books, which arrived safely. I logged them, couldn't resist looking through them, and have forwarded them to the prospective reviewer.

Best wishes, Herb

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To: [psa01hhb@gold.ac.uk](mailto:psa01hhb@gold.ac.uk)   
Date: 2009-11-10 8:46  
Subject: Re: Review copy available?

Hello Herb,

It will soon be four months. Any word?

Peace,

David Adams

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To: [david@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:david@decade-culture-of-peace.org)  
Sent: Tue, 10 Nov 2009 14:36:22 +0000 (GMT)  
Subject: Re: Review copy available?

Dear David,

Not yet. I've just sent out some reminders. Hope something arrives soon.

Best wishes, Herb

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From: david@decade-culture-of-peace.org  
To: psa01hhb@gold.ac.uk  
Sent: Tue, 10 Nov 2009 07:43:27 -0700  
Subject: Re: Review copy available?

Thank you. Please keep me posted.

David

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On Tue, 30 Mar 2010, [david@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:david@decade-culture-of-peace.org) wrote:

[What's happening?](#)

[David Adams](#)

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To: [psa01hhb@gold.ac.uk](mailto:psa01hhb@gold.ac.uk)  
Sent: Thu, 01 Apr 2010 18:01:01 -0600  
Subject: Soon it will be a year!

Dear Herbert,

Soon it will be a year!

David

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From: Herbert Blumberg <[psa01hhb@gold.ac.uk](mailto:psa01hhb@gold.ac.uk)>  
To: [david@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:david@decade-culture-of-peace.org)  
Sent: Fri, 2 Apr 2010 00:29:44 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: What's happening

Dear David,

The prospective reviewer responded to my reminder assuring me that the review was on a list of things to do and would get done - but was a bit swamped and so could not specify a date.

Best wishes, Herb

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To: [psa01hnb@gold.ac.uk](mailto:psa01hnb@gold.ac.uk)  
Sent: Sun, 06 Jun 2010 04:22:40 -0600  
Subject: Can you change reviewers?



Dear Herbert,

It seems to me that a reviewer that takes this long does not have sufficient interest to do a decent review. Can you change reviewers?

Peace,

David Adams

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From: david@decade-culture-of-peace.org   
To: psa01hnb@gold.ac.uk   
Date: 2010-07-30 17:36

Dear Herbert,

It is now the first anniversary of the arrival of my books to be reviewed.

Meanwhile I have only sold a grand total of 41 books (an average or 14 each). as no one knows about them!

David

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To: [david@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:david@decade-culture-of-peace.org)  
Sent: Sat, **31 Jul 2010** 02:51:01 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: First anniversary

Dear David,

Thank you for the message. I do still hope to have the books reviewed. I have heard recently from the prospective reviewer, who has had various delays and is considering whether to move forward or find an alternative reviewer or for me to try to do so.

Best wishes, Herb

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From: david@decade-culture-of-peace.org  
To: psa01hnb@gold.ac.uk  
Sent: Mon, **02 Aug 2010** 09:00:23 -0600  
Subject: Re: First anniversary

Dear Herbert,

Thank you for responding. Please keep me informed.

Peace,

David Adams

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Subject: It's now been a year and a half  
Date: **2011-02-28** 15:53  
From: david@decade-culture-of-peace.org  
To: psa01hnb@gold.ac.uk

Dear Herbert,

It has now been a year and a half.

David Adams

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Subject: Please keep me informed  
Date: **2011-04-19** 19:35  
From: david@decade-culture-of-peace.org  
To: psa01hnb@gold.ac.uk

Dear Herb,

Thank you for replying. Please keep me informed.

David



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From: Herbert Blumberg <psa01hbb@gold.ac.uk>  
To: david@decade-culture-of-peace.org  
Sent: Wed, **20 Apr 2011** 00:29:44 +0100 (BST)  
Subject: Re: Is there anybody home?

Dear David,

The person who had agreed to do the review (and another different review) was nevertheless unable to get near the point of being able to do the reviewing - but at least returned the books late last summer. I then sent them to another prospective agreed reviewer, and--since the review has not materialized--have now written to that reviewer to check whether the books were at least received ok.

Best wishes, Herb

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Subject: Re: Review  
Date: 2011-11-04 9:39  
From: david@decade-culture-of-peace.org  
To: psa01hbb@gold.ac.uk

Dear Herb,

It has now been two years and three months! Should we wait until they can be reviewed posthumously?

David

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On **2011-11-06** 18:07, david@decade-culture-of-peace.org wrote:  
Dear Herb,

Thank you for your prompt reply. I hope you can get your reviewer to come through.

David

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From: Herbert Blumberg <psa01hbb@gold.ac.uk>  
To: david@decade-culture-of-peace.org  
Sent: Sun, **6 Nov 2011** 21:15:14 +0000 (GMT)  
Subject: Re: Review

Dear David,

I'm sorry about this. Over the period I approached half a dozen reviewers - one at a time, obviously - and two agreed to do the review. This ratio is not itself unusual given people's heavy commitments. I sent the books to the first reviewer who, after some reminders, replied that due to a variety of personal circumstances (having nothing to do with the work itself), the review could not be done and returned the books. Eventually I found the second agreed reviewer, who so far has not responded to a reminder earlier this year as to whether the books were even received.

Apologetically, Herb

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Subject: Re: Fw: Review  
Date: **2013-06-01** 16:01  
From: david@decade-culture-of-peace.org  
To: <psa01hbb@gold.ac.uk>

Dear Herb,

Can you please give me an update?

David Adams

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There was never any reply from Blumberg after this

(Total of 28 emails with 2 lost)