

United World Federalists  
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Thank you for your  
letter of ~~the~~ ~~day~~ ~~ago~~. I  
have had my mistakes  
drawn to my attention,  
I hope that you  
will be possible someday  
had the ~~an~~ ~~number~~

~~under the present~~  
charter must ~~to~~  
work first



having direct jurisdiction over the individual in those matters within its competence."

A limited world government is a government with well-defined and specific powers. In a sense, any government is limited. The world government we envisage would have only such powers as are necessary to prevent war. Other powers would be reserved to the member nations.

Direct jurisdiction over the individual is one of the necessary powers of government, as opposed to agreement between nations. It always amazes me a little when people talk of "enforcing" the decisions of the U.N. If part of the U.N. has to use armed force against another nation or nations, that's war, whether it's called "enforcement" or not.

The enforcement of law is a different matter. Laws are enforced against individuals, not against whole cities or states or nations. Our own laws are a good example. If the mayor of New York murdered some one, the whole city wouldn't be punished. Similarly, if the United Nations is to control ie. the production of atomic bombs, it must be able, first, to set up laws, second, to punish the individuals who ~~might~~ break them---not be forced to make war against the entire nation in which the violation of law takes place.

I do hope that this is clear. If you have the time, I should appreciate it a very great deal if you would write and tell me just what you think of the world government idea and of our movement in particular. I think sometimes we are overcome with our own logic and tend to forget the views of those we are trying to convince,

Very sincerely yours,

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