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RE: World Forum on the Future of Democracy

As a delegate, who recently participated in the World Forum on the Future of Democracy, I've attached a copy of An Ordinary American's Perspective. Peggy and I attended the Forum held in Williamsburg, Virginia in mid September 2007. It was the final event of the Federal Commission Jamestown, Virginia 1607-2007 (the 400<sup>th</sup> year celebration).

The three-day event was extremely well organized and very educational. The event featured many panel discussions about democracy with highly qualified moderators and panelists. The event organizers should be commended for creating an atmosphere that did not follow any political agenda, but tried very hard to have an honest dialogue about the future of democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Peggy and I interacted with many attendees and presenters, and made many new friends. We learned that democracy is hard work and that it comes in many "shapes and sizes". We wanted to share our experience so that you might have an appreciation for this extraordinary event.

If we don't elect to be active participants in democracy, we face the possibility of losing our own freedom and liberties that we enjoy in America today. We have a civic duty to help other countries of the world find freedom and liberty for their citizens. The United States of America must lead the way for the fledging democracies throughout the world.

I enjoyed reflecting on the World Forum and I would very much appreciate any of your comments.

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