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Blueprint for Peace

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As a part of the 1965 International Cooperation Year, President Johnson called a White House Conference on International Cooperation, which met in Washington from 29 November through 1 December 1965. The conference, attended by 5,000 leaders of American society, was called to search, explore, and thoroughly discuss every conceivable approach and avenue of cooperation that could lead to peace. A National Citizens' Commission on International Cooperation was convened under the leadership of Mr. Robert S. Benjamin, Chairman of the Board of the United Nations Association, to coordinate private participation in the ICY and the White House Conference. This Commission was composed of 230 prominent Americans, constituting 30 working committees that investigated almost every area that could affect international cooperation. Their work culminated in 30 reports presented to the White House Conference in Washington. *Blueprint for Peace* publishes the 30 presentations, 17 in complete form and 13 in summary presentations. Its value rests primarily in recording the ideas developed by the conference and making them available to the general public, since an official report of the conference has not been published by the federal government or the United Nations Association. Mr. Gardner purports to have maintained the substance of the original proposals, but has regrouped the material to make it more readable. His original contribution is confined to a rather lengthy introduction, which describes the conference and the resulting action taken by the government to implement some of the recommendations made by the various committees. He expresses his feelings about the importance of the committee reports in this manner:

Collectively, these committee reports form the most comprehensive and authoritative collection of studies ever assembled on the ways in which international cooperation can promote the peace and general welfare of mankind.

The student of International Affairs may find *Blueprint for Peace* helpful in researching any of the areas explored by the 30 committees.

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