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Dear Editor:

The days of fear and separation are over. A Gathering of the Tribes for a Human Be-In will occur on Saturday, January 14, 1967, at the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park. Now that a new race is evolving in the midst of the old, we can join together to affirm our unity, and generate waves of joy and conscious penetration of the veil of ignorance and fear that hides the original face of human kind.

To begin the new year and new age 20,000-50,000 members of the new nation inside the old are gathering for a Peace Dance and Pow-Wow. Leaders, gurus, poets, and musicians of the new race will celebrate with us: Allen Ginsberg, Timothy Leary, Richard Alpert, Dick Gregory, Gary Snyder, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Jerry Rubin, Mario Savio, and all San Francisco rock bands. Ultimately the energy generated in gatherings like this could shift the balances enough to end the war in Vietnam and revitalize many dead hearts.

The underground press can help the echoes of this event reverberate throughout the world. The San Francisco Oracledwill print the enclosed announcement on its front page. If you could print it on the front or back or anywhere in your paper and/or the first part of this letter, we can move closer to the revolution.

Love and Peace,

Allen Cohen Editor, Ban Francisco Oracle

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