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To
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Dear Professor Rifkin,

It is a common aim of our party leader, Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel, and of me to enter into a dialogue with all spheres of our society on issues that will determine our life in the coming decades. Among other instruments, our series of public events called "Berliner Gespräche" serve that purpose. We invite to them two panellists, who have initiated with their theses public debate and had thus a vital impact on public opinion.

I cordially ask you also in the name of Chancellor Merkel to assist us as a panellist in such a "Berliner Gespräch" on the subject "The End of (Paid) Work? -Of What We Live And For What We Work". We invited Professor Werner Sinn, President of the ifo-Institute in Munich, to be the other panellists. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 7.30 p.m. local time in the Party Headquarters of CDU Germany in Berlin.

I hope for a positive answer and extend to you the best wishes for 2006.

Best regards,

Ronald Pofalla MP