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We don't need government  
We need utilities.

Air, water, energy  
Travel and communication means  
Food and shelter.

We have no need for imaginary mountain ranges  
Between separate nations.

We can make tunnels through the real ones.

Nor do we have any need for the continuing division of people  
Into those who have what they need  
And those who don't.

Both Fuller and Marshal McLuhan  
Knew, furthermore  
That work is now obsolete.  
We have invented machines to do it for us.

Now that we have no need to do anything  
What shall we do?

Looking at Fuller's geodesic world map  
We see that the Earth is a single island, Oahu.  
We must give all the people all they need to live  
In any way they wish.

Our present laws protect the rich from the poor.

If there are to be laws, we need ones that  
Begin with the acceptance of poverty as a way of life.

We must make the world safe for poverty Without dependence on  
government.