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-> Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting - May 15 - 17 The Hague - Delft
& 2000 Walk for Nuclear Disarmament & HAP

Dear Flick and friends of Abolition 2000,

Thank you for your invitation for the A2000 meeting.

We are honoured that the international Abolition 2000 network has taken the unique opportunity to join our international grass-roots network and action by planning their Annual General Meeting (AGM) around the schedules of the Hague Appeal for Peace (HAP) and the For Mother Earth '2000 Walk for Nuclear Disarmament' (ICJ - The Hague - > NATO hq - Brussels). We are sure that we'll be able to have interesting and strong events as we choosed to merge these events.

We are also very pleased to see that many people already plan to join the 2000 Walk. We urge all of you to join this grass-roots event, as we believe it will be an important opportunity to network with many NEW people who decided to join our campaign.

Many Russians joining

We were especially impressed with a large group of people from Russia planning to join the walk. A bus is scheduled to bring the Russian contingent, with over sixty Russians already mobilised through the 'Anti-Nuclear Campaign in the ex-USSR'.

But there are also many registrations from South Asia, Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria, Africa, ... A new visa deadline is extended to March 25 seen the many people who plan to join HAP and the 2000walk!!

-> REGISTER TODAY ON-LINE

We urge everyone to register for the walk ASAP. You can find the registration form on-line

<http://www.motherearth.org/walk99/W99form.htm>

Your registration will help us plan the A2000 AGM and the press and logistics (food, campaing, limited home-stays, ...) for the 2000 walk.

And as FME organised already over 10,000km of peace walks since 1991, we can share that local people along the route are already planning events at most municipalities where we will camp; a professional mobile kitchen team is gearing up; support vehicles are in place; a solar sound system will amplify our songs and message for abolition; ... and several parties are being planned to celebrate our progress for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons.

We are happy to send you more information about the walk, or our check our homepage.

We thank you for your consideration,

Pol D'Huyvetter

For Mother Earth International Office

At 06:56 PM 3/9/99 -0800, Felicity Hill wrote:

> ***** ANNOUNCEMENT *****

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>Part one of the Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting will be held
>immediately after the closing plenary of the HAGUE APPEAL FOR PEACE. (you
>do not have to be registered for the entire to the HAP to come on that day
>- one day registration is an option)

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>WHEN : SATURDAY, 15 MAY, 1.30 pm -11pm,

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>WHERE: The Netherlands Conference Center, The Hague

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>WHO: The meeting is open to individuals and members of organisations
>that have signed the Abolition 2000 Statement and all those interested in
>joining the campaign to bring about the abolition of nuclear weapons.

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>WHAT: A draft agenda will soon be circulated so that discussion can begin
>early on such matters as: Sharing successes, proposals for joint unified
>actions/events/visual images and the best structure to facilitate our
>global network.

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>***** BUT THAT'S NOT ALL *****LETS HAVE SOME FUN!!*****

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>The Annual General Meeting will continue on the Abolition 2000 Walk
>organised by For Mother Earth. ALL MEMBERS OF Abolition 2000 are STRONGLY
>URGED to join the Abolition 2000 Walk from The Hague to NATO Headquarters
>in Brussels (NOT VERY FAR AT ALL).

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>After speeches on the steps of the International Court of Justice, the walk
>will meander along in the European springime to DELFT (a 15 minute train
>ride from the Hague).

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>WHEN: MONDAY 16 MAY, 7-9 & TUESDAY 17 May 10-2pm

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>WHERE: DELFT

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>WHO: All those interested in continuing the discussion and the
>refinement of Abolition 2000's strategies to Educate, Activate, Organise
>for Nuclear Abolition.

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>(Thanks to John Burrowes, Alyn Ware, Jackie Cabasso and Pol D'Huyvetter for
>their planning and thinking.)

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Subject: Call-in day

At our last NWWG meeting, we agreed to promote "call-in days" to the White House, May 13-14, advocating de-alerting. I volunteered to develop a brief message for those call-in days, which we could all use in our mailings and publicity.

So here is my proposal for our call-in days message to President Clinton:

1. Remove all U.S. nuclear weapons from hair-trigger alert before the end of 1999.
2. Urge President Yeltsin to do the same with Russian nuclear weapons.

Maybe we can take a few minutes at NWWG tomorrow to refine this message and agree on a final version. Then we can go ahead with our own organizational mailings, but all have the same message.

Shalom,
Bob Tiller

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> De-Alert Nuclear Weapons in 1999? Here's How You Can Help
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> from Tri-Valley CAREs' March 1999 newsletter, Citizen's Watch
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> Tri-Valley CAREs joins the nationwide Alliance for Nuclear Accountability
> in designating this month as "Back from the Brink: Nuclear Weapons
> De-Alerting Action Month." We ask you to join us in efforts to educate
> ourselves and the public about the urgent need to de-alert the nuclear
> arsenal.
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> It's 1999, and still the U.S. and Russia remain ready to launch more than
> 5,000 nuclear warheads on less than half-an-hour's notice. This
> hair-trigger alert policy leaves the world at grave risk from nuclear war
> by accident or miscalculation.
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> We have developed an action kit to provide steps that you can take right
> away to help on this important issue. Through this focused effort we hope
> to raise public awareness about the potential for accidental nuclear war
> and pressure President Clinton to de-alert U.S. weapons and request that
> other nuclear weapons states take reciprocal actions this year.
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> We will have action kits at our March 25th meeting. For those residing
> outside the San Francisco Bay Area, and those who cannot come to our
> meeting, you may obtain action kits by responding to this message with a
> request and your snail mail address. You may also ask to be added to the
> mailing list for our monthly newsletter, Citizen's Watch.
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> And, please mail the four new postcards inside this month's Citizen's
> Watch. (Note: the postcards soon will be posted as a JPEG file and
> downloadable from the Tri-Valley CAREs web site! Address at the end of
this
> message!)

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> Time to De-Activate Nuclear Weapons
>
> by Beatrice Brailsford, Snake River Alliance

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> from Tri-Valley CAREs' March 1999 newsletter, Citizen's Watch --
> offered as part of "Back From the Brink: De-Alerting Nuclear Weapons
Action
> Month"
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> Nuclear war is less than fifteen minutes away. Far-fetched? In 1995 we
came
> within four minutes. When Russian radar picked up a U.S. science rocket
> launched from Norway, the "black suitcase" that Boris Yeltsin would use
to
> launch an attack was activated for the first time in history. It took
> Russian decision-makers eight minutes, operating in high emergency mode,
to
> realize the launch was not part of a surprise strike by the U.S.-less
than
> four minutes before their "launch-on-warning" deadline for ordering a
> nuclear response.
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> Launch-on-Warning
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> Throughout the Cold War, both superpowers understood that their
militaries'
> command-and-control centers would probably be destroyed when the first
bomb
> fell. So if retaliation (as opposed to first strike) was going to occur
at
> all, it had to occur after an enemy launch but before the first bomb
fell.
> This hair-trigger posture is called launch-on-warning, and it remains in
> effect today. (The U.S. and Russia both say their weapons are now aimed
out
> to sea. But it takes only seconds to return a missile to its original
> target.)
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> Re-targeted, nuclear-armed missiles can travel between Russia and the
U.S.
> in about 25 minutes. It takes about 15 minutes to detonation if they're
> launched from off shore submarines. All in all, the U.S. and Russia are
> ready this evening to launch more than 5,000 nuclear warheads in half an
> hour. In the best case, the time needed for detection, communication, and
> command leaves a handful of minutes for the exercise of the judgment and
> integrity that might save the world.
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> De-Alert Nuclear Weapons
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> De-alerting, or deactivating, nuclear bombs increases the time needed to
> launch them-by hours, days, weeks, months, or even years. Physically
> altering bombs so they cannot be immediately launched can greatly reduce
> the risk of war by miscalculation and eliminate first strike threats and
> the risk of accidental nuclear war-even if a de-alerted bomb might stay
in
> a country's arsenal for now.
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- > There are a wealth of verifiable steps that can be taken to make the world
- > a safer place as we move toward disarmament. A sequence of steps can
- > steadily increase the time it takes to launch a warhead. Pinning open
- > firing switches on missiles is a relatively easy way to de-alert them, but
- > it's also difficult to verify and easy to reverse.
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- > Storing warheads separately from their delivery systems at locations remote
- > from them under multilateral monitoring would be more difficult to reverse
- > because there would be political as well as technical barriers. The
- > distance between a warhead and its missile can be increased as the world
- > grows more confident that de-alerting lessens the nuclear danger.
- > De-alerting, though, should not impede or replace nuclear disarmament.
- > Instead, it can be carried forward in parallel with it and would be a
- > concrete demonstration of the nuclear powers' commitment to the complete
- > disarmament required by Article 6 of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which the U.S. has signed.
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- > Post-Cold War Catastrophe
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- > Nuclear war by accident or miscalculation has always been a real
- > possibility. For instance, in 1979 and 1980, false alarms swept U.S.
- > nuclear forces because of computer chip failure and human error. They could
- > have led to a mistaken launch.
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- > We are closer to inadvertent nuclear war today than we ever were during the
- > Cold War. Russia is politically unstable, and its economy is in shambles.
- > Its infrastructure continues to deteriorate, including its early warning
- > and nuclear command systems as well as its nuclear forces and equipment.
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- > Russia's current situation is not just Russia's problem. In the winter of
- > 1995, Russia's detection and command systems, though stretched very thin, did not snap. If they had, the U.S. would have compounded a mistaken launch
- > with one of its own. We would have had a nuclear war, not because of
- > political conflict, but because of mutually reinforcing miscalculation-made
- > in minutes.
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- > The danger of accidental devastation may be increased considerably by the
- > potential effects of Year 2000 computer problems on military radar and
- > nuclear weapons command and control systems worldwide. This potential is
- > only months away.
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- > A Compelling Precedent
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- > Today's nuclear dangers cry for bold steps now. There is a compelling
- > precedent that the first step can be taken by the U.S.
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> In September 1991, when the Soviet Union was falling apart, President
> George Bush ordered a stand-down of U.S. strategic bombers, which had,
for
> decades, been prepared to take off in minutes. Their bombs were later
> unloaded and stored. Some missiles were taken off alert in just a few
days,
> and orders for some new weapons were canceled.
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> President Bush took these dramatic actions unilaterally, without even
> consulting Congress. They allowed President Mikhail Gorbachev to
> reciprocate within the week and garrison the Soviet Union's rail-based
> missiles, de-activate submarines, and lower the alert level of his
> country's strategic bombers. Within months, both nations had withdrawn
most
> of their tactical weapons from forward positions (though the U.S. remains
> the only nation with nuclear bombs on foreign soil). A time of turmoil
was
> made safer by two leaders' unilateral, reciprocal moves.
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> Let Reason Prevail
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> Last September, Tom Daschle (D-SD) posed this question to his colleagues
in
> the U.S. Senate: "Reasonable people can only ask the obvious question:
with
> the Soviet Union dissolved and the Cold War over for nearly seven years,
> how can the U.S. and Russia continue to be one bad call away from a
nuclear
> disaster?"
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> The answer, too, is obvious. We can't. It's time to make the next move,
and
> the U.S.-with the most powerful military on earth-can lead the way. All
> nations must begin de-alerting their nuclear weapons immediately. Every
> weapon in every arsenal must be subjected to at least one effective
> de-alerting measure as soon as technically feasible, certainly as far
> before the Year 2000 as possible.
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> Working for peace, justice and a healthy environment since 1983,
Tri-Valley
> CAREs has been a member of the nation-wide Alliance for Nuclear
> Accountability in the U.S. since 1989, and is a co-founding member of the
> international Abolition 2000 network for the elimination of nuclear
> weapons.

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March 10, 1999

TO: Coalition members and friends
FR: Daryl Kimball, Exec. Director

RE: Council for a Livable World Ed Fund news release and background information on national missile defense (NMD)

For your information, I have attached below:

1) the text of the latest news release from the Council for a Livable World Education Fund (CLWEF) -- "U.S. Senate Leadership Set Thursday Vote on Blank Check for Star Wars";

and e-mail text version of CLWEF's very good and concise set of background materials on the national missile defense debate covering:

- 2) THE COCHRAN BILL (S.257);
- 3) NOTABLE QUOTES ON MISSILE DEFENSE; and
- 4) THE PUBLIC IS AMBIVALENT ON MISSILE DEFENSE

As reported earlier, a vote in the Senate on the Cochran-Inoyue National Missile Defense Bill of 1999 (S.257) is imminent and the House is currently scheduled to consider the Weldon-Spratt missile defense bill on March 18.

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MEDIA ALERT:
U.S. SENATE LEADERSHIP SETS THURSDAY VOTE ON
BLANK CHECK FOR "STAR WARS"

KEY SENATORS MAY DETERMINE OUTCOME

(WASHINGTON, March 10, 1999) Republican leaders of the U.S. Senate intend to rush S-257 (the National Missile Defense Act), sponsored by Senator Thad Cochran (MS), to the floor for a vote Thursday, March 11th. The bill mandates automatic deployment of a "Star Wars" national missile defense system regardless of the cost to taxpayers, its impact on global stability, or its effectiveness. The bill does not provide a price tag to fulfill this

commitment.

Majority Leader Trent Lott (MS) made his intention clear this afternoon when he sought to close-off debate and amendments to the Education Flexibility bill currently under consideration.

"The Cochran bill represents a blank check to defense contractors and a hollow promise to Americans rightly concerned about the potential of terrorist attack – attacks that are much more likely be delivered via a panel truck than a ballistic missile," said John Isaacs, President of the Council for a Livable World Education Fund, a Washington, D.C.-based pro-arms control organization.

"This bill holds the potential to jeopardize U.S. relations with our allies, undermine treaty negotiations with Russia, squander billions of taxpayer dollars, and reverse the ongoing dismantling of Russia's nuclear arsenal, yet it is being rushed through the Senate with one-day notice," said Isaacs. "America faces real challenges and threats, and we should not put our national security policy on auto-pilot."

The U.S. has spent over \$120 billion on missile defense research and development, and systems have failed 14 out of 18 recent tests. The Clinton administration recently proposed spending \$10.5 billion over the next five years to step-up development of a workable system. However, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman John Shelton recently said that "the simple fact is that we do not yet have the technology to field a national missile defense."

Senators whose positions are not known include:

Senator Bayh of Indiana	Senator Kerrey of Nebraska
Senator Chafee of Rhode Island	Senator Kohl of Wisconsin
Senator Edwards of North Carolina	Senator Landrieu of Louisiana
Senator Jeffords of Vermont	Senator Feinstein of California
Senator Lincoln of Arkansas	Senator Graham of Florida

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THE COCHRAN BILL (S.257)

On January 20, 1999, Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS) introduced a bill mandating deployment of a National Missile Defense. The bill is similar to one that the Senate twice refused to bring up last year. It states:

"It is the policy of the United States to deploy as soon as is technologically possible an effective National Missile Defense system

capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack (whether accidental, unauthorized, or deliberate)."

Legislative Status: On February 10, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted 12-7 in favor of the Cochran bill. The bill is expected to come to the floor of the Senate in mid- March.

The Cochran bill is seriously misguided, and while it claims to strengthen American security, it could actually put us at greater risk by undermining current and future arms control agreements.

* The Cochran bill jeopardizes Russian nuclear arms reduction and strengthens the hand of Russian hardliners opposed to START II. Under the START treaties and the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Russians have to retire over 5,000 additional nuclear warheads, including all 210 of their heavy SS-18 ICBMs with 2,100 nuclear warheads, and over 40,000 chemical weapons. The Russians have made it clear that they are likely to abandon cuts in the START treaties if the U.S. deploys a National Missile Defense system as mandated by the Cochran Bill, and the Russian Duma is certain to block passage of the START II treaty.

* The Cochran bill could start a new arms race, re-igniting the Cold War. Deployment of a National Missile Defense system would certainly antagonize other nuclear powers like Russia and China, prompting them to retain or develop additional long-range missiles that could evade or overcome such as defense.

* The Cochran bill undermines the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty that has helped keep the peace and keep America secure for more than 25 years. The ABM Treaty is critical to achieving deeper nuclear arms reductions. According to National Security Advisor, Sandy Berger, Further progress on START -- meaning full implementation of START I and START II and the conclusion of START III -- won't happen unless we adhere to the ABM Treaty. There is no reason to believe that Russian political and military leaders will agree to sharply reduce strategic nuclear missiles in the absence of the ABM Treaty's constraints on defenses against those missiles. (Speech, May 5, 1998).

NOTABLE QUOTES ON MISSILE DEFENSE

Effect on Arms Control:

"We believe that further cuts in strategic offensive weapons can be done only if there is a clear vision of preserving and observing the ABM treaty."

-- Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, TIME, February 22, 1999.

"S.257 suggests that neither the ABM Treaty nor our objectives for START II and START III are factors in an NMD deployment decision. This would clearly be interpreted by Russia as evidence that we are not interested in working

towards a cooperative solution, one that is in both our nations' security interests. I cannot think of a worse way to begin a negotiation on the on the ABM Treaty, nor one that would put at greater risk the hard- won bipartisan gains of START. Our goal would be to achieve success in negotiations on the ABM Treaty while also securing the strategic arms reductions available through START."

-- Letter from National Security Adviser, Samuel Berger, to Sen. Carl Levin, February 3, 1999.

"Even if a national missile defense becomes technologically feasible, will it be in our national interest to deploy it? Would tens of billions of dollars be better spent on maintaining deterrence through out offensive power, which has kept the peace for more than 50 years? Could we not persuade North Korea to end its long-range missile programs for a fraction of the likely price of a national missile defense?"

-- Sen. Joseph Biden, Jr., Washington Post Op-Ed, February 16, 1999.

"The strategic arms control process, already threatened by the Russian Duma's inaction on the START II Treaty, could collapse because of Russian concern and anger over missiles defense."

-- Sen. Joseph Biden, Jr., Washington Post Op-Ed, February 16, 1999.

Threats of Terrorist Attack:

"There are other serious threats out there in addition to that posed by ballistic missiles. We know, for example, that there are adversaries with chemical and biological weapons that can attack the United States today. They could do it with a brief case B by infiltrating our territory across our shores or through our airports."

-- Interview with Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Sea Power Magazine, February 1999.

"Star wars is not just fiscally irresponsible though. It presents a false sense of security. It is like putting a \$5,000 burglar alarm on the front door of your house, and yet keeping the front windows of your house open and the back door of your house unlocked. Now, surely some thug or some terrorist smart enough to put a nuclear warhead on the top of an ICBM missile, would have the intelligence to take that warhead, rent a u-haul truck, and deliver it to any city within the United States."

-- Rep. Chet Edwards, February 15, 1996.

Technological Difficulties:

"The simple fact is that we do not yet have the technology to field a

national missile defense. We have, in fact, put some \$40 billion into the program over the last 10 years. But today we do not technologically have a bullet that can hit a bullet."

-- Interview with Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Sea Power Magazine, February 1999.

"The Chiefs question putting additional billions of taxpayers' dollars into fielding a system now that does not work or has not proven itself--and we do not think that one round hitting one missile is proof positive that we should start fielding."

-- Interview with Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Sea Power Magazine, February 1999.

"I would support building it if the threat warranted it, and not just if it is feasible. It has to be practical too. 'Feasible' means that you would put a heck of a lot of money against something just to get it up there. 'Practical' means that we could get it up without breaking the bank."

-- General Michael Ryan, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, before Senate Armed Services Committee, September 29, 1998.

"I agree with the articulation of General Ryan's stand regarding actual deployment, both feasible and practical."

-- General Charles C. Krulak, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, before Senate Armed Services Committee, September 29, 1998.

"I agree with General Ryan. I think we need to have something that's practical; has a degree of success. I think it also has to be balanced against the other priorities."

-- General Dennis C. Reimer, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, before Senate Armed Services Committee, September 29, 1998.

THE PUBLIC IS AMBIVALENT ON MISSILE DEFENSE

* Missile Attack is Considered Unlikely By Most Americans. 57 percent feel that it is "somewhat unlikely" or "very unlikely" that the U.S. will be attacked by nuclear missiles launched from another country in the next 5 years. 25 percent haven't thought much about it. Only 15 percent felt it is "very likely" or "somewhat likely." 1

* People Are More Worried About Terrorist Attacks Than Missile Attacks. 55 percent are more inclined to believe that "the U.S. will be attacked by terrorists who bring bombs or bomb-making equipment into the U.S." than "nuclear missiles launched from another country." 3 percent feel nuclear

missiles launched from foreign soil are a bigger threat. 1

* Remember the World Trade Center; Remember Oklahoma City. Religious and political zealots who are willing to take their own lives for the cause scare people much more than a sovereign country launching a nuclear attack. "Look at what happened in Oklahoma City," said one Chicago man in a focus group. "I don't think we're totally safe here." 2

* People to Politicians: Stop Throwing Good Money After Bad. 65 percent of the public feel that after spending \$99 billion, "it makes no sense to throw good money after bad by spending our limited tax dollars on a national missile defense system when we could be spending that money to protect Medicare, college loans, or reduce the deficit." 1

* The Public Wants Defense Policy to Prioritize the Real Threats We Face. "National missile defense looks up in the sky for missiles when we should be spending our resources looking for terrorists on the ground." 69 percent found this statement convincing, with 36 percent finding it "very convincing." 1

* National Security Ranks Low on Americans List of Top Concerns. As is typical in a time of relative peace and prosperity, foreign policy and defense rank low on people's list of top concerns. While 44 percent say that the cost of health care and 41 percent say the spread of crime and drugs worry them most, only 23 percent expressed concern about terrorism threatening the U.S., or that we are cutting too much from defense and compromising our security. 3

* Americans are more concerned about proliferation than any other nuclear threat. 90 percent say that the most likely nuclear threat we face is from other countries acquiring nuclear weapons, the next most likely nuclear threat is that the U.S. could be attacked by terrorists who smuggle a bomb into the country, with 76 percent saying that this is a likely event. When asked to trade-off the likelihood of missile attack vs terrorist detonation of a nuclear device within the U.S., many more believe the terrorist scenario is more likely (55 percent to 3 percent). 4

Sources:

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2. The Mellman Group, Chicago focus group, 4/24/96
3. The Mellman Group, February, 1999
4. The Mellman Group, for the Henry L. Stimson Center, 10/15/97

For more information on public attitudes on missile defenses and nuclear dangers, see: <<http://www.clw.org/coalition/polling.htm#bmd>>

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I got some good news, I got some bad news.

THE 1999 NPT PREPCOM WILL TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK, MAY 10-21.
States Parties will be notified officially tomorrow.

It seems relatively certain that the NGO oral presentations will
be scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday, May 11.

Regarding other NGO panels, workshops and other events, please inform
the NGO Committee on Disarmament as soon as you are clear about any
plans to organize such events.

Please excuse me if you receive this message more than once.

Peacefully,
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Dear friends,

Disarmament Diplomacy 34, covering February 1999 is now on the web.

This issue has articles by Raul Benitez Manaut on Security challenges in Latin America, by E.J. Hogendoorn of Human Rights Watch looking at human rights and arms control regimes, Camille Grand on the current deadlock in nuclear arms control and Annette Schaper on the Fissban.

The Geneva Update by Rebecca Johnson is very short since the CD has not yet begun any substantive work. The report covers the various proposals (to end February) and summarises the points made in plenary statements on the fissban, nuclear disarmament, PAROS (outer space), small arms and landmines, such as they were.

CD Latest:

China has upped the ante on PAROS by formally proposing the re-establishment of an ad hoc committee "which shall negotiate and conclude an international legal instrument banning the test, deployment and use of any weapons, weapon systems and their components in outer space, with a view to preventing the weaponisation of outer space".

Japan made an unusually strong and pointed statement castigating the nuclear weapon states that "reluctant to [accept] any attempt at discussing nuclear disarmament, help create suspicion about the seriousness of their commitment to the elimination of nuclear weapons" and calling for fissile material stocks to be addressed in relevant ways.

Japan reminded the CD that its 1997 proposal for a special coordinator was still on the table "in case it is called upon as a means to find consensus on a mechanism for nuclear disarmament discussions in the CD." Most interestingly, Japan preferred the Canadian or South African proposals, regarding the Nato-5 proposal as only a modest start, "a meaningful approach as the very first step toward more substantive discussions". The Troika consultations were viewed only as a useful intermediate measure, but if continued, would have to be strengthened by becoming more frequent and transparency, with a clear purpose and focus and regular reports back to the CD.

On fissban, Ambassador Akira Hayashi urged the start of negotiations and said that the issue of existing stocks "must be addressed either in parallel with the current FMCT negotiations or on a stage-by-stage basis." Hayashi criticised arguments from the NWS that sought to exclude the controversial issues from fissban negotiations as "too ambitious" and wondered aloud: "if such a minimalist approach is the only possible choice for the CD, I wonder

why we are investing so much time and energy in the multilateral negotiations of such a treaty."

There were other statements, which did not say much, which I will (if relevant) include in the issue summary of my end March roundup for Disarmament Diplomacy, However, I thought the Japanese and Chinese statements worth informing you of now.

Rebecca Johnson

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Bcc:
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Subject: Draft statement on Helms and the CTBT
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Dear Joe:

This morning I had conversations with Bob Tiller and Fran Teplitz about the possibility of issuing a statement that targets Senator Helm's refusal to schedule hearings on the CTBT and that urges Foreign Relations Committee members and all senators to counter this refusal.

They thought it was an idea worth exploring further. I tried to reach you before I went any further. Since we weren't able to talk this morning, I've gone ahead and drafted a statement. This can give our conversation more depth.

My thought is that we would get as many signers as we can from the faith community and Monday Lobby organizations, find ways to get it to the media, and send copies to all members of the Senate. We would also make copies available to state delegations that will be presenting the interfaith petition to their senators.

I would be interested in what you think of this approach and would like your comments on this draft.

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Drafted by Howard W. Hallman, Chair
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March 12, 1999

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I met the guy last year and he was pretty cool. Frist was sympathetic but Miller would not commit to asking his boss to ask Helms to move the treaty. There was a sign-on letter from religious leaders in Tennessee and some other good work done at the grassroots level. I'll talk with Fran to figure out, what if anything, we can do to re-ignite some of that work.

Bruce

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Subject: Re: Meeting on March 16

Hi Howard,

do you have my new email address?

fteplitz@peace-action.org

Thanks,
Fran

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To: abolition-caucus@igc.org

New! Cool! Free! Must See! All that and an unstoppable force for good, too!
Announcing new stuff on Tri-Valley CAREs' web site!
(address at end of message)

** The latest, very cool postcard calling on President Clinton to de-alert nuclear weapons. It is ready for you to download, e.g. in jpeg format. The graphic shows the earth being cradled in safe hands. The text (in semi-circles around the graphic) says: Make the world a safer place... Take nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert. CHECK IT OUT. GET YOURS TODAY.

(And, if for any reason you have trouble downloading the postcard and want a camera ready template sent to you by snail mail, just send me a note with your address -- which you can do directly from the web site.)

** Our March 1999 newsletter, Citizen's Watch is on the web now with:

(1) news on plutonium filter failures and other problems at the Dept. of Energy's Livermore Lab. This information was dragged out of DOE via a Freedom of Information Act request and, ultimately, a lawsuit when the agency tried to stonewall. This information on HEPA filter problems has relevance to other nuclear sites around the country!

(2) everything you need to participate in the country-wide grassroots campaign to de-alert the U.S. nuclear arsenal by the Year 2000! Download the article and the postcard. Order an action kit. Pass the word on to others.

(3) a calendar of events -- including the Good Friday (April 2) morning observance and demonstration at the gates of Livermore Lab. This year the theme is "Confessing the Idolatry of Our Nuclear Weapons." All people of peace are welcome. Also, get details about a Public Meeting - March 18 at 6 PM - on the Livermore Lab's site 300 cleanup, the Tri-Valley CAREs' meeting on March 25 and more.

(4) an article on "Site 300: Risks and Remedies," about the importance of cleaning up radioactive and toxic waste at Livermore Lab's high explosives testing range, located between Livermore and Tracy, California.

(5) more!!! Address follows...

++++ Please note that my email address has changed to
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<<http://www.igc.org/tvc/>> - is our web site, please visit us there!
Our web site will remain at this location. Only my email address has
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(925) 443-7148 - is our phone
(925) 443-0177 - is our fax

Working for peace, justice and a healthy environment since 1983, Tri-Valley
CAREs has been a member of the nation-wide Alliance for Nuclear
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March 14

TO: Interfaith CTBT working group

FR: Daryl Kimball, Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers

Dear friends of the CTBT:

I will not be able to attend the upcoming Interfaith CTBT Working Group Meeting because I will be in NYC at the UN meeting with diplomats from several countries on the topic of the Special Conference on CTBT entry into force.

Consequently, I would like to report by e-mail about a few developments and make a request/suggestion for your meeting:

* To compliment the field meetings that you are trying to organize over the upcoming spring Congressional recess, the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers CTBT Working Group has been pursuing meetings with staff of key Senators here in DC. We are trying to schedule about 12 meetings. The purpose is to gather information and urge certain Senators to take specific actions to prompt Senate hearings on the CTBT. Following each Coalition CTBT Working Group meeting, those who are involved in direct lobbying meet to discuss our CTBT lobbying plans. Contact me if you would like to help set up and participate in these hill meetings.

* our meetings on the Hill and my conversations with Administration officials reveal that there has been little movement towards Senate consideration of the CTBT since your last meeting. In this context, your efforts to communicate strong public support on key Senators for consideration of the CTBT is very important.

* the Coalition still has a number of the "For A Safer America" CTBT brochures. Please contact us if you would like any copies to followup with your petition signers.

* the Coalition will be working with several high-profile CTBT supporters (such as Mark Hatfield, Gen. Andrew Goodpaster (ret.), Paul Nitze, Paul Warnke) to draft and place op-eds in major newspapers in the next few weeks.

* Directors of Coalition groups will meet with Energy Secretary Richardson this coming Friday on the subject of the CTBT. I have also invited Joe Volk to attend.

* I am still seeking a meeting with Natl. Sec. Advisor Sandy Berger on behalf of the Coalition and a couple of representatives from your Interfaith coalition -- but it has not yet been scheduled. I would encourage you to pursue your own meeting with him and to communicate in very clear and well-documented terms the scope of your efforts, the numbers of churches, denominations, and individuals working for the petition and to press them to act in support of the CTBT.

* Finally, I would suggest/request that you might try to document the total number of churches in each state and the approximate number of petitions and signers in each state so that you might be able to make a strong and more compelling case to Berger about the magnitude of the Interfaith CTBT effort and so that we might be able to better publicize the faith-based CTBT effort through the religious news media and/or the mainstream news media. Without such information, it will also be harder to make a strong case in favor of the treaty.

* Following your effort to set up meetings with Senators and/or their staff in homestates over the recess, you may also want to consider making calls to your activists in targetted states to encourage calls and letters to those same Senators simply urging CTBT ratification this year. The calls and letters can be very useful in reinforcing the petitions' effect in making it clear that the CTBT is an issue that the Senator should meet with your members about.

Keep up your excellent work. Good luck,

DK

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Subject: Suggested statement re Helms and the CTBT
Cc:
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Dear Mark and Jay:

I've had a conversation with Bob Tiller about the possibility of issuing a statement to deal with Senator Helms' resistance to hearings on the CTBT. The statement would call upon members of the Foreign Relations Committee to exercise majority rule and schedule hearings and would ask other members of the Senate to insist that the CTBT be scheduled for hearings and a floor vote.

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What do you think? You've both had long experience on the Hill, so I would value your opinion. If you think this approach has merit, I'll bring it up tomorrow at the meeting of the Interfaith Group for the CBTB.

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March 12, 1999

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Subject: Mississippi contact
Cc:
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Dear Jay,

I now have confirmation on the Mississippi contact:

Rev. Dr. Don Fortenberry, Millsaps College, Box 150803, Jackson, MS 39210. Phone: 601 974-1205; Fax; 601 974-1229.

He has agreed to be listed on the loga web site as our contact. He will help organize a delegation to call on Senator Lott, and perhaps Senator Cochran, too. In addition, he is getting religious leaders to sign a letter to Senator Lott, which I drafted.

Call me if you need further information about this Mississippi contact.

Shalom,
Howard

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From: Brad Morse <bamorse@earthlink.net>

Subject: ANA's DC Days

Hi folks,

If it doesn't interfere with events that you all are working on, it would be most helpful if folks would consider forwarding this short blurb about our DC Days to your various e-mail networks.

Thanks in advance.

Brad

ANA DC Days To Be Held April 25 - 28, 1999

DC Days 1999, Toward a Safer Millennium: Reducing the Dangers of the US Nuclear Weapons Complex, will be sponsored by the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability in Washington, DC from April 25 - 28, 1999.

Join activists from around the nation for four days in Washington DC focused on the Nuclear Weapons Complex. This is a unique opportunity to meet with members of Congress and government officials, take part in skills and issue training, and join other grassroots groups to bring our voices to government decision-makers about nuclear weapons, cleanup, and nuclear waste. In addition, join us for a party Monday night and a reception on Capitol Hill Tuesday night to honor members of Congress and activists for their work on nuclear weapons and waste issues.

Registration: (Registration forms are due on April 1). There is a registration fee of \$60 for adults and \$15 for students to help us defray the costs of expenses. Your registration fee includes a Sunday Training and lunch, briefing packets, attendance at lobby visits, Tuesday evening's reception, snacks at the DC Days headquarters and use of the office equipment there. There are separate tickets for a Monday night pizza party, sold for \$10 each. To obtain registration information, please contact Brad Morse at (202-833-4668) or by e-mail at bamorse@earthlink.net.

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From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>
Subject: Ecumenical letter to Senator Sarbanes
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Dear Jerry:

I now have a firm list of ecumenical leaders from Maryland we are inviting to sign the letter to Senator Sarbanes, urging him to work within the Foreign Relations Committee to schedule hearings on the CTBT. I hope you can ask Cardinal Keeler to join them.

They are as follows:

Rev. Dr. John Deckenback, Conference Minister, Central Atlantic Conference,
United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. W. Chris Hobgood, Regional Minister, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Rt. Rev. Robert W. Ihloff, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, Episcopal Church
His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler, Archdiocese of Maryland, Catholic Church
Rev. Pamela T. Leinauer, District Executive, Mid-Atlantic District, Church of the Brethren
Rabbi Jack Luxenberg, Temple Beth Ami, Rockville
Bishop Felton E. May, Baltimore-Washington Conference, United Methodist Church
Bishop George Paul Mocko, Delaware/Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America
Alison Oldham, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Society of Friends
Rabbi Rex Perlmeter, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation
Rev. Mel Schmidt, Hyattsville Mennonite Church
Rev. Dr. Herbert D Valentine, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Baltimore,
Presbyterian Church, USA

In case you have misplaced the draft letter, it is attached.

Shalom,
Howard

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Draft letter on CTBT

The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

For many years numerous religious denominations have advocated a ban on testing of nuclear weapons. With the signing of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) in September 1996, this long-sought goal seemed to be in reach. However, since September 1997 when President Clinton submitted the treaty to the U.S. Senate for ratification, the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee has blocked consideration of this important measure by his refusal to schedule public hearings.

We are deeply disturbed by this situation. Public opinion polls reveal that more than 75 percent of the American public

supports ratification of the CTBT. This high level of support prevails among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. The treaty has the support of the Pentagon, the nuclear weapons laboratories, and retired joint chiefs of staffs. In face of this widespread support it is difficult for the public to understand how the Senate can allow one of its members to block consideration of a measure that is strongly in the public interest.

Therefore, we request you as a high-ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to use your influence to achieve committee hearings as soon as possible. We ask you to work with your colleagues on the committee to open the process to proponents and opponents of the CTBT. Let those who have doubts about the treaty raise their concerns. Let treaty advocates respond. This kind of give-and-take is a hallmark of our democracy.

As a follow up to this letter, we request that a small delegation from the faith community have an opportunity to meet with you and discuss how we can work with you and other senators to achieve public hearings by the Foreign Relations Committee on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Sincerely yours,

Ecumenical leaders in Maryland to be listed

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Subject: Re: Meeting on March 16

My boss and executive is in town, Wally Ryan Kuroiwa. I may bring him to give him a taste for our work.

Reply Separator

Subject: Meeting on March 16
Author: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org> at internet-mail
Date: 3/12/99 11:33 AM

Dear Colleagues:

The Interfaith Group for the CTBT will meet from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at the FCNL conference room, 245 2nd Street, NE, Washington, DC.

The draft agenda is as follows:

1. Introductions
2. Status of CTBT
3. Grassroots advocacy
 - a. Interfaith petition
 - b. Other activities
4. Direct advocacy
5. Media activities
6. Other

If you have suggestions for any other agenda item, please let me know.

Shalom,
Howard

Howard W. Hallman, Chair
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Subject: Re: Suggested statement re Helms and the CTBT

I like it. It probably won't have great effect, but I don't think it will hurt, and it will be one more raindrop wearing down Jesse's stone head.

Reply Separator

Subject: Suggested statement re Helms and the CTBT
Author: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org> at internet-mail
Date: 3/15/99 6:07 AM

Dear Mark and Jay:

I've had a conversation with Bob Tiller about the possibility of issuing a statement to deal with Senator Helms' resistance to hearings on the CTBT. The statement would call upon members of the Foreign Relations Committee to exercise majority rule and schedule hearings and would ask other members of the Senate to insist that the CTBT be scheduled for hearings and a floor vote.

Bob agrees with me that this may be the time to focus more strongly on Helms. Fran Teplitz of Peace Action concurs. I believe we need to do this in order to break through. Time is rapidly running out to have hearings and get a floor vote this year. The Clinton Administration is still fairly passive. We need to force the issue.

What do you think? You've both had long experience on the Hill, so I would value your opinion. If you think this approach has merit, I'll bring it up tomorrow at the meeting of the Interfaith Group for the CBTB.

Attached is a draft statement. Please give me your comments on the wording.

Shalom,
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March 12, 1999

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Dear All,

A group of NGOs (Roger Smith, Vernon Nichols, Anne Lakhtdir - NGO Committee on Disarmament, Alyn Ware - Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, Alice Slater - Grace, Felicity Hill - WILPF) met last week with Ambassador Reyes of Colombia, who will preside over the NPT PrepCom. He spent an hour with us going over the predictable material briefly outlined below.

His style was very cautious in that he would not step outside his role as the chair to speak even about political/substantive matters in a personal capacity. The only real statement he made was about the multiple interpretations held by states on the question of the PrepComs entering into substantive discussions (outlined in the Principles & Objectives of 1995) and the need to safeguard and strengthen the NPT and therefore the importance of process questions in this regard. He is open to having another meeting with us on the 3rd or 4th of May to update us further.

* He confirmed the dates with us - 10-21st May. Surprisingly, he said he had no knowledge of the conflict with the HAP

* He indicated that the NGO presentations were scheduled for Tuesday 11th May, 3-6pm, and that some discussion was underway regarding an extra evening session, possibly in the second week. We suggested that this 6-8pm session be a dialogue/exchange/questions and answer period. This would be an informal session, although he would encourage governments to attend. NOTE this is just being discussed, and is not firm.

* He indicated that more access for NGOs was unlikely, although he has raised the issue.

* He noted our request for at least one copy of each document - working papers & speeches to be made available to the NGO Office coordinator for duplication and distribution

* He noted our request for support in getting the photo display organised by Alice and Abolition 2000 NY Metro, on The Toxic Legacy of the Nuclear Age and was positive about the effects of such a display, commenting on how effective NGOs were during the Ottawa process in demonstrating the harm done by landmines..

Dr. Reyes contact details are below:

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Regards,

Felicity Hill
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Cc:
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X-Attachments:

Dear Colleagues:

At today's meeting of the Interfaith Group for the CTBT, I would like to discuss the possibility of organizations from the faith community joining with peace and disarmament organizations in a new statement calling for public hearings on the CTBT. This statement contain a request (or demand) that senators actively work to overcome Senator Helm's refusal to schedule hearings. A draft is attached for your review.

I would also like to discuss other ways in which we can step up our efforts to get hearings.

I'll see you this afternoon.

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Howard

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For the second month in a row, I can't make the meeting of the religious groups on the CTBT. I am secretary of the local human rights committee at the Norther Virginia Mental Health Institute and we are hearing several cases to day on an emergency basis...most of them are. And then I go on into a committee meeting...

But dont forget me. Put materials in an envelope and send them to me.

In peace..

Bill Yolton

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Howard:

I'll see you this afternoon. I'm still looking for a copy of the CTBT letter to send to Mel. I should see him tomorrow at lunch.

Warm regards,
Daryl

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Howard:

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you on this. The Vatican's foreign minister was in town last week, and this office coordinated the visit.

Since Cardinal Keeler is not on the bishops' International Policy Committee, it would not be appropriate for me to approach him on what is a state-wide issue. I would suggest you contact his social action director: Lynda Meade 410-659-4039 (ph) or 410-659-4060 (f). Or, you could contact his office directly.

Hope this helps.

Jerry

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Dear friends,

Following the success of the Madrid action (July 8 1997), and the legal significance and use of the 'Madrid Citizens Summons' in our campaign and in Court, we have decided to present notarized 'Washington DC Citizens Summons' to Solana and the 19 NATO leaders during their gathering next May.

Soon a first draft version of the Summons should be posted on the networks for your input.

Today we solicit assistance from people to co-ordinate such an event, especially people based in the US or planning to travel to DC for the Summit. From Europe we are very happy to share our Madrid experience, and ideas for this action.

Please contact us ASAP if you want to be part of such an event in DC.

In Europe we hope to co-ordinate actions at US nuclear NATO bases as the birthday present for the NATO Heads of State.

Watch this space for updates.

Regards,

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for the Nuclear Weapons Abolition Days
co-ordinating meeting March 13-14 1999

PS: a full report of the meeting will be posted soon on the majordomo of <a-days@motherearth.org>. Let us know if you want to subscribe to this mailer. Send a message to <katri@motherearth.org>

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INTERFAITH VOICES FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

<http://origin.org/ifv.htm>
Membership Update Reminder

Dear Howard Hallman --

Thank you for your membership in Interfaith Voices for Peace and Justice.

Your IFV Username is: mupwj

Your IFV Password is: 5994

Your IFV Registration Page is: <http://origin.org/ifv/ifv001.cfm?V098=mupwj&V102=5994>

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We send this reminder occasionally to assist our members in maintaining their accounts.

With appreciation,

- Bruce Schuman

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Subject: Letter to Lugar from Indianans
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Dear Kathy and Jay,

A week or so ago I agreed to draft a letter to Senator Lugar for ecumenical leaders in Indiana to sign. Here it is for your comments and suggestions for revision.

I'm not sure of the best process to get the letter circulated in Indiana and then submitted. Perhaps Garnett Day could manage it. When Mark Mebane of the Fourth Freedom Forum was in town, he indicated that he could help. Denominational persons in Washington might reach out to their counterparts in Indiana. What are your ideas?

Shalom,
Howard

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Proposed letter to be signed by ecumenical leaders in Indiana

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

For many years numerous religious denominations have advocated a ban on testing of nuclear weapons. With the signing of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) in September 1996, this long-sought goal seemed to be in reach. A year later President Clinton submitted the treaty to the U.S. Senate for ratification. However, 18 months later the Senate has not scheduled public hearings on the treaty and has not set a time to vote on the treaty in fulfillment of its constitutional responsibility.

We are deeply disturbed by this situation. Not only does the CTBT have widespread support within the faith community, but also public opinion polls reveal that more than 75 percent of the American public supports ratification of the treaty. This high level of support prevails among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. The treaty has the support of the Pentagon, the nuclear weapons laboratories, and retired joint chiefs of staffs.

Two years ago you provided magnificent leadership in achieving Senate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. We strongly encourage you to exercise similar leadership for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We ask you to work with your colleagues on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to get hearings started as soon as possible. If persons have objections to the treaty, let them state their concerns openly in the hearing format. Let advocates respond and explain why they favor ratification. This kind of open, give-and-take is the hallmark of our democracy.

We also request you to use your influence to get Senate leadership to make a commitment for a time during this session of Congress when the CTBT can be considered by the entire Senate. By acting on a measure that has wide public support the Senate will demonstrate that it is responsive to the desires of the American people.

In Indiana we will be solidly behind you as you move into a leadership role to achieve Senate ratification of the CTBT.

Sincerely yours,

Invited to sign: ecumenical leaders in Indiana

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Dear colleagues:

As most of you know by now, the 1999 preparatory meeting for the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference (NPT PrepCom) will take place May 10-21 at U.N. headquarters in New York. If you are planning to come to New York and need assistance in obtaining entrance to the U.N., please contact the NGO Committee on Disarmament as soon as possible, no later than April 26. We also wish to hear from those of you who wish to hold events in or near the U.N. during those dates; we will be keeping an events schedule and can help with finding venues and making other arrangements.

Non-governmental representatives will probably be excluded from most of the official meetings during these two weeks, but will address the governmental delegates during one informal, three-hour session, most likely the afternoon session on Tuesday, May 11. This session will be organized around 13 presentation themes. These are listed below, along with contact information for the individuals who have volunteered as convenors around each theme. Anyone who wishes to contribute their views on one or more of these themes should contact the appropriate convenor as soon as possible. Convenors have been asked to prepare initial drafts by April 5, to circulate those drafts widely to interested colleagues, and incorporate the feedback received into final drafts by April 26. We hope all of these collaborative presentations will reflect a broad range of diverse, informed perspectives on the relevant themes.

NGOs will also have opportunities to present written material to the NPT delegates. The NGO Committee has extended its deadline for receiving written statements until March 31. Materials received by that date will be included in a mailing to all delegation heads (at the New York missions); those received afterward will be submitted to the delegates at the start of the PrepCom. NGOs must cover the costs of duplicating these materials; either send 190 copies to the NGO Committee or send US\$20 per page.

We will keep you informed as events progress, and look forward to seeing many of you at the U.N.

Peacefully,

Roger Smith
Network Coordinator
NGO Committee on Disarmament

P.S.: The dates of the U.N. Disarmament Commission meeting have been changed to April 12- 30. The UNDC will be discussing nuclear weapon free zones, conventional arms control and disarmament, and the Fourth Special Session on Disarmament. The NGO Committee on Disarmament will be holding one or more events during these dates, and will make a general announcement when the dates have been confirmed.

NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY PREPCOM 1999
NGO PRESENTATIONS: LIST OF THEMES AND CONVENORS

1 Focus on the NPT's 2000 Review: the fragility of the NPT, failure of the enhanced review to date, need for compliance, violations

CONVENOR: ARJUN MAKHIJANI
Inst for Energy & Environmental Research
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Takoma Park, MD 20912, USA
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e-mail ieer@ieer.org

2 Regional proliferation issues: Middle East/Iraq, South Asia, North Korea
(CONVENOR TO BE DETERMINED)

3 NATO: Nuclear Strategy Review, No First Use, Pre-emptive Counter-Proliferation
CONVENOR: HENRIETTA WILSON
Berlin Information-center for Transatlantic Security (BITS)
Rykestr. 13
D-10405 Berlin, Germany
tel 49.30.4410220; fax 49.30.4410221
e-mail bits@bits.de

4 Moral/legal/spiritual culture of peace
CONVENOR: MYRNA PENA
World Conference on Religion and Peace
777 U.N. Plaza, 9th floor
New York, NY 10017
tel 1.212.687.2163; fax 1.212.983.0566
e-mail mpena@wcrp.org

5 Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
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Union of Concerned Scientists
1616 P Street NW, Suite 310
Washington, DC 20036, USA
tel 1.202.332.0900; fax 1.202.332.0905
e-mail tcollina@ucsusa.org

6 Path to elimination: reductions, de-alerting, Y2K, qualitative disarmament measures
CONVENOR: DAVID KRIEGER
Nuclear Age Peace Foundation
1187 Coast Village Rd., Suite 123
Santa Barbara, CA 93108, USA
tel 1.805.965.3443; fax 1.805.568.0466
e-mail wagingpeace@napf.org

7 US/Russian issues: START process, ABM treaty and Safeguards (relating primarily to these countries)
CO-CONVENORS: JONATHAN DEAN

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Henry L. Stimson Center
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8 General and Complete Disarmament: new weaponry, depleted uranium
weaponry, space weaponization, warfare in the 21st century, security
concepts beyond deterrence
CONVENOR: STEPHANIE FRASER
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
339 Lafayette St., 2nd floor
New York, NY 10012
tel/fax 1.212.533.2125
e-mail sfraser@igc.org

9 Instruments to multilateralise: New Agenda Coalition, Nuclear
Weapons Convention, Middle Power Initiative, Inter-sessional Working Group,
CD, 5 + 3 negotiations
CO-CONVENORS: JOHN BURROUGHS, ALYN WARE, JIM WURST
Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy
211 E. 43rd Street, Suite 1204
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10 Indigenous Perspectives: with an emphasis on environment and health
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11 Lab Testing and Nuclear Weapons Development
CONVENOR: LYSIANE ALEZARD
Le Mouvement de la Paix
139 bd Victor Hugo
93400 Saint-Ouen, Paris, France
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12 Energy: Article 4, Alternatives
CONVENORS: MERAV DATAN
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13 Summing up

CONVENOR: MARTIN BUTCHER

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...and a third coordinator to be named later!

18 March 1999

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dkimball@clw.org

note important change below:

Dear Roger and Friends,

Please note that I am no longer associated with the AFSC Pacific Program, and also that the AFSC Pacific Program no longer exists (as of last year).

It would be okay to list my affiliation with the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO), as follows:

R.Salvador
Pacific Islands Association of NGOs
regional representative for Abolition 2000
(the address and contact info still remain the same)

Thank you very much.

Richard Salvador
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Howard:

Rev. Mel Schmidt, pastor of Hyattsville Mennonite Church, is happy to sign the CTBT letter.

Warm regards,
Daryl

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Sender: owner-abolition-caucus@igc.org
Subject: General Lee Butlers Text on speaking to the CNANW
To: "CNANW-L" <abolition@watserv1.uwaterloo.ca>,
"PGS-L" <pgs-priv-1@list.web.net>
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
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General Lee Butler (rtd) has read and approved this text of his March 11th address to the CNANW.

It is now officially available at <http://www.pgs.ca/pages/a2/lbut9903.htm>

With thanks to Robin Collins who I believe did the original transcription.

Robert McNamara's words in Canada are also available as published via <http://www.pgs.ca/pages/a2000.html>

With thanks and appreciation,

Ross Wilcock
rwilcock@pgs.ca
<http://www.pgs.ca/>

To: support
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>
Subject: Terminating a list-serve
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

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Howard W. Hallman

To: bruce@origin.org
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>
Subject: Re: IFV Membership Update Reminder
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

At 11:02 PM 3/16/99 -0800, bruce@origin.org wrote:

>
>INTERFAITH VOICES FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
><http://origin.org/ifv.htm>
>Membership Update Reminder

>
Dear Bruce Schuman:

Thank you for your information about Interfaith Voices for Peace and Justice. I have a question. Does this function as a list-serve whereby I can communicate with all members? If so, how do I send a message?

I'm chair of the Interfaith Group for the CTBT, and we have a petition for circulation in churches and synagogues, urging senators to support ratification of the treaty. I would like to send information on the petition to the Interfaith Voices network.

Shalom,
Howard

To: abolition-religious
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>
Subject: Termination of list-serve
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Dear Friends:

We created the list-serve called abolition-religious as a means of communication exchange within the faith community on matters of nuclear abolition. As it has turned out, neither I nor hardly anyone else has used it. Therefore, we have decided to terminate the list-serve as of this day.

Shalom,
Howard W. Hallman

To: relctbt
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>
Subject: Letters to senators on the CTBT
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Dear Colleagues:

At Tuesday's meeting of the Interfaith Group for the CTBT we discussed a statement I had drafted that took on directly Senator Helms' blockage of the CTBT. Most persons present thought that instead of focusing on Senator Helms, we should give our attention to Senator Lott and members of the Foreign Relations Committee and urge them to press for hearings and a vote by the Senate. The group concluded that we should have sign-on letters ready to deliver when the Senate returns from the Easter/Passover recess on April 12.

In response I have drafted the four attached letters: to Senator Lott, Senator Helms, to members of the Foreign Relations Committee, and to other members of the Senate. If you have any comments on these drafts, please let me know by the close of business on Wednesday, March 24. I will then finalize the text and circulate it for signatures.

Shalom,
Howard

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Draft letters in support of Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

The Honorable Trent Lott
Room S230, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lott:

We the undersigned representatives of faith-based organizations support Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). Therefore, we request that you schedule a date certain during this session of Congress when the treaty will be voted on by the entire Senate.

We firmly believe that ratification of the CTBT is very much within the national interest of the United States because the treaty will:

- Ø Stem the spread of nuclear weapons.
- Ø Establish a strict verification and monitoring system.
- Ø Protect public health and the environment.
- Ø Lead the way by setting an example for other nations to follow.

Public opinion polls reveal that more than three-fourths of persons surveyed favor ratification of the CTBT. This high level of support prevails among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. Accordingly, Senate action on the CTBT can be an important expression of bipartisanship in the conduct of foreign policy.

To be sure, the CTBT has its critics. The best way to deal with their concerns would be through open hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Let the Clinton Administration and other supporters make their case for the treaty. Let critics raise their objections. Then the Foreign Relations Committee by majority vote can make its recommendations. Next the Senate as a whole can consider whether to concur on ratification, as the Constitution requires.

By giving fair consideration to a treaty with wide public support, you will show the people of the United States that the Senate is responsive to public opinion. At a time when a wide segment of the public has doubts about the performance of the Congress, action on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty will enhance the reputation of the Senate as a trustworthy instrument of American democracy.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Jesse Helms

Same text as letter to Senator Lott, except change second sentence of first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, we request that you schedule public hearings on the treaty as soon as possible.

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To members of Senate Foreign Relations Committee, addressed individually.

Change second sentence of first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, we request that you as a member of the Foreign Relations Committee work within the committee to schedule prompt and fair public hearings on the treaty.

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To senators not on the Foreign Relations Committee.

Dear Senator.

Change second sentence of first paragraph to read as follows:

Therefore, we request that you urge members of the Foreign Relations Committee to schedule prompt and fair public hearings on the treaty. We also ask you to request Senate leadership to set a date certain during this session of Congress when the treaty will be voted on by the entire Senate.

Return-Path: <owner-abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com>
Date: Mon, 22 Mar 1999 09:57:53 -0500
From: Bob Tiller <btiller@psr.org>
Organization: Physicians for Social Responsibility
To: Lachlan Forrow <lforrow@igc.org>
CC: abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com
Subject: (abolition-usa) Re: Missile Shield Alternatives
References: <199903191104.GAA10536@mercury.bidmc.harvard.edu>
Sender: owner-abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com
Reply-To: abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com

Well put, Lachlan!

Bob Tiller

Lachlan Forrow wrote:

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> I'm struck by how powerful the language of "protecting our
> homes and our cities from nuclear weapons" is. I think there
> is no prayer of successfully opposing "missile defenses" with
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> Lachlan Forrow, MD

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> The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship
> Dedicated to Reverence for Life in Action
> A co-sponsor of ABOLITION 2000
>
> "Nuclear weapons are against international
> law and they have to be abolished...All negotiations
> regarding the abolition of atomic weapons remain
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> opinion exists which demands this abolition."
> --Dr. Albert Schweitzer

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Date: Mon, 22 Mar 1999 12:38:47 -0500
References: <199903191104.GAA10536@mercury.bidmc.harvard.edu>
To: abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com
From: Rosalie Tyler Paul <handinhand@clinic.net>
Subject: Re: (abolition-usa) Re: Missile Shield Alternatives
Cc: breens@mail.mmc.org
Sender: owner-abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com
Reply-To: abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com

A few more bumper sticker ideas from Peace Action Maine:

Protect your family from nuclear weapons.
Abolish them!

or

Build a safe shield against nuclear weapons.
Abolish them all!

or

Be safe from nuclear danger.
Abolish Nuclear Weapons!

or

National Security requires
Nuclear Disarmament.

on a slightly different note:

The Cold War was over....
Till the arms dealers decided to keep it going.

Hope all of you in New England will be in Kittery, Maine on Saturday March 27 for our New England Regional gathering of Nuclear Abolition activists. 9-2 followed by a protest at the Naval Shipyard. Call the office for details at 207-772-0680

This was in response to what Lachlan Forrow wrote:

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Return-Path: <lintnerj@ucc.org>
Date: Fri, 19 Mar 99 13:53:59 -0500
From: "JAY LINTNER" <lintnerj@ucc.org>
To: <kathy@fcnl.org>, <mupj@igc.apc.org>
Subject: Re: Letter to Lugar from Indianans

As I said at our meeting, Garnett has now agreed to try to set up a meeting. I suggested several who might attend. But Garnett knows Indiana well, and didn't seem to want much help. Now that he is in motion, I'm not sure what role this letter plays. Perhaps you could share it with Garnett and think if this would be a good way to gather interest and participants for meeting.

My contacts, besides UCC leadership, are Church of the Brethren people at peace studies programs at Manchester College and Notre Dame, whose names and address I need to forward to Garnett.

Reply Separator

Subject: Letter to Lugar from Indianans
Author: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org> at internet-mail
Date: 3/18/99 8:43 AM

Dear Kathy and Jay,

A week or so ago I agreed to draft a letter to Senator Lugar for ecumenical leaders in Indiana to sign. Here it is for your comments and suggestions for revision.

I'm not sure of the best process to get the letter circulated in Indiana and then submitted. Perhaps Garnett Day could manage it. When Mark Mebane of the Fourth Freedom Forum was in town, he indicated that he could help. Denominational persons in Washington might reach out to their counterparts in Indiana. What are your ideas?

Shalom,
Howard

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Proposed letter to be signed by ecumenical leaders in Indiana

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

For many years numerous religious denominations have advocated a ban on testing of nuclear weapons. With the signing of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) in September 1996, this long-sought goal seemed to be in reach. A year later President Clinton submitted the treaty to the U.S.

Senate for ratification. However, 18 months later the Senate has not scheduled public hearings on the treaty and has not set a time to vote on the treaty in fulfillment of its constitutional responsibility.

We are deeply disturbed by this situation. Not only does the CTBT have widespread support within the faith community, but also public opinion polls reveal that more than 75 percent of the American public supports ratification of the treaty. This high level of support prevails among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. The treaty has the support of the Pentagon, the nuclear weapons laboratories, and retired joint chiefs of staffs.

Two years ago you provided magnificent leadership in achieving Senate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. We strongly encourage you to exercise similar leadership for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We ask you to work with your colleagues on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to get hearings started as soon as possible. If persons have objections to the treaty, let them state their concerns openly in the hearing format. Let advocates respond and explain why they favor ratification. This kind of open, give-and-take is the hallmark of our democracy.

We also request you to use your influence to get Senate leadership to make a commitment for a time during this session of Congress when the CTBT can be considered by the entire Senate. By acting on a measure that has wide public support the Senate will demonstrate that it is responsive to the desires of the American people.

In Indiana we will be solidly behind you as you move into a leadership role to achieve Senate ratification of the CTBT.

Sincerely yours,

Invited to sign: ecumenical leaders in Indiana

Howard W. Hallman, Chair
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Date: Fri, 19 Mar 99 16:40:54 -0500
From: "JAY LINTNER" <lintnerj@ucc.org>
To: <mupj@igc.org>
Cc: <kathy@fcnl.org>
Subject: indiana

since your earlier letter, Howard, we got a call from Garnett Day.

He says that Lugar won't be home for the break and the one day he is home is fully scheduled. Asked for other times, but it wasn't possible.

Wants to know what to do now.

Your scenario might not be bad in this context: put together a religious leaders letter for state executives and other religious leaders to sign, including Garnett, and have Garnett forward that letter and the petitions to Lugar's office, delivering to a staff person with a small delegation. What do you think? Do you have time to organize some of this to happen?

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Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 08:05:56 -0800 (PST)
From: Maria Gutierrez - IGC Technical Support <support3@igc.apc.org>
To: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>
Subject: Re: Terminating a list-serve

Hi Howard,

That can be accomplished by simply sending the message, as you would've normally done in the past. Then notify us for termination. I hope this helps. Let me know if you have any other questions, thanks!!

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Maria Gutierrez, IGC Technical Support <support3@igc.apc.org>
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--Internet for People, Not for Profit--

In Tlanextia In Tonaltzi Tlahuia! Our Sun Shines On Us Once Again!

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<<include a copy of this message with any reply>>

On Fri, 19 Mar 1999, Howard W. Hallman wrote:

> Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 07:23:43 -0800 (PST)
> From: Howard W. Hallman <mupj@igc.apc.org>
> To: support@igc.org
> Subject: Terminating a list-serve
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Dear Maria,

I've sent a notice of termination to the subscribers of the abolition-religious list serve. Therefore, please discontinue this service.

Thanks,
Howard

Return-Path: <owner-abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com>
X-Sender: napf@silcom.com
Date: Mon, 22 Mar 1999 14:23:31 -0800
To: abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com
From: David Krieger <wagingpeace@napf.org>
Subject: (abolition-usa) March 5 Conference call minutes
Sender: owner-abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com
Reply-To: abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com

Meeting Minutes
US Abolition Campaign Facilitators' Group Conference Call
Friday, March 5, 1999
10 AM PST / 1 PM EST

Special thanks to Jackie Cabasso, who made the arrangements for the conference call and facilitated the group

I. Introductions- Facilitators' Group members present on call:

Lori Beckwith, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation
John Burroughs, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy
Jackie Cabasso, Western States Legal Foundation
Joseph Gerson, American Friends Service Committee
David Krieger, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation
Sally Light, TriValley CAREs
Pamela Meidell, Atomic Mirror
Robert Musil, Physicians for Social Responsibility
Dave Robinson, Pax Christi
Susan Shaer, Women's Action for New Directions
Alice Slater, Global Resource Action Center for the Environment
Anthony Guarisco, Alliance of Atomic Veterans
Jan Harwood, WILPF
Claudia Peterson, Utah Downwinders
Jo Peterson, Nebraskans for Peace
Robert Manning, Sonoma County Peace and Justice Center
Esther Pank, Peace Links

A. Note taker and time keeper volunteers:
Dave Robinson - time keeper, Jo Peterson - note taker

B. Jackie reviewed the agenda and requested modifications. It was decided to spend 10 minutes discussing an evaluation of the Santa Barbara meeting under "Old Business."

II. Old Business

A. Status of meeting finances

Facilitator and Meeting Expenses

Facilitator -- Labor (50 hours at \$50/hour nonprofit rate)	\$2,500.00
Ground transit in Boston	\$55.00
Phone Calls (incl. agenda and ICC)	\$35.00
Car rental in LA	\$245.98

(Food and lodging paid by WAND)	\$150.00
Airfare -- Boston/LA	\$645.00
Subtotal	\$3,480.98
Meeting ---	
Copies (incl. A Gathering of Tribes)	\$287.76
Supplies for Facilitator/folders	\$98.99
Flowers, refreshments, supplies for social	\$53.85
Subtotal	\$440.60
Total	\$3,921.58

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Income	
Ploughshares Fund	\$1,500.00
Fourth Freedom Forum	\$860.00
IEER	\$250.00
Pax Christi	\$200.00
Tri-Valley CAREs	\$100.00
Western States Legal Foundation	\$100.00
GRACE	\$100.00
Mainstream Media Project	\$100.00
PSR	\$75.00
Nuclear Age Peace Foundation	\$50.00
Mark Mebane	\$20.00
Total	\$3,355.00

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Shortfall \$566.58

*Susan, Pamela, Lori, Sally and Jackie will meet off-line to determine how to cover remaining expenses.

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Special Thanks to Susan Gordon who handled the diversity funds for the Santa Barbara meeting.

Diversity Expenses

Travel Costs (air fare and/or ground travel) -- Claudia Peterson; Anthony Guarisco; Ian Zabarte; Esther Hilsenrad; Richard Salvador; Corbin Harney; Matteo Ferreira; Abha Sur; Betty Burkes --	\$2,620.00
Lodging and Meals --	\$1,794.00
Subtotal	\$4,414.00

Diversity Income

American Friends Service Committee	\$750.00
Nuclear Age Peace Foundation	\$500.00
Western States Legal Foundation	\$500.00
Alliance for Nuclear Accountability	\$500.00
GRACE	\$500.00
Business Leaders for Professional Responsibility	\$500.00

Fourth Freedom Forum	\$450.00
PSR	\$660.00
State of the World Forum	\$240.00
 Total	 \$4,600.00
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Amount left over	\$186.00
 Outstanding -- Bob Downing, gas	 ?
Pledges not collected:	
Fellowship of Reconciliation	\$300.00

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B. Report on Santa Barbara Declaration

David K. reported a mostly positive response for the Santa Barbara statement -- at the meeting and through Email. However, there were strong concerns raised by members at the meeting regarding the need to address the issues of power and democracy in the statement.

It was proposed that approval be given to the declaration as is, however, the issues of power and democracy are so important, that it is necessary to develop a process and discussion to address these issues in ways that will more fully contribute to understanding, and to draft a separate statement on power and democracy. The proposal had consensus with Bob M. "standing aside," with concerns that focusing on issues of power in the statement may put many "in the middle" off.

*David K. will initiate the process of drafting a statement on power and democracy by soliciting input from all interested parties via e-mail.

C. Status of Meeting Notes

Thanks again to note takers at the Santa Barbara meeting: David K., Susan Gordon, Kathy Crandall, Lori, Andy Lichterman - as reported in Email meeting minutes.

Many thanks to Alice who assembled the notes and sent by E-mail the meeting minutes.

*Alice will repost the Santa Barbara meeting minutes to those at the Santa Barbara meeting with a request that participants make any necessary corrections and post those to Lori or Alice. Alice will put together a hard copy mailing that will include the minutes and updated addresses. Lori will provide addresses from data base.

It was suggested that all members at the Santa Barbara meeting and on the Facilitators' Committee be on the Abolition 2000 list serve.

D. Evaluation of Santa Barbara Meeting

*Joseph G. will initiate a process of evaluation for the Santa Barbara meeting. He will ask meeting participants via email for comments about the

meeting. It was requested that Joseph provide a summary evaluation of his findings to the Facilitators' Group.

III. Review of Facilitators' Mandates

It was decided at the Santa Barbara meeting that the name of the Interim Coordinating Committee, (ICC), formed in Chicago, be changed to the Facilitator's Group. The Facilitators' Group is to help with organizing efforts for the next six months. The group has been charged by the larger group to: propose a name for the campaign, to help formulate longer-term structure, bring forward strategic activities and plan the next meeting.

A. Who will serve on the Facilitators' Group?

At the Santa Barbara meeting, an invitation for volunteers was extended to join carry over members of the ICC. Esther Pank and Robert Manning/Bob Alpern (as alternates) volunteered after the meeting.

The size and the composition of the group was discussed. Changes from the Chicago ICC group were noted. Duane Shank, Gordon Clark, Alan Ware, Daryl Kimball, Susan Gordon and Kathy Crandall will not be serving on the Facilitators' Group. Gordon Clark was reported to be looking for a Peace Action member to take his place.

*It was agreed that the following Santa Barbara volunteers would be invited to join the Facilitators' Group: Matteo Ferreira, Shundahai Network; Anthony Guarisco, Alliance of Atomic Veterans; Alan Haber, Michigan Coalition of Peace and Environmental Organizations; Jan Haber, WILPF; Pilulaw Khus, Traditional Chumash Elder; Claudia Peterson, Utah Downwinder; Jo Peterson, Nebraskans for Peace; Jonathan Granoff, Lawyers' Alliance for World Security (nominated by Ed Aguilar); Robert Manning or Bob Alpern, Sonoma County Center for Peace and Justice; Esther Panks, Peace Links. * Sally Light will contact Richard Salvador to see if he would be interested in joining the group.

Concern was expressed that the makeup of the Facilitators' Group is not sufficiently diverse, and that the option of adding more diverse perspectives should remain open.

B. Who will pay for conference calls?

Consensus was reached that each member of the committee would assume the cost of their own conference calls. To maintain diversity, group members agreed to call Alice Slater and/or Jackie Cabasso if assistance or more information is needed.

C. How will the Facilitators' group be structured?

The Facilitators' Group decided that its first priority was to propose a name for the campaign. Several processes were proposed to reach this goal.

It was decided by consensus that for the purposes of proposing a name, four Facilitators' Group members, who had not already expressed strong opinions about the name, and who represented the range of opinion already expressed would be chosen to form a subgroup. This group was charged with exploring the

opinions of the larger group.

*The subgroup will solicit E-mail input from interested persons, and will call Santa Barbara meeting participants who expressed a strong interest about the name. They will bring those opinions together and recommend a name to the Facilitators' Group for approval during the next conference call. (Two weeks.)
Sub group members are: Sally Light, Robert Manning, John Burroughs and Claudia Peterson.

Next Conference Call: Monday, March 22, 1999, 10AM PST/1 PM EST

- *Jackie Cabasso agreed to arrange for and facilitate the next call.
- *Jo will circulate meeting notes to Facilitators' present on call for accuracy.
- *Facilitators will notify Jo of any need corrections. Jo will be responsible for editing and distributing the edited version.

NUCLEAR AGE PEACE FOUNDATION
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X-Sender: jsammon@mail.networklobby.org
Date: Mon, 22 Mar 1999 18:15:27 -0500
To: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org> (by way of NETWORK <network@networklobby.org>)
From: Jean Sammon <jsammon@networklobby.org>
Subject: Re: Letters to senators on the CTBT

Hi Howard -

The letters look good. I share your frustration about not being able to directly name the problem. I had an interesting conversation with Joe Volk after Monday Lobby today about his meeting with Bill Richardson. Seems like maybe we should be lobbying the President on this too.

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Date: Mon, 22 Mar 1999 18:47:03 -0500
To: abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com
From: ASlater <aslater@gracelinks.org>
Subject: (abolition-usa) NATO MTG, Apr. 23rd: RE-AFFIRMATION OF CITIZENS' SUMMONS
Sender: owner-abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com
Reply-To: abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com

Dear Friends,
Listed below is the kind of material we are preparing for our Alternative
Citizens Summit during the NATO meeting in Washington DC. Regards, Alice
Slater

>Date: Mon, 22 Mar 1999 23:03:27 -0500
>Subject: RE-AFFIRMATION OF CITIZENS' SUMMONS
>Priority: non-urgent
>X-FC-MachineGenerated: true
>To: a-days@motherearth.org
>From: geowcpuk@gn.apc.org (geowcpuk@gn.apc.org)
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>Mailinglist 'Citizens Inspections to Prevent War Crimes'

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>Dear Abolitionists

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>Following is a re-affirmation of the Citizens' Summons presented by Nuclear
>Weapons Abolition Days at the NATO Madrid Summit on 8 July 1997. We hope
>that this can be conveyed to the 19 NATO Heads of Government during the
>Washington Summit - hopefully with a certain amount of flourish. It will
>be a notarised document and will therefore carry a certain amount of legal
>weight

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>There will be one copy of the updated Summons for each of the NATO leaders.
>This will be a large document printed in large script on a parchment-like
>document. Each one will have the national flag of the country addressed as
>well as a photograph of its Head of Government. They will be nicely wrapped
>up in red ribbon with seals etc, and a sunflower attached (for Abolition
>2000) There will also be a separate document for NATO itself, in the person
>of Javier Solana.

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>Please look at it carefully and let me know if you have any alterations or
>additions to suggest.

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>Best Wishes

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>George Farebrother

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>To The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP representing the United Kingdom at the

>50th Anniversary NATO Summit in Washington, April 1999:

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>Dear Tony Blair

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>On July 8th, 1997 a notarized Citizens' Summons was presented to Señor

>Angel Sancho Arnpudia, the Director of the NATO Summit Organizing

>Committee, who who undertook to give them to Javier Solana, Secretary

>General of NATO and to all sixteen Heads of State. Since then NATO

>has given little indication of complying with its obligations under

>international law by relinquishing its policy of nuclear deterrence,

>nor has it made any reasoned response to the Summons. Following is

>a re-affirmation of the original Summons with an indication of some

>retrograde steps which have occurred since 1997.

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>RE-AFFIRMATION OF CITIZENS' SUMMONS

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>Whereas on the 8th July 1996 the International Court of Justice, drawing

>on international agreements such as The Hague Conventions, Geneva

>Conventions, and Genocide Convention, issued its Advisory Opinion

>on the legal status of the threat or use of nuclear weapons which

>concluded that:

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>- the threat or use of nuclear weapons is generally contrary to

>international

>humanitarian law;

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>- no circumstances had been identified in which use of nuclear

>weapons

>would not violate humanitarian law;

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>- there is no distinction in law between threat and use of nuclear

>weapons;

>the limited use of low yield nuclear weapons would tend to escalate

>to all-out use of high yield nuclear weapons;

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>- the Nuremburg Charter of 1945 applied to nuclear weapons. Thus it

>is the duty of citizens to uphold the law relating to nuclear weapons

>and of military personnel to obey it even if given a contrary order

>by a superior or by his or her national government;

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>- there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a

>conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its

>aspects under strict and effective international control.

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>In December 1996, and again in 1998 the United Nations General Assembly,
>in response to the ICJ Advisory Opinion, called for negotiations in
>1997 leading to the early conclusion of a Nuclear Weapons Convention.
>In December 1998 the NATO Nuclear Weapon States voted against the
>moderate resolution "Towards a Nuclear Weapon-Free World: The Need
>for a New Agenda". which merely called for further unilateral, bilateral,
>and multilateral actions and for the Nuclear Weapons state and their
>allies to "review Strategic Doctrines". NATO, is therefore acting
>illegally by:

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 - >- retaining the option to use nuclear weapons first in future
>conflicts;
 - >issuing orders to its military personnel to prepare for the illegal
>use of nuclear weapons;
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 - >- making conditional plans to use, through its member nuclear weapon
>States, a stockpile of nuclear weapons which, because of their yield,
>would necessarily violate international humanitarian law;
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 - >- condoning the consistent opposition by its member nuclear weapon
>States
>of moves towards the global elimination of nuclear weapons.
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 - >- compounding its violation of international law by admitting three
>new members into its nuclear alliance and therefore implicating them
>in its illegal nuclear planning process.
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 - >- continuing to base US nuclear weapons in European countries and
>involving
>European nationals in training for their delivery in contravention
>of Articles I and II of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

>We, as citizens of a planet under threat of irreparable damage from
>the illegal threat of nuclear weapons, and acting in accordance with
>their obligation under the Nuremberg Charter to uphold the law, gave
>notice that unless immediate action is taken to review NATO's illegal
>nuclear policy and eliminate the threat and capacity to use nuclear
>weapons. We shall use all peaceful means in our power, including
>organising and taking part in and advocating individual and mass
>participation
>in direct nonviolent resistance and to intervene against all preparations
>for nuclear war at the places where they are carried out. As NATO
>has still not given any indication of complying with the ICJ Advisory
>Opinion, such action is fully justified.

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>**SIGNED**
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>The World Court Project is an international citizens' network which is
>working to publicise and have implemented the July 8 1996 Advisory Opinion
>of the International Court of Justice which could find no
>lawful circumstance for the threat or use of nuclear weapons.

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>The World Court Project UK is part of Abolition 2000, a Global Network to
>eliminate nuclear weapons.

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Since I was taking notes furiously during today's conference call of the Facilitators' Group, I didn't give my feelings about the FFF project.

I think it's very important to embrace all positive activity toward abolition of nuclear weapons, and very destructive to hold resentful feelings toward any group that wants to do things in their own way. I agree it's disappointing that FFF didn't choose to work within the national coalition, but then, I'm also disappointed that our coalition didn't choose to work within the international Abolition 2000 coalition. But we're parallel, and that's okay. Let's make liaison with FFF and all move ahead with a good spirit.

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Howard:

Good work. I have no suggested changes. - Daryl

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Your letters are fine with me.

I think they might be strengthened. Your four points are made very quickly. I'd expand them. You rely most, in my reading on public opinion polls. I think that is our weakest argument, as a religious or moral community. Let politicians rule by polls. I'd strengthen the theological/faith language, and mention long history of religious community in seeking end to nuclear war and weapons of mass destruction. But I leave this in your hands for your energy level.

To: Walter_Owensby@pcusa.org
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Do you have any word from Dr. Valentine?

Shalom,

To: epf@igc.org
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Shalom,
Howard

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Do you have any word from Dr. Hobgood?

Regarding Indiana, I talked with Garnett Day and mailed him the draft letter for ecumenical leaders to Senator Lugar. He will circulate it.

Shalom,
Howard

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Dear Adina,

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Do you have any word from Rabbi Luxenberg (is that spelled correctly?) or Rabbin Perlmeter?

Shalom,
Howard

To: disarm@forusa.org
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Subject: Outreach for nuclear abolition
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Dear Clayton:

As I reflect upon our telephone conversation and your e-mail letter, I believe that we need more preparation before we hold an issue briefing for persons from the faith community on nuclear disarmament.

At the moment most of the denominational offices are fully committed to ratification of the CTBT and are working hard to build grassroots support. Last October I broached the idea of broadening the mission of the Interfaith Group on the CTBT to encompass other aspects of nuclear disarmament, such as stockpile stewardship, missile defense, a nuclear weapons convention. However, most participants wanted to concentrate on the single issue of the CTBT for the time being. They also pointed out that they were engaged with their grassroots in land mines, UN funding, code of conduct (for some), and other issues and therefore couldn't take on other disarmament issues.

In the CTBT ratification campaign Black churches have been represented in sign on letters and at special events, such as last September's breakfast with Senator Jeffords, but they haven't engaged their local churches. The same thing is true for the evangelical community. To bring these groups into participation on nuclear disarmament issues, we need some one-on-one outreach before we try to have a forum.

Accordingly, I suggest that we develop briefing material along the lines you suggested. Then if you have a day to spend in Washington, we can talk with a few key contacts individually. They would include:

Dr. Tyrone Pitts, General Secretary, Progressive Baptist National Convention
Archie LeMone, an African American on the staff of National Council of Churches
Ms. Sullivan Robinson, Congress of National Black Churches
Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett, General Secretary, United Methodist General Board of Church and Society (a Native American)

The purpose would be to present information on the ways in which nuclear weapons production, testing, use, and prospective use impacts people of color and indigenous people in various locales. We would ask their advice on how to bring more persons from these community into the campaign to eliminate nuclear weapons. This might lead to a workshop or briefing session, but they may have other ideas we should pursue.

I'll call you in a couple of days to discuss this.

Shalom,
Howard

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Howard,

I've just put in *another* call to the Bishop's office. Everybody's at staff meeting. Shall get back to you asap. Will also ask Mark Brown to ask Bishop Mocko to prod again.

Mary

At 04:15 AM 3/23/99 -0800, Howard W. Hallman wrote:

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>Do you have any word from Bishop Ihloff?

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>Shalom,

>Howard

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>Daniel McGlinchey of Rep. Barney Frank's (D-MA) office asked me

>to forward this letter to interested groups. It is signed by

>several progressive members of Congress and calls on

>organizations to join the members in opposition to the package of

>spending cuts and defense increases now winding its way through

>Congress.

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>The letter ends by requesting groups to contact Daniel McGlinchey

>in Rep. Frank's office (202-225-5931) or Brendan Smith in Rep.

>Bernie Sanders' (I-VT) office (202-225-4115) to participate in

>strategy sessions on the issue.

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>- Patrick Lester, CHN

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>-----Original Message-----

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>From: McGlinchey, Daniel <Daniel.McGlinchey@mail.house.gov>

>To: 'pwlester@chn.org' <pwlester@chn.org>

>Date: Tuesday, March 23, 1999 10:19 AM

>Subject: defense letter -- final

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>March 23, 1999

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>Dear Friend,

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>We write to ask you to join us in organizing efforts to prevent
>an impending social disaster. Unless things change, we confront
>the stark prospect of a federal budget being adopted which will
>severely undermine our efforts to deal with threats to the
>quality of life both in the United States and in the rest of the
>world.

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>The Republican leadership has made clear that it intends to go
>forward with a budget that preserves the caps on discretionary
>spending adopted in 1997, while simultaneously providing for very
>substantial increases in the military and education budgets. We
>welcome the increases in the education budget, and we will be
>supportive of sensible federal policies which seek to increase
>the resources we put to education. But we believe that the
>significant increases proposed in military spending go far beyond
>what is needed for our national security, and given the fact that
>the spending caps already severely constrain important programs,
>these military increases will come at the expense of every other
>function of the federal government. Those who now see the need
>for additional efforts in cleaning up the environment, providing
>health care, helping law enforcement, combating poverty at home
>and abroad, dealing with the housing crisis, promoting economic
>development in distressed areas, dealing with problems in the
>agricultural sector, providing adequate resources for veterans
>programs, and in every other aspect of federal policy must
>understand that if a budget is adopted which maintains the caps
>while significantly increasing military spending, all of these
>other functions will suffer grievously.

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>This danger is exacerbated by the support President Clinton has
>given to significant increases in military spending. While the
>President proposes increases in other areas, these parts of his
>budget are unlikely to be supported by the House and Senate
>majorities. Instead, Congress is likel to build on his proposed
>military increases while rejecting his suggestions for paying for
>this increased spending. And key Congressional leaders have
>explicitly stated that they will finance increased military
>spending by cuts in other discretionary spending areas. We
>believe that it is appropriate to improve some aspects of the
>national security budget, particularly with regard to the
>condition of personnel. But we think there are significant areas
>where the large increases being proposed in military spending are
>unnecessary.

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>With the President and the Republican Congressional leadership
>committed to increased military spending, and with the
>Congressional leadership insistent on preserving the caps and
>rejecting any additional revenue sources, the likeliest outcome
>today is for a budget which endangers our ability to make
>progress in any area of non-military concern with the exception
>of education. We do not believe that this is an appropriate
>outcome -- it reflects neither the real needs of our society nor
>the true desires of the American people.

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>But in the absence of prompt, effective political organizing,
>this distortion of priorities will be written into law. Efforts
>to increase spending in other departments later in the year
>through the appropriations process will face extraordinary obstac
>les if we do not deal with this now. We are therefore writing to
>a wide range of organizations which seek increased resources for a
>variety of concerns within the federal budget structure to ask
>you to join us in preventing this from happening.

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>While it will be theoretically possible for advocates of
>particular cause to gain a larger appropriation later in the year
>if this overall budget scheme is enacted, we think it is socially
>undesirable for advocates of increased environmental protection,
>for example, to be forced to support cuts in housing or community
>development, or for advocates of increased aid to farmers in
>distress to have to seek to capture funds that would otherwise go
>for food stamps or school lunches. Yet that will be the
>inevitable outcome of a budget which preserves the caps while
>increasing military spending significantly.

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>If you are interested in joining us, please call Daniel
>McGlinchey (Rep. Frank, 55931) or Brendan Smith (Rep. Sanders,
>54115) to let us know. We will be arranging a strategy session
>soon of people who share our opposition to what we fear will be a
>terrible distortion of our priorities, and we look forward to
>your joining us in this fight.

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>REP. TAMMY BALDWIN
>SENATOR BARBARA BOXER
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Subject: FCNL EMAIL MEMO Re: Kosovo

Date: Tue, 23 Mar 1999 17:08:57 -0500

FCNL EMAIL MEMO

To: Monday Lobby Group
Arms Transfers Working Group
WISC FP/MS Working Group

Date: 3/23/99

From: Joe Volk

Re: Kosovo & U.S. Bombing - FCNL Letter to President Clinton

We have sent the following letter to President Clinton:
March 23, 1999

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Serbia, Kosovo, and U.S. Bombing

Dear President Clinton:

War is not the answer. Do not bomb.

In the service of coercive diplomacy, you have made military threats against parties to the conflict in Kosovo. You have gambled on the outcome. You have lost the bet. Regrettably, you have placed all your eggs in the war basket. To save face you may now feel compelled to carry out the war threat. That would be an incalculable mistake.

The coercion seems to have failed to elicit cooperation from President Milosevic. Your strategy has given him the power to narrow U.S. options to two different responses: do nothing or bomb. We cannot accept either response, and either would be ineffective. To do nothing leaves civilian lives at risk and opens the way for ethnic cleansing and the violation of human rights. To bomb now also puts civilian lives in jeopardy and risks escalation of new fighting that could spread war in the volatile region of the Balkans.

We urge you to gamble again on another risky approach: seeking peace through peaceful means. You can win peace and a victory for human rights in Kosovo by creating new options through intensive multilateral, non-coercive diplomacy.

Your job is to narrow the choices for the representatives of Serbia and Kosovo to choosing participation in an ongoing political process for a peacefully negotiated outcome. Better to take years of political talking and spend millions of dollars on this kind of war prevention than to spend billions for a militarily imposed "peace" that will require decades of occupation forces to maintain.

We call on the United States to activate the UN Security Council and OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) to initiate the following six peace-building steps for Kosovo, in the context of non-coercive diplomacy:

immediate lifting of the U.S.-NATO bombing threat and developing a close working relationship with the Russians and other Europeans to facilitate negotiations;

re-negotiating an immediate cease-fire in the civil war between

the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and the Serbians;

a massive return of civilian observer-peace monitors throughout the Kosovo region, and a sustained presence until a political settlement is reached;

a multilaterally-supported political process for new negotiations within the framework of international law between the parties to the conflict; representation of the leaders should include not only governing officials, military officers, and leaders of armed fighters, but also the eminent leaders of civil society institutions;

assertive and continuing efforts to hold all actors accountable under international law for crimes, war crimes, or crimes against humanity - excepting no official, no matter how central to the previous Dayton Accords or to these new Kosovo negotiations;

fund and immediately begin radio and TV broadcasting to Serbia and Kosovo of objective, international reporting of events in Serbia and the Kosovo region.

If you persist with the U.S. bombing threat, then, at a minimum, we believe you must request and receive a Congressional declaration of war against Serbia. We would, of course, lobby Members of Congress to vote against a declaration of war; but we believe you must respect the constitutional provision that the President and Congress should share the decision to go to war, before a bomb is dropped or a shot is fired. This is not an emergency situation, and, therefore, the War Powers Act does not apply.

Sincerely,

Joe Volk

cc: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright
Secretary of Defense William Cohen
National Security Advisor Samuel Berger
Members of Congress

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Howard,
Harris Tay, a young man from the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference would like to represent the NYMO Steering Committee! You may contact him at 301-888-1283. His address is 18804 Aquasco Road, Brandywine, MD 20613. He is expecting a call from you about the details for the meeting.

Thanks again for the invitation to serve.
Blessings and shalom,
Angela Gay Kinhead
UM National Youth Ministry Organization

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In a message dated 2/26/99 2:43:26 PM Central Standard Time, mupj@igc.apc.org writes:

- > For the last three years it is been a privilege to have a representative of
- > the National Youth Ministry Organization serve on the Board of Directors of
- > Methodists United for Peace with Justice and participate in our annual
- board
- > meeting in Washington, D.C. First it was Jonathan Randolph and then Ben
- > Trammell. Their insights were valuable to our discussion.
- >
- > If you would like to continue this relationship, our next board meeting
- will
- > take place on Friday, April 9, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Foundry
- > United Methodist Church, Washington, DC. We would be able to provide
- > housing but our slim treasury prevents us from paying for transportation.
- > Three years ago we had a grant from the General Board of Church and Society
- > for this purpose, the second year you paid part of the cost, and last year
- > you paid all. You would have to determine whether you have resources this
- > year for this purpose and whether this venture is worth the expense.
- >
- > If you are interested in continuing this relationship, please let me know
- > who your representative will be. I will arrange to meet the person at
- > airport and provide suitable housing (perhaps at Wesley Seminary as we did
- > the past two years). I will also want to send your representative briefing
- > material.
- >
- > Please call me at 301 896-0013 if you would like to discuss this further.
- >
- > Shalom,
- >
- > Howard W. Hallman, Chair
- > Methodists United for Peace with Justice
- > 1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036
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Dear Karel & David,

Many thanks for your perceptive assessments in the lull before the storm. My only mild criticism is to caution against dubbing it a "European Vietnam", because of the obvious differences in the causes. Indeed, this could well have more far-reaching consequences for NATO than Vietnam did for the US. After all, the US has not shown that it learned any lessons from Vietnam other than to develop less vulnerable weapon delivery systems.

My fear is that we may have to go through a NATO-provoked bloodbath on its front doorstep - with full, uncontrollable media coverage - in order to expose the limitations of military force trying to intervene in deep-seated ethnic/religious conflict, with ruthless and corrupt leaders on the ground who have no consideration for the well-being of their citizens. The timing, so close to NATO's 50th birthday party, could not be worse for it: for if it goes in, then it will be thoroughly bogged down by the end of April. We need to prepare to take advantage of this.

May I recommend a very topical and important book: "Fighting For Peace" by General Sir Michael Rose [The Harvill Press, 1998 - ISBN 1 86046 512 9], who commanded UNPROFOR in Bosnia in 1994-95. With the UN Secretary General's representative Yasushi Akashi, he sustained humanitarian aid to some 2.7 million people - but spent much of his time heading off the hawks in NATO and the Pentagon from precipitating what is now about to happen. All their amazing work is now threatened: and there are thousands of peacekeepers and aid workers - many not from NATO member states - who are at the mercy of the warlords on all sides.

Best wishes,  
Rob Green  
Chair, World Court Project UK

>SOME REMARKS ON THE KOSOVO WAR

>by Karel Koster (AMOK - Netherlands)

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>At the moment of writing (2300 GMT on 23 April) war seems to be inevitable

>(unless Milosevic does his eleventh hour thing: but that also involves a

>NATO climbdown and compromise which I doubt is possible) .

>

>An important watershed is being crossed: NATO is waging war against a  
>sovereign state without a UN mandate. Aside from anything else, a precedent  
>is being set which will reverberate at the NATO summit. There is, indeed,  
>not a small chance that the Summit will be deeply influenced by this  
>out-of-area operation.

> I would judge that there is only one scenario in which the NATO attack on  
>Yugoslavia could work: all the others will result in a situation which is  
>worse than the problems that the war is supposed to resolve.

>

#### >POLITICAL FRAMEWORK

>The general political aims of the Western countries are unclear: I would  
>speculate as follows:

>For the European states:

>- stabilisation of the Yugoslav situation in order to prevent large scale

>waves of refugees coming into Europe

>- in the shorter term: creating an impression of solving a humanitarian

>problem for the western media

>For the US:

>- using the situation to gain a better position within NATO relative to the

>European states.

>- improving US position along the south flank of Europe

>For the Yugoslav government:

>- maintaining the present elite in power

>- maintaining for now the territorial integrity of Yugoslavia

>Most Balkan states:

>- stabilising the situation

>- stopping refugee flows

>- stopping sanctions regime against Yugoslavia

>

>The complicating political factor which perhaps pushed everything over the

>edge is NATO: the alliance has to prove its right of existence and this is

>an opportunity to do so.

>

#### >Aims

>Officially the attack is supposed to degrade the military capacity of the

>Yugoslav army and make it more difficult for that army to undertake

>operations against the Kosovar population. This is supposed to convince

>Milosevic that he should make a deal. The assumption is therefore that:

>1. There will indeed be a large scale destruction of tanks, artillery etc

>2. that the destruction of these weapons systems will make it more

>difficult for the Yugoslav army to operate against the Kosovars.

>ad 1:

>There is no certainty that the anti-air system will be completely destroyed

>by the first cruise missile wave attack: there may hence be difficulties

>for the NATO aircraft to get through to their targets. Weather and terrain

>are also complicating factors. Losses of NATO aircraft and pilots may

>result.

>ad 2:

>The partial or complete destruction of heavy weapons systems may not result

>in an appreciable decrease in the level of violence. Mortars and other

>light weapons could still be used. Perhaps NATO assume that losing the

>heavy weapons will allow a more equal fight with the UCK guerrillas. This

>is also a reason for the accelerated offensive by the Yugoslav army in the

>last few days.

>  
>These technical factors are fairly tightly defined. NATO can wreck lots of  
>equipment and kill lots of people. Deciding on the political reactions and  
>the accompanying military moves by the Yugoslav government is more  
>difficult.

>  
>Scenario I

>The optimistic scenario assumes that the initial attacks against the  
>Yugoslav forces will result in losses which will convince Milosevic he has  
>to negotiate/surrender to the NATO political plan (intervention force led  
>by NATO). However, this 'convincing' depends entirely on the precise extent  
>of the political and economic interests of the Yugoslav government. If  
>allowing NATO troops in amounts to dismemberment of Yugoslavia and this is  
>regarded as a vital interest the fight will continue. If Milosevic is  
>merely looking for a chance to give up Kosovo under conditions which can be  
>sold to the extreme nationalists in Belgrade, he will do so after a few days  
>of bombing. This will limit the backlash against the Kosovar population and  
>UCK. Some cosmetic face-saving gesture will be needed to allow Yugoslavia  
>to do that. To his own people he can say he tried but was forced to give  
>way. This assumes that Kosovo can be separated from Yugoslavia without  
>further political backlash. NATO troops move in, after three years Kosovo  
>secedes: end of story (or beginning of greater Albania crisis).

>  
>Scenario II

>This assumes Milosevic and the political class in Belgrade regards Kosovo  
>as a matter of vital interest. This automatically means that they will not  
>give in after a few days of bombing but will resist and seek to fight the  
>war in a way which will force NATO into a compromise. The best way of doing  
>that is to make sure of NATO casualties. This can be achieved by shooting  
>down a few NATO planes or by bombarding NATO units in Macedonia with  
>long-range artillery. NATO casualties will automatically ignite political  
>opposition to the war on the home front. If Milosevic is in a gambling mood  
>or desperate enough he will seek ways to escalate the war. Recent comments  
>by Yugoslav diplomats suggest that this will involve spreading the war to  
>Macedonia and Albania. This could incite the local Albanian populations to  
>rise and set in motion the dreaded Balkan powder keg chain of events  
>(ultimately involving Greece and Turkey). In response, NATO will only be  
>able to expand the bombing campaign and intensify it. Since a land  
>offensive into Kosovo by NATO troops is highly unlikely (because of  
>casualties, European Vietnam etc) NATO only has this air escalation option.  
>Bosnia 1995 is not comparable because the Croatian and government forces  
>provided the land component of a total combined arms military campaign. It  
>is doubtful if UCK could provide such a force, even against a greatly  
>weakened Yugoslav army. So such an air campaign could go on indefinitely  
>if Milosevic does nothing. But that is highly unlikely. This will also  
>inevitably result in Serb civilian casualties, with the usual backlash at  
>home: Serb civilian dead on TV etc. This course of events will result in  
>escalation.

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>Scenario III

>The escalation starts, the bombing intensifies and the Kosovo humanitarian  
>problem gets worse and worse. Public opinion realises it has been taken for  
>a ride and demands a compromise. This is possible in the form of a  
>peacekeeping force with Russian participation and through UN mediation.

>Milosevic needs this deal because he cannot predict the results of  
>long-term escalation; NATO because they know there is no way of achieving a  
>solution through bombing alone. An invasion is out of the question,  
>therefore a deal is necessary.  
>  
>Some imponderables  
>\* A large part of the Macedonian population is hostile to the presence of  
>the NATO force  
>\* the weather is bad and will slow air operations the coming days  
>\* perhaps the Yugoslav government will split on the course to take (usually  
>bombing people has the opposite effect)  
>\* links to the Russia IMF negotiations and perhaps START II ratification  
>\* Macedonia is arming: it signed an arms deal with Bulgaria  
>\* Russia controls natural gas supplies to Yugoslavia  
>\* China factor in Macedonia (why was the deal with Taiwan made)  
>\* possibility of a geographical realignment: Kosovo independent, Serbian  
>Bosnia joins with Yugoslavia  
>\* What is happening in Montenegro?  
>\* unwillingness of Yugoslav conscripts to fight: there are stories of  
>soldiers avoiding the call-up  
>\* moves by Albanian and Macedonian governments? What is Turkey doing?  
>Ukraine and Belarus stated their opposition to military intervention a  
>few weeks ago.  
>\* how united are the NATO allies. Is the US in full control?  
>\* for the Machiavellians: the present course ensures that the UCK will  
>again be greatly weakened, thus making a greater Albania scenario less  
>likely.  
>\* Is an assassination scenario being contemplated by NATO or separate NATO  
>countries?  
>  
>Relevant for our other work:  
>- NATO Summit : Strategic Concept ; no feel-good, whatever happens.  
>- European defence Identity: will this be accelerated or slowed down?  
>  
>Question:  
>What can we do to try to mitigate the results of this bloody-minded  
>nonsense?  
>  
>Karel Koster

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Dear Howard,

It was a pleasure to chat yesterday. Below is an update of where the process is, as well as an updated version of the proposed letter/statement. I'd be keen to have you comment.

Cheers,  
Ernie

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>> Dear Rudiger, Janet and Paul,  
>>  
>> Below is a slightly reworked draft statement for the proposed joint  
> appeal  
>> by churches to NATO governments and secretariat on NATO nuclear  
>> policy/posture.  
>>  
>> Following clarifications from Rudiger and Salpy, I understand the  
process  
>> that we are pursuing to be roughly as follows:  
>>  
>> 1. The three Councils (CCC, CEC, UCCUS) will produce a joint statement  
> (the  
>> draft below has general agreement, but we should make that explicit --  
>> within the next several days).  
>>  
>> 2. Once the statement is agreed to, each council will address it to its

> own  
>> government(s), and to the NATO Secretary-General.  
>>  
>> 3. Each Council will also undertake to send the statement to its member  
>> churches and invite them to make similar representations to their  
>> government and to NATO directly.  
>>  
>> 4. The three councils will also send the statement to the World Council  
> of  
>> Churches and invite the WCC to endorse the statement and to write a  
> letter  
>> to that effect to the NATO Secretariat and especially to the  
Governments  
> of  
>> the three NATO nuclear weapons states.  
>>  
>> 5. We have not discussed this next step, but it would also be  
> consutructive  
>> for the WCC to write to the heads of all other known nuclear weapons  
> states  
>> (Russia, China, India, Pakistan, and Israel), to inform them of our  
>> collective initiative and to encourage them to support the measures  
>> proposed.  
>>  
>> Timelines  
>>  
>> It would be most helpful if this process could move forward over the  
next  
>> week or so. Could we undertake to indicate our endorsement of the text  
by  
>> Tuesday Mar 23? If you send any proposed changes to me, I will  
circulate  
>> the text until we get final agreement (but no later than the 23rd).  
>>  
>> Following approval, the process can move forward within each of the  
three  
>> councils and a collective letter can go to the WCC -- thus, it should  
be  
>> possible to have all the communications sent by the end of March.  
>>  
>> Press  
>>  
>> We should find some way of releasing the statement/letters to the press  
> in  
>> a coordinated fashion. Any thoughts?  
>>  
>> Please let me know if all this meets with your approval. And please  
also  
>> send me your comments on the text so that we can finalize it as soon as  
>> possible. By the way, in Canada we are in the process of finalizing (we  
>> fervently hope) a meeting between church leaders and the prime minister  
>> (scheduled for next week) -- at which the NATO issue will be addressed  
as  
>> well as Canada's own policy in response to a constructive Parliamentary

>> report.

>>

>> Look forward to hearing from you all.

>>

>> Cheers,

>> Ernie

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>> Nuclear weapons and NATO's Strategic Concept Review

>> March 1999

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>> Dear.....

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>> We write to encourage your government and the NATO alliance to take

>> advantage of the current review of NATO's Strategic Concept document to

>> reverse NATO's present assertion that nuclear weapons "fulfill an

> essential

>> role," and to reject the assertion that the strategic nuclear forces of

> the

>> alliance are the "supreme guarantee of the security of the allies"

(NATO

>> Strategic Concept approved November 1991).

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>> A revised Strategic Concept document must commit NATO members to the

> early

>> elimination of nuclear weapons, in accordance with obligations under

the

>> Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, to immediate steps to reduce the risk

>> posed by current nuclear weapons, and to minimize the political value

>> accorded to them.

>>

>> Contrary to NATO's current strategic concept, nuclear weapons do not,

>> cannot, guarantee security -- they deliver only insecurity and peril

>> through their promise to annihilate that which is most precious, life

>> itself and the global ecosystem upon which all life depends. Nuclear

>> weapons have no moral legitimacy, they lack military utility, and, in

> light

>> of the 1996 advisory opinion of the World Court, their legality under

>> international law is in serious question. The World Court also

expressed

>> the view that all states are legally obligated to “pursue in good faith  
> and  
>> bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in  
all  
>> its aspects.”  
>>  
>> We therefore call on the governments of all NATO members to ensure that  
> the  
>> new NATO Strategic Concept:  
>>  
>> • affirms NATO’s support for the rapid global elimination of nuclear  
>> weapons and commits the Alliance to take programmatic action to advance  
>> this goal;  
>>  
>> • commits NATO to reducing the alert status of nuclear weapons  
possessed  
> by  
>> NATO members, and to pursuing effective arrangements for the rapid  
>> de-alerting of all nuclear weapons possessed by all states; and  
>>  
>> • renounces the first-use of nuclear weapons by any NATO members under  
> any  
>> circumstances, and commits NATO to the pursuit of equivalent  
commitments  
>> from other states possessing nuclear weapons.  
>>  
>> Please be assured of our prayers and support as you undertake to  
fulfill  
>> your important responsibilities.  
>>  
>> Sincerely,

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To Whom it May Concern -

I'm not sure exactly where to get this information, but I thought Methodists United for Peace w/ Justice might know. I'm wondering if the United Methodist Church, or any of its organizations, have taken a stand re: Kosovo, and the threat of NATO airstrikes. The whole issue has been troubling me, and I'd like to know if our church has any position (officially OR unofficially) on it.

Thank you:-)

Serah

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March 24, 1999

Following is the text of a resolution calling on the U.S. to negotiate a nuclear weapons abolition treaty. It adopted unanimously earlier this week by the State Senate in Vermont, and now moves toward consideration in the State House of Representatives. It is an outgrowth of the town meeting campaign and can, perhaps, serve as a model or inspiration for others.

For more information, contact Joseph Gainza at: afscvt@together.net

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>Joint Senate Resolution

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>By Senators Shumlin, Ankeney, MacDonald, Ready and Rivers,

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>J.R.S. 28. Joint resolution relating to urgently requesting the United  
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>nuclear nations for the adoption of a verifiable treaty to abolish nuclear  
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>Whereas, even though the Cold War between the United States and the former  
>Soviet Union has ended, its worse remnant, the stockpiles of nuclear weapons  
>that still dot the face of the earth, remains an immediate and horrendous  
>threat to every person on the planet, and

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>Whereas, in 1998, the Indian subcontinent emerged as a new and potentially  
>devastating nuclear battle zone when, within a period of weeks, first India  
>and then Pakistan exploded nuclear devices, and

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>Whereas, in recognition of this terrible reality, on March 2, 1999, at their  
>respective town meetings, the citizens of 33 Vermont municipalities,  
>including Andover, Bakersfield, Bradford, Braintree, Brookfield, Burlington,  
>Calais, Charlotte, Chelsea, Colchester, Craftsbury, East Montpelier,  
>Jericho, Johnson, Marlboro, Marshfield, Montpelier, Newark, Norwich,  
>Plainfield, Peacham, Putney, Randolph, Rochester, St. Johnsbury, Shelburne,  
>Stannard, Thetford, Underhill, Vershire, Walden, Westford and Williston,  
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>treaty. . ." that "must include an early timetable for the elimination of  
>nuclear weapons in a manner that is mutual and verifiable among all  
>nations", and

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>Whereas, the voters of these towns also urged their local state legislators  
>to introduce a resolution in the General Assembly to this effect and to have  
>the adopted resolution forwarded to the Vermont Congressional Delegation,  
>now therefore be it

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>RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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>That the General Assembly calls upon the United States government to enter  
>into immediate negotiations with all nuclear weapons states for a verifiable  
>treaty that establishes an early timetable for the abolition of nuclear  
>weapons, and be it further

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>Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this  
>resolution to the members of the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

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To: HPUMCaus@aol.com  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: Kosovo  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

At 10:39 AM 3/24/99 EST, HPUMCaus@aol.com wrote:

>To Whom it May Concern -

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>I'm not sure exactly where to get this information, but I thought Methodists  
>United for Peace w/ Justice might know. I'm wondering if the United Methodist  
>Church, or any of its organizations, have taken a stand re: Kosovo, and the  
>threat of NATO airstrikes. The whole issue has been troubling me, and I'd  
>like to know if our church has any position (officially OR unofficially) on  
>it.

Dear Sarah:

I don't know whether the UM General Board of Church and Society has taken a stand on Kosovo. I'll find out and let you know. In the meantime, you may be interested in the attached statement by the Friends Committee on National Legislation

Shalom,  
Howard W. Hallman, Chair

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March 23, 1999

President Bill Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Serbia, Kosovo, and U.S. Bombing

Dear President Clinton:

War is not the answer. Do not bomb.

In the service of coercive diplomacy, you have made military threats against parties to the conflict in Kosovo. You have gambled on the outcome. You have lost the bet. Regrettably, you have placed all your eggs in the war basket. To save face you may now feel compelled to carry out the war threat. That would be an incalculable mistake.

The coercion seems to have failed to elicit cooperation from President Milosevic. Your strategy has given him the power to narrow U.S. options to two different responses: do nothing or bomb. We cannot accept either response, and either would be ineffective. To do nothing leaves civilian lives at risk and opens the way for ethnic cleansing and the violation of human rights. To bomb now also puts civilian lives in jeopardy and risks escalation of new fighting that could spread war in

the volatile region of the Balkans.

We urge you to gamble again on another risky approach: seeking peace through peaceful means. You can win peace and a victory for human rights in Kosovo by creating new options through intensive multilateral, non-coercive diplomacy.

Your job is to narrow the choices for the representatives of Serbia and Kosovo to choosing participation in an ongoing political process for a peacefully negotiated outcome. Better to take years of political talking and spend millions of dollars on this kind of war prevention than to spend billions for a militarily imposed "peace" that will require decades of occupation forces to maintain.

We call on the United States to activate the UN Security Council and OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) to initiate the following six peace-building steps for Kosovo, in the context of non-coercive diplomacy:

immediate lifting of the U.S.-NATO bombing threat and developing a close working relationship with the Russians and other Europeans to facilitate negotiations;

re-negotiating an immediate cease-fire in the civil war between the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and the Serbians;

a massive return of civilian observer-peace monitors throughout the Kosovo region, and a sustained presence until a political settlement is reached;

a multilaterally-supported political process for new negotiations within the framework of international law between the parties to the conflict; representation of the leaders should include not only governing officials, military officers, and leaders of armed fighters, but also the eminent leaders of civil society institutions;

assertive and continuing efforts to hold all actors accountable under international law for crimes, war crimes, or crimes against humanity - excepting no official, no matter how central to the previous Dayton Accords or to these new Kosovo negotiations;

fund and immediately begin radio and TV broadcasting to Serbia and Kosovo of objective, international reporting of events in Serbia and the Kosovo region.

If you persist with the U.S. bombing threat, then, at a minimum, we believe you must request and receive a Congressional declaration of war against Serbia. We would, of course, lobby Members of Congress to vote against a declaration of war; but we believe you must respect the constitutional provision that the President and Congress should share the decision to go to war, before a bomb is dropped or a shot is fired. This is not an emergency situation, and, therefore, the War Powers Act does not apply.

Sincerely,

Joe Volk

cc: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright  
Secretary of Defense William Cohen  
National Security Advisor Samuel Berger  
Members of Congress

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Subject: Re: Letter to Senator Sarbanes

Chris Hobgood has said he will sign. Add his name, and when meeting set, let his office know, and if time is convenient, he may join. Or not, as you wish.

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The following is an opinion piece by a grade 12 student published on Monday in The Vancouver Province. A timely article given that NATO has begun its futile attempt to bomb Yugoslavia to submit to western demands. You can contact the Province with your letter at fax 604-605-2099 or email: provletters@pacpress.southam.ca, or mail The Province, 200 Granville Street, Suite 1, Vancouver BC V6C 3N3 Canada. Students like Julie Harwood deserve to know that people around the world support her efforts.

The Vancouver Province  
Monday, March 22, 1999  
Youth View

Julie Harwood

"War a poisonous rodent on the landscape of humanity"

Rat.

A common blight running throughout the sewers of time, dirty scum spreading disease and destruction with every scramble it makes to avoid the truth of daylight.

What would make a man so desperate that he would eat one of the most revolting creatures ever to lick the face of this earth?

War has always been portrayed as a romantic and exciting voyage into the realm of glory, honour and power for any young man who chooses to join the ranks of its army. Nothing was told to young men of the "splendours" of war: The starvation, the bloody deaths, the massacring of souls guilty of nothing but believing the tales of promised heroism and patriotism. Death, in any sense of the word, was merely an afterthought to those propagandizing potential recruits; it was the small print of the contract, so to speak. Millions of valuable lives signed over to be killed - each one another name added to the growing book of war's true prizes.

One rat, would cause a small amount of damage. One hundred rats, together, would cause massive destruction. One thousand rats, united in a purpose, would cause chaos.

Alone, one same human being would cause little troubles. But fighting against the parts of its own body, the whole of mankind has the power to cause destruction of itself.

Now the realities of war are being discussed without oppression. Decades after the Great Wars of this century, truths only known to those initiated into the secret of fraternity of war have been revealed. It was not only "the enemy" that struck down the innocent lives of so many young men. There was starvation, suffocation and exposure too - if you were lucky. If you weren't so lucky, you ended up permanently crippled with perhaps no left arm or no right eye. Or else you ended up losing your mind.

What killed many soldiers, though they may still have lived, were the monstrous psychological problems that occurred from witnessing mass murders, friends or even enemies being blown apart into bloody bits. Those who "survived" then felt their bodies start to wither away slowly, so that they couldn't stand it. That is why men ate rats.

What should we be learning about war today? Definitely not its glory, its heroism, or its romance. Now that we know the truth we can never go back - but we do.

Why is it that we still go to war, fighting like violent siblings over issues that could easily be resolved over brunch and a cup of coffee? Maybe that is an exaggeration, but then again, so is war. It is the most extreme tactic of problem-solving; the one that all "great" leaders of our time seem to jump to if they cannot fix the problems when they want to.

We have a slogan today: "Violence is not the answer."

Maybe we should take our own advice.

Why is that after learning all this of war young men still willingly and excitedly join the army to serve our great country or any other country? Because the propaganda is still alive. We have not killed the same lies that attracted young men all those decades ago and throughout history. Somehow, those promises of recognition overpower those of death and dying, of being crippled and scarred both physically and mentally.

It is one of the greatest faults of humankind: Vanity.

War is not fought over what it is said to be fought over. It is fought for prestige, for dominance, for some secret fantasy of our "leaders."

That is what we should be learning about war. We should be learning about why we really have it so we can prevent it. It makes no sense to fight a war for the future good of our world if we have to kill off one-third of the population to do so.

Rats cannot be prevented. An infestation can be controlled by an expert, but we cannot seem to completely exterminate them. They keep coming back. Just like the ugly demon-head of war.

Rats show their beady little eyes when exposed to light. So does war when

compared to reality. Demon eyes.

Rats are some of the most despicable creatures on this Earth. War is one of the most abhorrent sides of human nature.

Mankind ate rats.

It also swallowed war.

Julie Harwood is a Grade 12 student at H.J. Cambie secondary in Richmond. British Columbia Canada.

Letter to the editor from Peter Coombes  
In praise of Julie Harwood  
Currently unpublished

Dear editor,

On Monday I was inspired and intellectually challenged by Julie Harwood's opinion piece in The Province "War a poisonous rodent on the landscape of humanity." Not only is Harwood an excellent writer but she demonstrates a keen sense of insight into the horrors of war and its political failures.

As the western world once again prepares to bomb Kosovo Harwood's statements ring a resounding truth. Few will ask the real questions: why are we bombing Kosovo and what will we accomplish? We know Chretien's motivation to support NATO bombings are less than honourable and Clinton's need to bomb are even more suspect.

As Harwood said: "War is not fought over what it is said to be fought over. It is fought for prestige, for dominance, for some secret fantasy of our 'leaders.'" Bombing Kosovo is no exception. The ten year unspoken war against Iraq is the epitome of a power struggle. In either case it is the civilian population who will suffer the most.

Harwood, a grade 12 student, may have demonstrated that the generation gap has never been greater. The boomer generation should blush. Representing them is Bill Clinton's "B-52" foreign policy diplomacy against Khartoum, Afghanistan, Iraq and Yugoslavia. And, across Canada newspaper editors, predominately boomers, not only dismiss calls for nuclear weapons abolition by Robert McNamara and Retired General Lee Butler, but they also shun any positive moves toward "no first use of nuclear weapons."

I suspect that Julie Harwood's sensible, practical and humane opinion is representative of her whole generation and that one day soon she and her peers will begin dismantling the oppression of war. Thank you Julie Harwood.

Sincerely yours,  
Peter Coombes  
President of End the Arms Race

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To: Nuclear Weapons Working Group Participants

As promised at today's NWWG meeting, I am sending you a copy of the sign-on letter with variations that members of the Interfaith Group for the CTBT will send to senators on or about April 12. This is for your information only and is not a request to sign.

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Thanks for your good work on this letter, Howard. Please sign me on to it.

Ann Delorey  
Legislative Director  
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Sounds good to me. We will sign on. The Rev. Jay Lintner, Director,  
Washington Office, Office for Church in Society, UCC

Paul Sherry would probably sign on to this, our President. But getting  
heads of communion would slow the process down, and I don't think it is  
necessary on this one.

You got Chris Hobgood's name for Sarbanes, I trust.

Reply Separator \_\_\_\_\_

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By giving fair consideration to a treaty with wide public support, you will show the people of the United States that the Senate is responsive to public opinion. At a time when a wide segment of the public has doubts about the performance of the Congress, action on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty will enhance the reputation of the Senate as a trustworthy instrument of American democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Name, title, and organization of signer

Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
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To: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
From: ctbt@2020vision.org (Marie Rietmann)  
Subject: Re: Interfaith letter to senators  
Date: Thu, 25 Mar 1999 17:20:06 -0500

Hi Howard,

This looks great to me. It's clear, concise, and a great product to carry around to get visibility for our issue. I really appreciate the continuing energy you put into CTBT. It's inspiring. (Daryl said the same thing about you yesterday when he and I were talking about how we'd like to see more activity around the CTBT--"thank God for the interfaith community!" is the exact phrase he used.)

You know me--I would say, "Bipartisan public opinion polls reveal that four out of five voters surveyed favor ratification..." That's my only critique of the letter text.

It would be great if these letters could be hand-carried around. If you'd accept an interloper (me) doing some deliveries, I'd be glad to take them to the offices I've listed below (the CTBT aides in them are personal friends or at least people I have a relationship with, and it provides a good excuse to drop in on them if I have a physical product to deliver). If others want to handle these offices, that's fine with me, too.

Bingaman  
Durbin  
Jeffords  
Levin  
Murray  
Reed  
Robb  
G. Smith  
Specter  
Stevens  
Wyden

Thanks for your dedicated efforts.

Marie

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From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: Interfaith letter to senators  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

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Marie,

Thanks for the praise. And thanks for your offer to hand delivery some letters.

I'm going to ask members of the Interfaith Group for the CTBT to take five or so offices for personally delivery. We need to get in the habit of direct contact. However, after that is done this won't preclude you from making contact with people on your list. For one thing, we may not be able to reach all of them personally. For another, duplication is reinforcement.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Importance: Normal  
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Subject: Majordomo housekeeping  
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I am requested to bring some housekeeping matters to the attention of the List.

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To majordomo@igc.org

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When broadcasting a reply to the whole list, please truncate the accumulated messages - leaving for instance just the relevant header to identify to what you are responding.

Send all your messages as text and not as attachments. There are several troublesome macro viruses circulating now. To avoid macro virus infection like HAPPY.EXE or the Melissa Virus never open any attachments.

Use plain text only for your email messages. Fancy formatting may leave a door open for viruses.

If you receive a virus from someone - contact that person immediately to advise them so they can take immediate action - and warn others of the risk.

Delete any message containing a virus asap unless you know how and need to handle it.

I can say from experience that Symantec's Anti-Virus software has effectively removed viruses I have encountered. It you need specific virus information check <http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/index.html>

Ross Wilcock  
rwilcock@pgs.ca

Return-Path: <rachel@fcnl.org>  
From: Rachel Phillips <rachel@fcnl.org>  
To: "'mupj@igc.org'" <mupj@igc.org>  
Subject: RE: Interfaith Sign on letters to senators  
Date: Mon, 29 Mar 1999 14:56:11 -0500

Howard,  
Joe Volk has reviewed the new language and is OK to sign on to these letters.  
Thanks,  
Rachel

-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Phillips [mailto:rcphillips@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 1999 6:39 PM  
To: rachel@fcnl.org  
Subject: Interfaith Sign on letters to senators

Dear Colleagues:

>  
>I have revised the letter to senators in support of the CTBT to  
>incorporate  
>the language of the interfaith petition in the first paragraph.  
>Otherwise  
>it is the same as the previously circulated draft. Signatures are now  
>invited by heads of offices or by whoever else you think is  
>appropriate.  
>  
>We want to deliver the letter to senators' offices on Monday, April 12  
>when  
>the Senate returns from recess. Therefore, please provide your reply  
>on  
>signing no later than Wednesday, April 7.  
>  
>The letterhead will show the names of all organizations signing the  
>letter.  
>  
>Shalom,  
>Howard  
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>  
>Letters to senators in support of Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.  
>Signing  
>deadline: April 7, 1999.  
>Please reply to Howard Hallman at mupj@igc.org or phone/fax 301  
>896-0013.  
>  
>Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:  
>  
>We the undersigned representatives of faith-based organizations appeal  
>for

>prompt Senate action on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). By  
>banning all nuclear test explosions, the CTBT is an essential step  
>toward  
>reducing the dangers posed by nuclear weapons. To care for God's  
>creation  
>and to best fulfill our moral responsibilities, we urge the Senate to  
>ratify  
>the CTBT during this session of Congress. Therefore,....

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>To Senator Lott:  
>we request that you schedule a date certain when the treaty will be  
>voted on  
>by the entire Senate.

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>To Senator Helms:  
>we request that you schedule public hearings on the treaty as soon as  
>possible.

>  
>To members of Foreign Relations Committee  
>we request that you as a member of the Foreign Relations Committee work  
>within the committee to schedule prompt and fair public hearings on the  
>treaty.

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>To other senators:  
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To: relctbt  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Briefing on CTBT with NSC staff  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

To: Interfaith Group for the CTBT

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For security reasons we are required to provide the name, date of birth, and social security number of each person who plans to attend. I will need this information by Friday, April 2 -- a week in advance of the briefing.

If you have any questions, please call me or contact me by e-mail.

Shalom,  
Howard

To: support  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Upgrading Netscape  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Friends:

I use your service for access to the web. I was searching for travel plans and got the message to upgrade to Netscape 3.0. I now have Netscape Navigator 2.02. Is it possible to upgrade? If so, how?

Thanks for your help,  
Howard Hallman

Return-Path: <support5>  
Date: Mon, 29 Mar 1999 06:31:36 -0500 (EST)  
From: "Charlie Rosenberg, IGC User Support" <support5@igc.apc.org>  
To: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: Upgrading Netscape

You may download a new version of Netscape yourself and use it with IGC InterACT or the Windows 95 dialer but IGC can not provide you with support beyond providing these instructions.

To download the latest version of Netscape, run Netscape and click on the Software button or open the location <http://www.netscape.com/download/>

If you have IGC InterACT for Windows, you MUST download the Windows 3.1 version of Netscape, you can NOT use the version for Windows 95 even if you are running Windows 95. If you want to use the Windows95 version, you can set up Windows 95's dialer to connect to IGC, and then run the Windows 95 version of Netscape. Write to win95-info@igc.org for more details.

Both version 3.X, which is smaller, and version 4.X, which is quite large is available on the Netscape site. If you are concerned about download time, version 4.0 is available as a standalone version which just contains the browser but is lacking mail, newsreader, and other features.

If you are planning on doing on-line banking, and you need the 128-bit U.S. encryption version, make sure to get that version and not the standard export version.

When you install the new Netscape software, DO NOT allow the installation program to overwrite the version of Netscape that came with InterACT. Install the new version of Netscape in a separate directory from InterACT.

To use the newly installed software, Windows users should run InterACT and select Services -> Connect. Once connected, run Netscape by selecting the new Netscape icon, not the Web button.

Macintosh users should connect to IGC by selecting Connect in the Interslip Setup. Once connected, run Netscape by selecting the new Netscape icon.

You can move your bookmarks over to your new copy of Netscape by copying the bookmark.htm file to the bookmarks directory in your newly installed version of Netscape. Windows users can find the bookmark file at \interact\netscape. Mac users can find the file in the Netscape folder, located inside the Preferences folder.

Please include a copy of this message with any reply.

-Charlie

Charlie Rosenberg, Technical Support <support5@igc.apc.org>  
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On Sun, 28 Mar 1999, Howard W. Hallman wrote:

> Date: Sun, 28 Mar 1999 18:19:57 -0800 (PST)  
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To: mupj@igc.org  
From: Anne Curtis <acurtis@networklobby.org>  
Subject: CTBT sign-on

Please sign on to CTBT letter to Senators:

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Abolition Caucus <abolition-caucus@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: (abolition-usa) BASIC's updated website  
Sender: owner-abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com  
Reply-To: abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com

Dear colleagues,

BASIC has just improved its new website (yes, both new and improved!) on the upcoming NATO summit and NPT PrepCom. It includes news and analysis on a variety of issues in nuclear policy, non-proliferation, and disarmament. The site will be continuous updated up to and through both events.

Please visit it at:

<http://www.basicint.org>

Comments, questions, and criticisms are welcome.

Yours,

Stephen Young  
Senior Analyst  
BASIC

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From: "Mary H. Miller" <epf@peacenet.org>  
Subject: Sign on letter to senators

Howard,

We'd really like to be listed among the signatures thusly:

Episcopal Peace Fellowship  
David O. Selzer, Chair  
Janet G. Chisholm, Vice Chair  
Verna M. Fausey, Secretary  
Christopher Pottle, Treasurer  
Mary H. Miller, Executive Secretary

If this is not possible - to list the whole Executive Committee, that is - please be in touch with me by phone or e-mail and let's figure out what we can do. Thanks.

I'm talking with Tom Hart and Jerre Skipper about the briefing on Friday the 9th - if Jerre can go, I may not - I'm really inundated at this point.

mary

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To: mupj@igc.apc.org  
Date: Wed, 31 Mar 1999 09:54:30 -0400  
Subject: CTBT meeting  
Content-Disposition: inline

Howard:

I'll plan to attend the April 9 meeting.

My date of birth is 10-17-55; SSN is 224-76-2408

Thanks.

J. Daryl Byler

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To: mupj@igc.apc.org  
Date: Wed, 31 Mar 1999 09:56:08 -0400  
Subject: CTBT letters  
Content-Disposition: inline

Hi Howard:

Please add my name to the various CTBT letters to the Senate. Thanks.

J. Daryl Byler, Director  
MCC Washington Office

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Date: Wed, 31 Mar 1999 11:46:36 -0500  
To: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org> (by way of Jean Sammon <jsammon@networklobby.org>)  
From: Jean Sammon <jsammon@networklobby.org>  
Subject: Re: Briefing on CTBT with NSC staff

Hi Howard -- I'd like to attend: Jean Sammon

dob - Oct. 31, 1949  
ssn - 294-42-6460

Thanks.

At 10:35 AM 3/30/99 , you wrote:

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>Shalom,  
>Howard

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To: phil  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Request for payment  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Phil:

Please pay me \$2,000 for my work during March 1999 under the Ploughshares project.

While these funds last you may pay telephone, photocopy, and internet bills from this project.

On April 9 National Security Council staff is having a briefing on the CTBT for the Interfaith Group for the CTBT, which I share. It's from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Therefore, I suggest that the MUPJ board meeting keep going until 1:00 and then go to lunch in the neighborhood. I'll ask to be excused and rejoin the board by 3:00. I've been trying to get this briefing set up for over a month and unfortunately had to take the time they offered.

That means we should have coffee, rolls, etc. for a mid-morning break so that board members want starve before 1:00. I can take care of that. Can I assume that we can borrow a coffeemaker and something to heat hot water at Foundry?

Shalom,  
Howard

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From: ctbt@2020vision.org (Marie Rietmann)  
Subject: Senate recess news  
Cc: dkimball@clw.org  
Date: Wed, 31 Mar 1999 12:46:02 -0500

Hi Friends (what you all have in common is grassroots, FYI),

I just called the Senate Majority Leader's office to inquire about recesses. There had been one scheduled for May 1-9 which is now cancelled. In its stead, the Memorial Day recess is extended. It is now scheduled for May 28-June 6.

Marie

Marie Rietmann  
CTBT Coordinator  
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To: "'mupj@igc.org'" <mupj@igc.org>  
Subject: FCNL's participation in meeting with Bell  
Date: Wed, 31 Mar 1999 16:59:23 -0500

Hi Howard,

I think that both Joe and I will attend the meeting with Bell, etc. Here are the particulars:

Earl J. Volk, 2/28/45; 282-42-4946

Kathleen R. Guthrie, 3/26/43; 526-64-8391

Thanks for arranging this.

Kathy

Kathy Guthrie  
Field Program Secretary  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
245 Second Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
202-547-6000  
202-547-6019 (fax)  
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Subject: NATO No First Use Package  
To: abolition-caucus@igc.org  
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Dear Abolitionists

"NATO and the First Use of Nuclear Weapons" is a new package from Abolition 2000 UK for NATO's Washington Summit. Please let Francis Connelly on npc@gn.apc.org know if you would like to be sent a hard copy. You can access the package on our web site,

George Farebrother  
Secretary, World Court Project UK  
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Web Site: <http://www.gn.apc.org/wcp>

The World Court Project is an international citizens' network which is working to publicise and have implemented the July 8 1996 Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice which could find no lawful circumstance for the threat or use of nuclear weapons.

The World Court Project UK is part of Abolition 2000, a Global Network to eliminate nuclear weapons.

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The Sunflower is a free, monthly electronic newsletter providing educational information on nuclear weapons abolition and other issues relating to peace in the Nuclear Age. [http://www.wagingpeace.org/the\\_sunflower.html](http://www.wagingpeace.org/the_sunflower.html)

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"Star Wars is the perfect case study of what's wrong with both the American government and the American military. It has everything: special interests, the military-industrial complex, supine politicians, lazy media, decision being made solely for political calculation, decisions having nothing to do with national security, and a public to whom no one has bothered to tell the truth."

-- Molly Ivins, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, March 19, 1999  
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### Star Wars Moves Closer to Deployment; House and Senate Pass Missile Defense Bills

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Bills mandating a U.S. commitment to a limited ballistic missile defense system have passed the House and Senate. The Administration supports the Senate version, which includes language favoring continued talks with Russia to reduce the number of nuclear warheads and an annual review by Congress. The House and Senate now must create a compromise version, which is likely to be signed by the President.(Associated Press, March 19, 1999)

In March 19 editorial, the New York Times, which favors a missile defense system, voiced criticism of the passage of the legislation. "It was a political decision, designed to shield the White House from accusation in next year's campaign that it was complacent about protecting America's security. Though the need to develop such a system is real, the rush to put one in place invites wasteful spending and could undermine critical arms reduction treaties with Russia that are no less important to America's defense."

For background and updates, see <http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/index.html>.

### Russian General Makes Nuclear Threat

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In response to the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia, the Chairman of Russia's General Staff Anatoly Kvashin said that Moscow no longer rules out launching a preemptive nuclear strike against a potential enemy. The Boston Globe quoted him as saying "If it comes to a matter of whether Russia will exist or not, then everything the military has, including nuclear weapons, should be used."  
(Boston Globe, April 1, 1999)

### Alleged Chinese Theft of Nuclear Secrets Part of a Long-Term Campaign

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The firing of Chinese-American scientist Wen Ho Lee from the Los Alamos National Laboratory for allegedly providing China with U.S. nuclear weapons secrets did little to mute criticisms that the Clinton Administration is too lax in protecting American nuclear secrets. However, U.S. intelligence agencies have been aware of Chinese efforts to secure U.S. nuclear technology for more than two decades, according to Newsday reporter Knut Royce. In 1988 an FBI official warned that China was attempting to recruit scientists at Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore Laboratories.  
(Newsday, March 16, 1999)

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## NON-PROLIFERATION

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### 33 Vermont Towns Pass Resolution Calling for End to Nuclear Weapons; State Senate Passes Resolution for Nuclear Weapons Treaty

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Thirty-three Vermont towns passed a resolution urging the U.S. and other nuclear weapons states to "secure on an urgent basis a nuclear weapons abolition treaty." Several weeks later the Vermont State Senate also passed the resolution. Congratulations to the American Friends Service Committee, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and other organizations and individuals that conducted the effective grassroots campaign. For more information, contact Joseph Gainza. [afscvt@together.net](mailto:afscvt@together.net). Background: [www.napf.org/abolition2000/vermont.html](http://www.napf.org/abolition2000/vermont.html).

## Y2K Stand Down Sought to Prevent Y2K Mishap

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At a Y2K symposium in Washington, D.C., Congressman Ed Markey (D-MA) urged the U.S. and other world powers to take their nuclear weapons off alert to avoid Y2K-triggered accidents. According to Bruce Blair of the Brookings institution, the Russian early-warning system and its thousands of missiles on hair-trigger alert are particularly vulnerable to Y2K. That, along with breakdowns in cooling systems of deactivated Russian submarines, could produce "multiple Chernobyl's." However, as a protest to the U.S. bombing of Yugoslavia, the Russian government has announced an end to cooperation with the U.S. in efforts to avert a Y2K problem. (Associated Press, March 8, 22, 1999)

## British Public Favors Blair Leadership Role in Nuclear Disarmament

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A vast majority of the British public favors Prime Minister Blair taking the lead in eliminating nuclear weapons, according to a new MORI opinion poll commissioned by the Oxford Research Group. 70% of Britons agree that "I would think more highly of the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, if he would take a lead in negotiations to remove nuclear weapons worldwide." (Oxford Research Group news release, March 1, 1999) For more information, see [www.napf.org/abolition2000/polls.html](http://www.napf.org/abolition2000/polls.html).

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### NATO

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## NATO Citizens' Summit Planned for April 23

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The NATO Citizens' Summit will be held on the Mall in Washington, D.C., 14th and Constitution, on April 23 during NATO's 50th Anniversary Celebration. The Summit, organized by Physicians for Social Responsibility, The Global Resource Action Center for the Environment (GRACE), the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, and other organizations, is intended to express concerns about the future of NATO and its nuclear policies. For more information, send e-mail to [amillar@fourthfreedom.org](mailto:amillar@fourthfreedom.org). For background, see <http://www.napf.org/natosummit.html>.

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### ENERGY AND WASTE

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## Nation's First Nuclear Waste Repository Opens

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Located near Carlsbad, New Mexico, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), the first nuclear waste dump in the U.S., has opened with a shipment of radioactive material arriving by truck from Los Alamos National Laboratory. WIPP will receive an estimated 37,000 shipments over the next three decades. (CNN March 25, 1999; Associated Press, March 26, 1999)

## "Mobile Chernobyl" Bill May Go to House in April

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HR 45, this year's "Mobile Chernobyl" legislation, may reach the House floor in April. House Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Water Chair Joe Barton (R-TX) believes markup in his committee may take only two weeks, clearing the way for an early vote on the House floor. (NIRS alert, March 15, 1999) For background, see [http://www.napf.org/aa/99\\_01.html](http://www.napf.org/aa/99_01.html)

\*NCI Finds Plutonium Fuel Deal "Wasteful and Reckless"

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The Nuclear Control Institute (NCI) warns that the use of warhead plutonium fuel in U.S. nuclear reactors may cost hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer subsidies to nuclear utilities, increase the risk of cancer from a severe accident. NCI's warning is in response to a DOE contract for a mixed oxide (MOX) fuel fabrication and irradiation services to an international consortium. For more information, contact Dr. Edwin Lyman, (202) 822-8444. (NCI news release, March 22, 1999)

Y2K Could Shut Down Ukrainian Power Plants

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Serhiy Parashin, head of the Energy and Information research center in Ukraine, believes that the Y2K "millennium bug" could paralyze five ex-Soviet nuclear power plants next year. This has the potential to lead to a collapse in Ukraine's electrical supply. Another expert has argued that the Ukrainian power plants are immune from Y2K problems due to the lack of sophistication of their computers. (CNN, March 4, 1999)

Fewer Americans Support Nuclear Power

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A new Associated Press poll suggests that Americans are less positive about nuclear energy than they were a decade ago. Only 45 percent of those polled stated that they support the use of nuclear energy - down 10 percentage points from 1989. The poll also found that although 60% of Americans feel that nuclear power plants are safer than they were 10 years ago, half the respondents believe that a serious accident at a U.S. nuclear facility is likely, a number unchanged from a decade ago. (Associated Press, March 20, 1999)

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April 8-10: The Peace Studies Association 11th Annual Conference: Case Studies in Peacemaking, Siena College, Loudonville, NY [imh@csd.uwm.edu](mailto:imh@csd.uwm.edu).

April 9-11: National Youth Conference, Hague Appeal for Peace. Ward Building, American University, Washington D.C. World Federalist Association, [aortiz@wfa.org](mailto:aortiz@wfa.org)

April 13: Accidental Nuclear Launch and the Y2K Problem, Lecture by Dr. John Gula, Southern California Federation of Scientists, Midnight Special Bookstore, Santa Monica, CA, Details (310) 390-3898.

April 16: Helen Caldicott and Steve Allen discuss "A Conversation on Peace, the State of Public Health and the Future." Friday, April 16, 1999, 6:00 PM, no host bar ; 7:00 PM, dinner, Bel Air Summit Hotel, 11461 Sunset Blvd., Bel Air (just west of the 405), Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120 per couple. Seating is limited. Reservations must be received by Tuesday, April 13, 1999. Physicians for Social Responsibility, 1316 Third Street Promenade, Suite B1, Santa Monica, CA 90401 \* 310 458-2694/voice \* 310 458-7925/fax, [psrsm@psr.org](mailto:psrsm@psr.org)

April 22-26: Ninth International Convention on Culture and Peace in Gernika, Bizkaia, Spain. Details:

gernikag@sarenet.es

April 23: NATO Citizen's Summit, Washington, D.C., the Mall, Constitution and 14th. Details: amillar@fourthfreedom.org

April 25-27: D.C. Days, Alliance for Nuclear Accountability. Details (202) 833-4668.

April 26-May 14: UN Disarmament Commission Meeting, New York.

April 30: General Lee Butler will receive the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's 1999 Distinguished Peace Leadership Award, Santa Barbara, CA. The award will be presented by actor and UN Peace Messenger Michael Douglas. For details, contact the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, (805) 965-3443; napf@wagingpeace.org.

May 6-16: 7th Annual International Conference on Conflict Resolution (ICR) St. Petersburg, Russia. Details: <http://ahpweb.org/cbi/home.html>.

May 7-10: Healing Global Wounds Spring Gathering, Nevada Test Site. Details at <http://www.shundahai.org/HGW/> or [hgw@scruznet.com](mailto:hgw@scruznet.com).

May 10-21: 1999 NPT PrepCom, New York. Details: [disarmtimes@igc.apc.org](mailto:disarmtimes@igc.apc.org).

May 11-15: Hague Appeal for Peace, The Netherlands. This in an international conference that will focus on building a culture of peace and the delegitimization of war. Contact: Karina Wood, U.S. Outreach Coordinator, [kwood@igc.apc.org](mailto:kwood@igc.apc.org)

May 13-14: Eliminating Weapons of Mass Destruction: Why Not Nuclear Abolition? Featuring General Lee Butler, Stansfield Turner and others. Details: [danfine@igc.org](mailto:danfine@igc.org).

May 15-30: 2000 Walk for Nuclear Disarmament, from the International Court of Justice in The Hague to NATO headquarters in Brussels. Details [www.motherearth.org](http://www.motherearth.org).

May 24-26: Sixth World Peace Science Congress, Amsterdam, details: <http://www.copri.dk/ipra/ipra-bb.htm>

June 3-6: Second Interdisciplinary Conference on the Evolution of World Order: Global and Local Responsibilities for a Just and Sustainable Civilization, Ryerson Polytechnic Institute, Toronto, Canada, details: <http://www.pgs.ca/woc/>

June 6-16: 7th Annual International Conference on Conflict Resolution, St. Petersburg, Russia. Contact [solweean@aol.com](mailto:solweean@aol.com) or visit <http://www.ahpweb.org/cbi/home.html>.

July 4-7, 1999: Nourishing the Peacemaker: Living in Harmony & Becoming a Peacebuilder, 18th Annual Peace Retreat, sponsored by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and La Cassia de Maria, Santa Barbara, CA, (805) 969-5031.

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RESOURCES

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Links to a wide variety of perspectives on the bombing of Yugoslavia including background information and updates is available at [www.napf.org/kosovo.html](http://www.napf.org/kosovo.html).

Two new resources on the Y2K computer bug are available: The March/April 1999 issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists features "Safe or Sorry: The 'Y2K Problem' and Nuclear Weapons," by Michael Kraig, at [www.bullatomsci.org/issues/1999/ma99/ma99kraig.html](http://www.bullatomsci.org/issues/1999/ma99/ma99kraig.html). In addition, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem issued a report "Investigating the Impact of the Year 2000 Problem." Available at <http://www.senate.gov/~y2k/reportcontents.html>

The highly praised Judgment at Hiroshima, a book by the late Edward St. John about nuclear weapons and the way the law applies to them, was never published in English, but the manuscript is now available in the U.S. at The Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, and the Hoover Institute at Stanford University. Details: Valerie St. John, 40 Alexandra Crescent, Bayview, 2104, Australia.

Tri-Valley CARES offers a national, grassroots action kit to de-alert the U.S. nuclear arsenal by the year 2000. See <http://www.igc.org/tvc/>

Canadian Senator Douglas Roche's new website includes a section on nuclear weapons. <http://sen.parl.gc.ca/droche/>

The Department of Energy (DOE) has released two documents of interest. Its final Environmental Impact Statement for the Production of Tritium in a Commercial Light Water Reactor is available from

<http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/docs/docs.htm>.

DOE's future plans for America's nuclear arsenal are outlined in a Report of the Commission on Maintaining United States Nuclear Weapons Expertise, released March 1, 1999. <http://www.dp.doe.gov/public/chilesrpt.pdf>.

The War Peace and Security Guide Website offers sections on international relations, contemporary conflicts, peace and disarmament, and more. [www.cfsc.dnd.ca/links/](http://www.cfsc.dnd.ca/links/)

Twelve pages of quotations from warnings from military and political leaders about uncontrollable nuclear exchanges are available at [http://mt.sopris.net/mpc/military\\_warnings.html](http://mt.sopris.net/mpc/military_warnings.html)

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### \*\*\* MUNICIPALITIES

\*Congratulations to AFSC Vermont and all those who worked so diligently on the town hall meetings last month. Citizens meeting in 33 towns across the state called on the United States and all other nuclear weapon states to "secure on an urgent basis a nuclear weapons abolition treaty." The votes against nuclear weapons came during Town Meeting Day, an annual civic tradition in the state that has been called the "most democratic forum in the United States." While the Town Meeting Day votes do not carry the weight of law, nor do they compel public officials to change policy, the forums have been hailed as a measure of public opinion on important policy questions.

\*More inspiring news from Vermont: the State Senate in Vermont passed a resolution calling on the U.S. to negotiate a nuclear weapons abolition treaty. The resolution was adopted unanimously on March 23 and now moves toward consideration in the State House of Representatives. It is an outgrowth of the town meeting campaign and can, perhaps, serve as a model and inspiration for others.

\*On March 1, 1999, the town of Deer Isle, ME passed an abolition resolution based on the guidelines of the Abolition 2000 campaign at their annual town meeting. The vote was 47 in favor to 38 opposed. Thanks to Roger Burkhart, the local Abolition town organizer, for his hard work.

\*On March 6, 1999, the town of Sedgewick, ME passed its abolition resolution. We do not know the vote totals, but it apparently was close due to a rushed force vote on the issue. Thanks to Mary Grace Canfield, who led the charge. On to the CTBT.

\*On March 9, 1999, the town of South Bristol, ME passed its abolition resolution unanimously at its annual town meeting. Thanks to Julia Myers, who led the charge.

\*We just received news that the Mayor of Denver signed a statement on November 17, 1998: "Mayor Webb calls upon the governments of all nuclear weapons states to immediately begin negotiations on a Nuclear Weapons Convention to prohibit and eliminate all nuclear weapons early in the next century...therefore Denver is a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone."

### \*\*\* NEW ABOLITION 2000 ORGANIZATIONS

1. Save the World, Kathmandu, Nepal
2. Medical Association for Prevention of War, Western Australia
3. Homecoming, NY/USA
4. Women's Action for new Directions Metro Detroit, MI/USA
5. Commission on Peace and Justice of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, NY/USA

NOTE: Our goal is to have 2000 organizations endorse Abolition 2000 by the Hague Appeal for Peace. We have some 1300 organizations as of now, so please focus on outreach to organizations that you feel would support our goals--consider religious, environmental or social groups. Now is the time to get the momentum going--2000 organizations by May 11th!

### \*\*\* NEWS OF MORDECHAI VANUNU

\*What follows is an update on Mordechai Vanunu from Fredrik S. Heffermehl, for the International Vanunu Campaign, Oslo, March 30, 1999. The latest report from Ashelon prison is that Mordechai is in surprising good spirit! No one has suffered harder and longer for his action to protect the world and us all against nuclear weapons.

The US campaign has worked very hard and now succeeded beyond expectations. Altogether 36 of the representatives in the US congress, headed by Lynn N. Rivers and Bruce F. Vento, have signed an appeal to President Bill Clinton to ask for his "intercession on behalf of a man who lingers in prison simply for his belief in global peace."

The letter also contains a comment on what more and more seems a crucial point - whether Mordechai has more information to reveal. The Israeli Court that refused parole last autumn referred to the danger that Vanunu still has damaging secret information to reveal. The 36 US representatives:

"It is important to emphasize that nuclear weapons experts, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Joseph Rotblat, have certified that Mr. Vanunu has nothing to reveal that could in any war jeopardize the security of Israel. In fact, Shin Bet, Israel's internal security force, allowed Mr. Vanunu to be moved from solitary confinement to a group cell. According to a member of Knesset, Yossi Katz, this decision was based on the fact that Mr. Vanunu did not pose a threat to Israel's security. Despite this fact, the prison parole board has denied Mr. Vanunu his freedom on grounds that he remains a threat to Israel."

The UK campaign with Italian Vanunu supporters is organising a one-day conference in Rome on Friday April 23, 1999. Professor and Nobel laureate Joseph Rotblat will speak. Attempts will be made to see high Italian officials and encourage their protest against the abduction of Vanunu, but no really high official meeting is secured at this stage. Probable venue for meeting: Italian parliament.

A meeting of winners of the Right Livelihood Award (the Alternative Nobel Prize) will take place in Salzburg, Austria, from May 29 to June 2, 1999. On 3 June a delegation of prestigious winners will go to Israel to meet

with authorities and demand a meeting with Mordechai, who won this prize ten years ago.

For more information, contact [fredpax@online.no](mailto:fredpax@online.no)

### \*\*\* ACTION YOU CAN TAKE

\*Support Canada's challenge to NATO's nuclear policy. At the end of this newsletter is a draft letter for you to send to Jean Chretien, the Prime Minister of Canada, with copies to Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs and to Senator Douglas Roche O.C.

The main document, in pdf format, is a 5-page summary of the case for support for Canada's challenge to NATO nuclear policy. It is an excellent document, and can be viewed at <http://www.napf.org/abolition2000/gaylene.pdf>

This was brought together for use by Gaylene Preston, a leading NZ filmmaker, to circulate on her current visit to the U.S. and is being sent out by Ian Prior, Abolition 2000 and IPPNW NZ, Robyn Halliday and Chris King of the Wellington core group of Abolition 2000.

Time is short - letters must get to Canada by fax or email by April 10. See end of newsletter for draft letter.

### \*\*\* EVENTS

April 2: Mourning Walk and Civil Disobedience at Lockheed Martin, Valley Forge, PA. Contact [brandywine@Juno.com](mailto:brandywine@Juno.com)

April 3, 10:00-4:00 p.m.: Northern California Abolition 2000 Spring Quarterly Meeting in Walnut Creek. Contact [wslf@earthlink.net](mailto:wslf@earthlink.net)

April 5: Protest U.S. Nuclear Bombs in Suffolk, UK and conduct a Citizen's Inspection with "Tony Blair" and CND Colleagues. Contact: [geowcpuk@gn.apc.org](mailto:geowcpuk@gn.apc.org)

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May 7-9: Mothers' Day "Moms not Bombs" celebration in Luck, WI. Contact Nukewatch at nukewtch@win.bright.net

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May 8: The Sonoma County Center for Peace and Justice is creating an event that revolves around the original Mothers' Day Proclamation of 1870. The event will be held in Santa Rosa, CA. For more information on this event or how to create your own local Mothers' Day event, contact [abolishnukes@igc.org](mailto:abolishnukes@igc.org).

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May 11-August 6, 1999: Global Peace March - a 1500 k.m.walk being organised in India to commemorate the Nuclear Tests conducted by India last year and Hiroshima Day. Contact e-mail addresses: [rahul@cc.iitb.ernet.in](mailto:rahul@cc.iitb.ernet.in), [asha@lw1.vsnl.net.in](mailto:asha@lw1.vsnl.net.in). Web site address for march is: [members.tripod.com/peacemarch/morcha.htm](http://members.tripod.com/peacemarch/morcha.htm)

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### \*\*\* RESOURCES

"Abolition of Nuclear Weapons - A New Zealand Perspective" is a new publication which backgrounds the issues and points the way forward - as seen by one of the few countries with anti-nuclear legislation. Available from Abolition 2000 NZ c/- Department of Public Health Wellington School of Medicine PO Box 7343 Wellington email [prior@netlink.co.nz](mailto:prior@netlink.co.nz)- Cost US\$10.00 includes post.

On March 9th, an anti-nuclear demonstration was held at Three Mile Island by the group "No Nukes." There was a great deal of media interest and coverage by CNN. A slide show can be viewed at <http://www.enviroweb.org/nukenet/page1.html>

"The One Stop Nuke Shop"-- a fact sheet on Los Alamos National lab which you can check out on the web at <http://www.peace-action.org/onestop.html> or through our "Beyond the Bomb" web site at

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\*\*\*Below is the draft letter mentioned in the Action You Can Take section. You can view the supporting document at: <http://www.napf.org/abolition2000/gaylene.pdf>

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Prime Minister Jean Chretien  
House of Commons  
Ottawa  
Ontario

Dear Prime Minister  
I have read the paper prepared by Abolition 2000 New Zealand and the New Zealand affiliate of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War dealing with the report of the Canadian House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade. I have had the opportunity to examine the key recommendations in Section 3, 5, 14 and 15.

I believe it is a landmark document that makes a major contribution to nuclear disarmament and could play a leading role in finally ending the nuclear threat overhanging humanity. I recognise that progress may be slow. I fully concur with the recommendations and commend them to your Government.

I share your goal of the elimination of nuclear weapons.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Lloyd Axworthy and to Senator Douglas Roche.

Yours sincerely

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Date: Sun, 4 Apr 1999 06:51:02 -0700 (PDT)  
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X-Sender: vsidel@pop2.igc.org

At 04:51 AM 4/2/99 -0800, alynw@ibm.net wrote:

>Dear Friends,

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>Due to work visa expiration and family commitments I have now left the United States and will be travelling for three months before returning to Aotearoa-New Zealand. I will be continuing to work part-time as Consultant at Large for the Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy. My new email is alynw@ibm.net. I do not yet have a new mailing address.

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>The new Executive Director for LCNP is John Burroughs.

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>Peace

>Alyn Ware

Dear Alyn:

Permit me to take this opportunity to thank you publicly, on behalf of IPPNW and personally, for the enormous contributions you have made during your stint in New York City. It has been a pleasure working with you, and you will be sorely missed. I hope there will be further opportunities in the future to work closely with you.

IPPNW, and I personally as the IPPNW "Head Representative" to the NYC UN site, will do everything we can to support John Burroughs and the excellent work of LCNP.

Cordially,  
Vic

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Date: Mon, 5 Apr 1999 15:41:20 -0700  
From: "Bruce Hall" <bhall@peace-action.org>  
Importance: Normal  
Sender: owner-abolition-caucus@igc.org  
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To: <abolition-caucus@igc.org>  
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To : Abolitionists Everywhere  
From: Bruce Hall at Peace Action  
Date: April 5, 1999  
Re : NATO citizen's sign-on

Dear folks in NATO Countries -

Please have your organizations sign on to the statement below which we will deliver to heads of state during the 50th anniversary commemorations of NATO in Washington, DC on April 23rd.

Please be sure to include your organization's name AND THE COUNTRY from which you reside. The statement was drafted by the Fourth Freedom Forum and Peace Action.

See below,

Bruce

Citizen's Summit  
Washington, DC  
Citizen's Communiqué  
23 April 1999

We, citizens of the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, have come together in Washington, D.C. on the fiftieth anniversary of the Alliance to call on NATO to end its reliance nuclear weapons and work toward a nuclear weapons free world as we enter the 21st century. The greatest danger the world faces today is the continued reliance on and physical existence of nuclear weapons. By clinging to these weapons, the United States and its allies are violating solemn treaty obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty and are encouraging other nations to follow their example. The continued existence and spread of nuclear weapons increase the likelihood that a nuclear catastrophe will occur somewhere on the planet through anger, miscalculation, or accident. Such a catastrophe would have unimaginable consequences and threaten the very fabric of civilization.

The only answer to the present nuclear dilemma is for the United States and

its NATO allies to disavow the use or threatened use of nuclear weapons. The World Court has ruled that any such use violates international humanitarian law. Nuclear weapons must be stigmatized, de-legitimized, and eliminated. For almost 50 years, Europe has been the potential flashpoint for a catastrophic nuclear crisis. The Iron Curtain, the Warsaw Pact, Checkpoint Charlie, the Berlin Wall itself--once symbols of Europe's position on the front line of a dangerous nuclear standoff--are now history. It is time to relegate NATO's nuclear weapons, and all nuclear weapons, to the history books as well.

NATO's nuclear weapons were introduced decades ago to counter a perceived threat that no longer exists. Today nuclear weapons have no conceivable role in guaranteeing the peace and security of Europe and North America. The safety of the region and of the entire world would be enhanced if these weapons were eliminated.

We urge NATO to acknowledge the negative consequences of maintaining nuclear weapons as it updates its Strategic Concept and redefines its mission for the 21st Century. We call upon NATO to commit itself to a world without nuclear weapons and to work with other governments to achieve a verifiable ban on the possession or use of nuclear weapons. We pledge as citizens to work tirelessly to increase public awareness and support for the goal of a nuclear weapons free future.

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Bruce Hall  
Peace Action Field Organizer  
<bhall@peace-action.org>  
202.862.9740 x 3038  
Fax: 202.862.9762

To: "Bruce Hall" <bhall@peace-action.org>  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: NATO citizen's summit: please sign on  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

At 03:41 PM 4/5/99 -0700, Bruce Hall wrote:

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>Date: April 5, 1999  
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Dear Bruce,

I will be pleased to sign the statement. I particularly like the unequivocal stand of no use and no threatened use. I'm no longer signing statements that merely call for no first use because that accepts second use, which is morally wrong.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
U.S.A.

To: hnolen@igc.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Sign on letter for CTBT  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Heather,

Here is a copy of my previous communication on the CTBT sign on letter. I hope you can get signatures from the National Council of Churches and Church World Service, too, if appropriate. I'm trying to wrap this up this week.

Thanks,  
Howard

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Dear Colleagues:

I have revised the letter to senators in support of the CTBT to incorporate the language of the interfaith petition in the first paragraph. Otherwise it is the same as the previously circulated draft. Signatures are now invited by heads of offices or by whoever else you think is appropriate.

We want to deliver the letter to senators' offices on Monday, April 12 when the Senate returns from recess. Therefore, please provide your reply on signing no later than Wednesday, April 7.

The letterhead will show the names of all organizations signing the letter.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Letters to senators in support of Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Signing deadline: April 7, 1999.  
Please reply to Howard Hallman at mupj@igc.org or phone/fax 301 896-0013.

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

We the undersigned representatives of faith-based organizations appeal for prompt Senate action on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). By banning all nuclear test explosions, the CTBT is an essential step toward reducing the dangers posed by nuclear weapons. To care for God's creation and to best fulfill our moral responsibilities, we urge the Senate to ratify the CTBT during this session of Congress. Therefore,....

To Senator Lott:  
we request that you schedule a date certain when the treaty will be voted on by the entire Senate.

To Senator Helms:  
we request that you schedule public hearings on the treaty as soon as possible.

To members of Foreign Relations Committee  
we request that you as a member of the Foreign Relations Committee work within the committee to schedule prompt and fair public hearings on the treaty.

To other senators:

we request that you urge members of the Foreign Relations Committee to schedule prompt and fair public hearings on the treaty. We also ask you to request Senate leadership to set a date certain when the treaty will be voted on by the entire Senate.

Continue for all senators:

We firmly believe that ratification of the CTBT is very much within the national interest of the United States because the treaty will:

- Ø Stem the spread of nuclear weapons.
- Ø Establish a strict verification and monitoring system.
- Ø Protect public health and the environment.
- Ø Lead the way by setting an example for other nations to follow.

Public opinion polls reveal that more than three-fourths of persons surveyed favor ratification of the CTBT. This high level of support prevails among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. Accordingly, Senate action on the CTBT can be an important expression of bipartisanship in the conduct of foreign policy.

To be sure, the CTBT has its critics. The best way to deal with their concerns would be through open hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Let the Clinton Administration and other supporters make their case for the treaty. Let critics raise their objections. Then the Foreign Relations Committee by majority vote can make its recommendations. Next the Senate as a whole can consider whether to concur on ratification, as the Constitution requires.

By giving fair consideration to a treaty with wide public support, you will show the people of the United States that the Senate is responsive to public opinion. At a time when a wide segment of the public has doubts about the performance of the Congress, action on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty will enhance the reputation of the Senate as a trustworthy instrument of American democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Name, title, and organization of signer

Return-Path: <Washofc@aol.com>  
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Date: Tue, 6 Apr 1999 14:35:33 EDT  
Subject: CTBT Sign-on Letter  
To: mupj@igc.org  
Reply-To: Washofc@aol.com

Our office would like to sign-on to this letter.  
Loyc Borgmann, Co-ordinator  
Church of the Brethren Washington Office

Return-Path: <jcannon@lcwr.org>  
From: "Judy Cannon, RSM" <jcannon@lcwr.org>  
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To: Howard Hallman

I will attend the briefing on the CTBT on Friday, April 9, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
Thank you for the invitation. I will be representing both the Leadership  
Conference of Women Religious and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men.

Judith Cannon  
Birth: 01/01/42  
SS #: 567-8--9634

To: relctbt  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Delivering CTBT letter to Senators  
Cc:  
Bcc: mupj@igc.org  
X-Attachments:

Dear Colleagues:

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Thanks for your cooperation.

Howard

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Gregg (N.H.)  
Gorton (Wash.)  
Hagel (Neb.) F.R. Ctte  
Lott (Miss.) Majority Leader  
Lugar (Ind.) F.R.Ctte  
Smith (Ore.) F.R. Ctte  
Snowe (Maine)  
Stevens (Alaska)

Thomas (Wyo.) F.R.Ctte  
Warner (Va.)

## SECOND TIER REPUBLICANS

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Bond (Mo.)  
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Campbell (Colo.)  
Crapo (Idaho)  
DeWine (Ohio)  
Enzi (Wyo.)  
Fitzgerald (Ill.)  
Grassley (Iowa)  
Hatch (Utah)  
McCain (Ariz.)  
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Howard,

Sorry about the error. I thought I corrected it in a second message. Here is my correct #: 567-80-9634. Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: Howard W. Hallman [mailto:mupj@igc.apc.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 1999 4:25 PM  
To: Judy Cannon, RSM; mupj@igc.org  
Subject: Re: CTBT Briefing

At 03:50 PM 4/6/99 -0400, Judy Cannon, RSM wrote:

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To: Judith Cannon

I believe a digit is missing from your social security number.

Howard

Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
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<wowensby@ctr.pcusa.org>, <marierietman@2020vision.org>  
Subject: CTBT : Rhode Island

Below is a report from our Rhode Island state contact. She has a meeting set up tomorrow with Chafee.

Anyone have anyone else they want in on the meeting?

Tom, Chafee is definitely Episcopal. You may or may not want to make a call and may or may not have time. Feel free---they'd love company.

Marie, it would be good to give the specific message for what we want out of Chafee right now. They know in general terms. Any late breaking instructions?

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Forward Header

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Subject: CTBT  
Author: <Uncms@aol.com > at internet-mail  
Date: 4/5/99 4:15 PM

Hi, Jay - We had been planning to deliver the petitions to Chafee during the Interfaith Briefing, because his staff had said he would be on vacation. But on Thurs. or Fri (memory lapse!) I got a call from the RISCC office that he had agreed to see us on Wed., the 7th at 1:30pm.

Jim Miller, Executive Minister of the RI State Council of Churches, Don Rasmussen, head of the American Baptist Churches in RI, possible Daehler Hayes, UCC Denom Exec., Charlotte Decker, Chair, UCC of RI Social Justice Comm, and myself as Chair, Advocacy /Justice and Service Comm. of RISCC will definitely be going. Also, possibly a friend from the Diocese of Providence Social Justice grp.

I've sent emails, made phone calls, and been a general haunt, but the petitions haven't been flooding my mailbox!

I have them from: Peace Dale Church, UCC; Beneficent, UCC; Seekonk, UCC; Woodridge, UCC and I'm checking once again with Kingston, Barrington and Central all UCC. I also have one from the Governing Board of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches (no one escapes me!) as well as from the RI Social Justice Comm of the UCC, a Presbyterian church in Providence, and a Friends meeting house. If there are any stragglers, I'll mail them to Chafee's office, since we'll already have met.

Hope this helps. Email me if there are any other churches that you know of that have participated.

Peace - looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Diana Burdett

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Return-Path: <jsammon@networklobby.org>  
X-Sender: jsammon@mail.networklobby.org  
Date: Wed, 07 Apr 1999 11:36:25 -0400  
To: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org> (by way of NETWORK <network@networklobby.org>)  
From: Jean Sammon <jsammon@networklobby.org>  
Subject: Re: Delivering CTBT letter to Senators

Hi Howard --  
I'll take Sen. DeWine & Voinovich from Ohio (I'm from Ohio)  
and I'd also be willing to take the Catholics in the group if no one else  
does (Collins, Domenici, Bunning, Fitzgerald, Murkowski)

At 11:00 AM 4/7/99 , you wrote:

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- >Gorton (Wash.)
- >Hagel (Neb.) F.R. Ctte
- >Lott (Miss.) Majority Leader
- >Lugar (Ind.) F.R.Ctte
- >Smith (Ore.) F.R. Ctte
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- >Warner (Va.)

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Return-Path: <Rbblakn@aol.com>  
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Date: Wed, 7 Apr 1999 13:24:02 EDT  
Subject: Interfaith Petition for CTBT  
To: mupj@igc.org  
Reply-To: Rbblakn@aol.com

To Howard W. Hallman  
Hello Howard,

I have found your name and email address from the newsletter of Bethany UMC in Boston. I would appreciate receiving information and copies of the petition by email in time for the next Church & Society Team meeting which will be held next Tuesday, 4/13/99 at University Temple UMC in Seattle, Washington. It would be helpful to get the petition before next Tuesday. Thanks.

We have been casually working on this issue for some time but not in a concerted manner with others, hence the petition effort sounds encouraging. I am the Church & Society Team coordinator.

Would you be interested in looking at the Iraq economic sanctions issue? The results of this are that between 4,500 and 7,000 under age five children are dying particularly from malnutrition (1998 UNICEF under age five mortality figures are 7 per 1000 in 1989 as against 57 in 1997, ie, an excess of 50 per 1000 children or over one-quarter of the children over a five-year period of time), but also due to destruction of sewage and water systems - importation of chlorine is not allowed. Despite economic sanctions having been in effect since August 1989, Saddam Hussein is not only still in power, but his grip has been strengthened. Yes, importation of arms and precursors for weapons of mass destruction should be proscribed. I'll send you a speech by mail given at Harvard on 11/5/99 by Denis Halliday, former Assistant Secretary General of the UN.

Thanks,  
Dick Blakney, 4015 NE 60th Street, Seattle, WA 98115-7517. 206-522-4934.

To: Rbblakn@aol.com, mupj@igc.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: Interfaith Petition for CTBT  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

At 01:24 PM 4/7/99 EDT, Rbblakn@aol.com wrote:

>To Howard W. Hallman

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>Bethany UMC in Boston. I would appreciate receiving information and copies  
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Dear Dick,

You can download a copy of the CTBT petition and get other information on the interfaith petition drive from the website of the Lutheran Office of Governmental Affairs: [www.loga.org](http://www.loga.org). That site also provides the name of a contact in the State of Washington who is coordinating interfaith efforts there.

If this doesn't work for you, please get back in touch with me.

No, we don't have a website. There is one, though, for the United Methodists General Board of Church and Society: [www.umc-gbcs.org](http://www.umc-gbcs.org). It contacts some information on the CTBT, statements on Iraq and Kosovo, and other information.

Shalom,  
Howard

Return-Path: <hnolen@igc.org>  
Date: Wed, 07 Apr 1999 16:36:33 -0700  
From: Heather Nolen <hnolen@igc.org>  
Reply-To: hnolen@igc.org  
Organization: church world service  
To: mupj@igc.org  
Subject: sign-on calling for hearings

Howard,

Thanks for your work on this. Here is how our signature should read:

Rodney I. Page, Deputy General Secretary, National Council of the  
Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and Executive Director, Church World  
Service

To: Rbblakn@aol.com, mupj@igc.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: website address  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

At 11:34 PM 4/7/99 EDT, Rbblakn@aol.com wrote:

>Hello again, Howard,  
>Thanks for your speedy response about my inquiry for the petition text. I  
>tried the web address of <www.loga.org> a couple of times and both times it  
>said unknown address. I wonder if you could double check it please?  
>Thanks.  
>Peace, Dick Blakney  
>  
>Hi,

I checked and the site came up immediately. Why don't you try again?

Howard

To: phil  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Board meeting material  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Phil,

It looks as though there will be 10 or 11 people at our board meeting tomorrowk April 9. Therefore, you might prepare 12 copies of your treasurer's reports (just to have an extra one if someone shows up unexpectedly). I will have coffee, tea, pastries, fruit for our snacks.

As you suggested, MUPJ will pay for lunch. When you go at 1:00 p.m. (and I go off to the meeting at the Old Executive Office Building), will you have cash or credit card to pay for it? You'll be reimbursed, of course, so bring a check.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Howard,  
I'll pay for lunch with a credit card in order to create a record.

Eleven or twelve, eh? I've had a dickens of a time getting reports to print out as I would like them but they are ready. I'll make copies at church.

See you in the A.M. The church opens at 9:00 by the by.

P.

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To: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
From: "Mary H. Miller" <epf@peacenet.org>  
Subject: Delivering CTBT letter to Senators

Howard,

Sorry to be late in letting you know this, but I'm not available to help with the delivery of the letters next week. I hope there's enough people power to get the job done easily.

Mary

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To: mupj@igc.apc.org  
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Hi Howard:

Thanks for arranging today's meeting. It was helpful to hear the Administration efforts and I'm sure the large turn out of faith groups spoke well of our interest.

I'd be willing to drop letters at 5 Senate offices next week. Let me know if you still need help.

Warm regards,  
Daryl Byler

Return-Path: <lintnerj@ucc.org>  
Date: Fri, 09 Apr 99 16:39:18 -0500  
From: "JAY LINTNER" <lintnerj@ucc.org>  
To: <mupj@igc.org>, <kathy@fcnl.org>, <marsusab@aol.com>,  
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From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Lintner's ctbt next step proposal for grassroots  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Colleagues:

Even before I posted a request for exchange of ideas for follow through of our meeting with Robert Bell, Jay Lintner posted the following message to a few of us. I am taking the liberty of forwarding it to all members of the Interfaith Group for the CTBT.

Please share your response to Jay's ideas.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Dear Colleagues:

We had an excellent exchange on Friday, April 9 with Robert Bell and Steve Andreasen of the National Security Council staff. I hope we can follow through expeditiously.

Rather than wait for the next meeting of the Interfaith Group for the CTBT, scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., I suggest that we engage in an internet exchange immediately. You can do so by posting your ideas for follow through and "replying to all" for this message. To the extent that a reasonable consensus emerges, we can move ahead with follow-through activities before we meet again as a group.

Shalom,  
Howard

To: btiller@psr.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: An interfaith proposal on nuclear abolition  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Bob,

I would like to have an extended conversation with you to talk about my ideas for initiating an Interfaith Partnership for Nuclear Abolition. A proposal is attached.

Such an Interfaith Partnership would have to be acceptable to and implemented by denominational offices and religious associations. It should also fit in with other efforts working for nuclear abolition, including two or three other faith-based initiatives. This is fairly complicated, so I need your advice.

I have shared the proposal for an Interfaith Partnership with Bob Musil, David Cortright, and Senator Cranston, and I've reviewed it with my own Board of Directors. However, I haven't yet talked to potential partners within the faith community. I feel that I first need a better grasp on how this initiative fits in with these other efforts. That's what I want to talk through with you.

I'll give you a call to set up a meeting with you.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Interfaith Partnership for Nuclear Abolition

A Proposal by  
Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

I propose the formation of an Interfaith Partnership for Nuclear Abolition. It would consist of representatives of denominations and religious associations in the United States, but it would reach out to faith leaders and organizations in other countries.

As a point of departure for discussion, I offer here a draft statement that describes the partnership, its commitment and demands, and its operating structure.

A Charter for Action  
(second draft)

The Problem

For decades religious leaders and religious bodies have condemned the existence of nuclear weapons and have spoken against their use and threatened use. Yet, the world's nuclear arsenal has persisted.

Today the United States and Russia maintain thousands of nuclear warheads on hair-trigger alert, poised for rapid launching. The United Kingdom, France, China, and Israel also possess nuclear warheads kept on hair-trigger alert. In 1998 India and Pakistan conducted nuclear weapon tests and are developing their own nuclear arsenals. Several other states would like to do likewise. There is increasing danger that terrorist organizations will gain possession of nuclear

weapons.

In face of the continued risk of nuclear war and the unspeakable horror that would result, we are called to speak out once again and to engage in concerted action on the necessity of nuclear abolition.

### Our Commitment

We affirm that nuclear weapons, whether used or threatened, are grossly evil, morally wrong, and spiritually bankrupt. As an instrument of mass destruction, nuclear weapons slaughter the innocent and ravage the environment. When used as instruments of deterrence, nuclear weapons hold innocent people hostage for political and military purposes. Therefore, the doctrine of nuclear deterrence is morally and spiritually corrupt.

We have said this before in numerous statements and reports and have called for global nuclear disarmament. However, the political and military leaders of nuclear weapon states have refused to heed our calls for nuclear disarmament. This time as we speak out again on this subject, we intend to move beyond words to action.

To this end we pledge to work together in partnership to press for the elimination of all nuclear weapons on Earth. We commit ourselves and the institutions we represent to engage vigorously in educational activities and public policy advocacy for nuclear abolition. We will sustain our partnership on this issue until our goal is achieved.

### Steps to Nuclear Abolition

In order to achieve the total elimination of nuclear weapons, we call upon the United States and all other possessors of nuclear weapons to carry out the following actions:

- Ø Renounce unconditionally the use of nuclear weapons for deterrence and war-fighting purposes.
- Ø Pledge never to use nuclear weapons against any adversary under any circumstance.
- Ø Immediately take all nuclear weapons off alert by separating warheads from delivery vehicles and by other means.
- Ø Embark upon a program to systematically dismantle all nuclear warheads and delivery vehicles as soon as possible with adequate safeguards and verification, carried out under multilateral treaties and reciprocal national initiatives.
- Ø Ratify and implement the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, (b) cease all research, development, testing, production, and deployment of new nuclear weapons, and (c) refrain from modernizing the existing nuclear arsenal.
- Ø Enter into a multilateral process to develop, adopt, and carry out a nuclear weapons convention that outlaws and abolishes all nuclear weapons under strict and effective international control.
- Ø Develop and implement a system for control of all fissile material with international accounting, monitoring, and safeguards.

### Partnership Framework

As a means of working together, we will establish an Interfaith Partnership for Nuclear Abolition. It will have two operational components: a Leadership Council and a Working Group.

The Leadership Council will consist of representatives of religious denominations and other major religious bodies that are committed to the elimination of nuclear weapons and are willing to work together to achieve this goal. It will meet two or three times a year to set the course for the Interfaith Partnership and to consider and adopt policy statements. To assist in decision-making, the Leadership Council will be provided background reports and will receive briefings from experts on nuclear abolition and governmental officials.

Delegations of the Leadership Council and individual members will call upon public officials to press the case for nuclear abolition. Representatives of the Leadership Council will speak at public gatherings and participate in media events. Members of the Leadership Council will confer and work with their counterparts from other sectors who are working for nuclear abolition.

The Interfaith Working Group for Nuclear Abolition will consist of staff and volunteers from denominations and other religious associations that are part of the Partnership. It will meet monthly to plan partnership activities, guide

implementation, and evaluate the results. Sub-groups will function as appropriate to plan and carry out particular tasks.

To foster education on nuclear abolition issues, the Working Group will facilitate the development and production of study guides, worship material, and audio-visual resources. Distribution will occur through networks of participating organizations. The Working Group will also facilitate internet linkage on nuclear abolition matters, both among its members and with secular organizations working for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

The Working Group will be engaged in public advocacy for nuclear abolition through direct contact with public officials and through grassroots networks of the participating organizations. The Working Group will encourage and assist interfaith advocacy within the 50 states and other geographic units.

The Working Group will invite representatives of secular organizations to participate in its meetings and will carry out joint projects with such organizations.

The Interfaith Partnership for Nuclear Abolition will have a media component. Its purpose will be to get the faith perspective on nuclear abolition into television and radio news and analysis and into the print media, both national and local. Maximum use will be made of denominational and other religious publications to articulate the necessity of nuclear abolition, to explain ways for achieving this objective, and to encourage public advocacy.

April 12, 1999

To: Rbblakn@aol.com, mupj@igc.org (Howard Hallman)  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: Petition on CTBT  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

At 03:01 PM 4/10/99 EDT, Rbblakn@aol.com wrote:

>Hello again Howard,  
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>I did get through to LOGA and printed out what they said about the CTBT, but  
>there is nothing there regarding a petition; the text talks about writing to  
>Congress. However, in the Jan-Feb 1999 issue of Social Questions Bulletin it  
>says there is a petition which can be obtained from you. If that is  
>correct, I'd like to get a copy if possible as it's easier to get people to  
>sign a petition than to get them to write letters! Thanks.

>  
>Dick Blakney, 4015 NE 60th Street, Seattle, WA 98115

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>  
Dear Dick,

I'll mail you a petition. Meantime you might try again as follows:

[www.loga.org](http://www.loga.org)  
Click Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty petition drive  
In section on What You Can Do, click attached petition.  
That will provide the petition, which you can download or print.

Shalom,  
Howard

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PRESS INFORMATION: For Immediate Release. April 10, 1999.

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The text is on our web site at [www.gn.apc.org/abolition2000uk](http://www.gn.apc.org/abolition2000uk)

A Summary is attached.

## NATO AND NO FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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To: dkimball@clw.org  
From: Daryl Kimball <dkimball@clw.org>  
Subject: CTBT campaign update

April 12, 1999

TO: Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers members and CTBT Wkg. Grp.  
participants  
FR: Daryl Kimball, Executive Director

RE: Update on CTBT campaign activities

Last Friday, the Coalition's CTBT Working Group met to assess the status of the CTBT effort and to plan next steps. While the war in Kosovo makes all our efforts more difficult, there are a number of projects planned or underway that aim to increase awareness and support for action on the test ban, especially as the May anniversaries of India and Pakistan's 1998 nuclear blast near. What follows is:

- 1) an updated CTBT events calendar;
- 2) a summary of public outreach activities based on a memo from Marie Rietmann of 20/20 Vision, plus a list of public education resources; and
- 3) a summary of CTBT media activities planned by the Coalition and allied groups.

If you are interested in information on Hill-related CTBT efforts, contact me directly at <dkimball@clw.org>

For an summary of the overall CTBT situation, see "Arms Control Issues in 1999: the CTBT" located at <<http://www.clw.org/coalition/aca0399.htm>>

Look for additional e-mail updates on India and Pakistan's nuclear weapons and testing policies in the near future.

DK

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CTBT CALENDAR: 1999 --

January 19 Senate reconvenes and begins regular sessions, noon  
January 19 Pres. Clinton delivers the State of the Union address

February 5 CTBT Working Group Mtg., UCS 7th floor conference room, 1616 P  
St. NW

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March 15 Commission on Maintaining U.S. Nuclear Weapons Expertise, report to Congress (42 U.S.C. 2121 note, amended by Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Pub.L. 105-85, sec. 3163(b))

April 2 45th anniversary of P.M. Jawaharlal Nehru's speech to the Indian Parliament for a "standstill agreement" regarding nuclear test explosions

April 9 CTBT Working Group Mtg., UCS 7th floor conference room, 1616 P St. NW

April 20-23 Eighth Preparatory Session of the CTBTO, Vienna, Austria

March 26-  
April 12 Senate spring recess

May 7 CTBT Working Group Mtg., UCS 7th floor conference room, 1616 P St. NW

May-June Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott meets with Pakistani and Indian counterparts, possible Indian and/or Pakistani signature of CTBT

May 10-21 Preparatory Committee Meeting of the NPT Review Conference, United Nations, New York

May 11 & 13 First anniversary of 1998 Indian nuclear tests at Pokhran ("Pokhran II")

May 18 25th anniversary of the first Indian nuclear test (1974) at Pokhran

May 28 & 30 First anniversary of 1998 Pakistani nuclear tests

May 28-June 6 Senate Memorial Day recess

June 4 CTBT Working Group Mtg., UCS 7th floor conference room, 1616 P St. NW

July 2-12 Senate Independence Day recess

July 16 54th anniversary of the first nuclear test, "Trinity," at Alamogordo, N.M.

August 6 & 9 Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days

Aug.6-Sept.6 Senate summer recess

Aug. 23-27 Ninth Preparatory Session of the CTBTO, Vienna, Austria

August 29 50th anniversary of the first Soviet nuclear test, Semipalatinsk Test Site, Kazakhstan

September 24 Third anniversary of the signing of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)

September 28-30 OR October 4-6 First Special Conference on CTBT Entry Into Force at United Nations, New York or Vienna (estimate)

October 1 Deadline for Pentagon report to Congress on the safety, reliability and security of the U.S. nuclear stockpile

October 9-12 Senate Columbus Day recess (estimate)

October 16 35th anniversary of the first Chinese nuclear test, Lop Nur, China

October 21 U.S. temporary waiver of sanctions against India and Pakistan related to their nuclear testing expires

October 29 target date for adjournment of Congress

Nov. 16-19 Tenth Preparatory Session of the CTBTO, Vienna, Austria

NOTE: All deadlines and due dates for Congress and the Administration should be considered flexible; both branches of government frequently act later than scheduled. Dates of additional CTBT Working Group Meetings of the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers will be announced as they are scheduled.

Revised by Daryl Kimball <dkimball@clw.org> April 12, 1999.

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PLANNED PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES ON CTBT -- based on 4/8/99 compilation from Marie Rietmann

## APRIL

\* Interfaith CTBT petition delivered to Senators in field offices and sign-on letter from various denominational leaders is delivered to DC offices. For more information on the petition, see <<http://www.loga.org/CTBTalt.htm>>

\* FCNL Young Adults Lobby Days, April 9-12 (will include CTBT)

\* Interfaith Public Policy Briefing in DC, April 25-28 (includes workshop on CTBT)

\* Alliance for Nuclear Accountability DC Days, April 25-28 (will include CTBT)

\* letters to Senators from presidents of major environmental organizations (contact <[ctbt@2020vision.org](mailto:ctbt@2020vision.org)> for more details)

## MAY

(Key organizing dates: Mothers' Day [originally a post-Civil War call for mothers to put an end to war] May 9; anniversaries of the 1998 Indian (11 & 13) and Pakistani (28 & 30) nuclear blasts; Senate Memorial Day recess, May 28-June 6)

\* Women in International Security/Coalition briefing in DC on CTBT w/K. Magraw & L. Shultz-Heim -- May 5 (details to be announced later)

\* Peace Action and PSR home state lobby visits during Memorial Day recess (will include CTBT)

## JUNE

(Key organizing dates: 36th anniversary of JFK's American University Speech calling for LTBT, June 10; Senate July recess, July 2-11)

\* 20/20 Vision monthly action alert postcard to members on CTBT

## JULY-AUGUST

(Key organizing dates: 54th anniversary of first n-test, July 16; Senate August recess, Aug. 6 - Sept. 6; Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days)

\* Peace Action National Congress & Demonstration, Los Alamos, NM, August 6-9

## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

(Key organizing dates: 3rd anniversary of the signing of the CTBT, September 24; Special Conference on CTBT Entry Into Force in New York or Vienna, Sept. 28-30 OR Oct. 4-6 (estimate); Senate Columbus Day recess (estimate), October 9-12; target date for adjournment of Congress, October 29)

\* Womens Action for New Directions/Womens Legislators Lobby National Conference & Lobby Day, September 26-28

## CTBT OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION RESOURCES:

\* 20/20 Vision-produced action alert postcards (See <<http://www.2020vision.org/ctbt.html>> for more information.)

\* Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers CTBT brochure (See <<http://www.clw.org/coalition/ctbkform.htm>> for more information.)

\* "Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Now!" buttons from the Disarmament Clearinghouse(See <<http://www.psr.org/buttons.htm>> or contact 898-0150 for more information.)

\* Information on Senators in connection with the CTBT <<http://www.2020vision.org/ctbtSenate.html>> and their state contact information <<http://www.2020vision.org/ctbtfield.html>>

\* CDI video documentary on CTBT (Contact <[msugg@cdi.org](mailto:msugg@cdi.org)> for ordering information.)

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## DRAFT CTBT MEDIA STRATEGY -- Updated 4/9/99

This outline of activities is preliminary. It cannot and does not incorporate White House-generated CTBT media opportunities. If you have

additional ideas, plans or information about CTBT-related media events/pegs please contact Daryl Kimball (dkimball@clw.org) or contact CTBT Working Group Chair, Tom Collina at <tcollina@ucsusa.org>

#### Late-FEBRUARY

- \* CTBT editorial advisory mailing and follow-up calls (NSNS)
- \* response to Cato paper (C. Paine)

#### MARCH-APRIL

- \* Targeted op-ed placement campaign #1 (CRND with consultant Burt Glass)
- \* Coalition Issue Briefs on CTBT
- \* press outreach on interfaith petitions/meetings (UCC and CRND)
- \* Breakfast briefing for DC reporters on S. Asia/nuclear testing/CTBT one year later (CRND) -- April 29

#### MAY-JUNE: India/Pakistan N-Test Anniversaries and NPT Prep Com in NYC

- \* Women in Intl. Security/Coalition briefing on CTBT w/K. Magraw & L. Shultz-Heim -- May 5
- \* CDI America's Defense Monitor documentary on CTBT -- airs on May 9
- \* publicity on Collina address to NPT delegates on CTBT -- May 10
- \* Report on Special Conference on CTBT EIF (CRND, others)
- \* Briefing in NYC at NPT meeting for delegates on special conference report (CRND, George Bunn, Acronym Institute) -- May 12
- \* National Security News Service panel discussion on India and Pakistan one year after the nuclear tests at NPC -- May 20
- \* Editorial board writers conference call (NSNS)
- \* Targeted op-ed placement campaign #2 (CRND)
- \* Coalition Issue Briefs on CTBT
- \* possible targeted editorial board visits involving local community leaders, with radio and television media placements for out of town "experts" (CRND w/consultant, others, tbd)
- \* "Roots on the Radio" grassroots media effort (20/20 Vision)
- \* Release report on "The Case for the Test Ban" based on brochure and additional arguments (T. Collina, C. Paine, CRND)

#### JUNE: Showdown in Senate on CTBT Nearing? LTBT Anniversaries

- \* Release new bipartisan national polling results on CTBT (including press event in DC, local releases, editorial board meetings) - CRND

#### JULY-AUGUST:

- \* CTBT editorial advisory mailing and follow-up calls (NSNS)
- \* poll-related media follow-up

#### SEPTEMBER 24: 3rd Anniversary of Signing of CTBT

- \* Coalition publicity activities to be determined

EARLY OCTOBER: Special Conference on CTBT Entry Into Force

\* Coalition publicity activities to be determined

(Compiled by Daryl Kimball, Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers)

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From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
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X-Attachments:

At 12:55 PM 4/12/99 EDT, EDBruegge@aol.com wrote:

>A year ago we were all eagerly looking forward to our reunion in Austin. Now  
>we are only a little over 2 years away from our gathering in Montreat, NC,  
>June 29-July 1, 2001.

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>We are busy gathering information that will make you visit everything you  
>would hope for. It would be helpful to know approximately in your clan are  
>thinking of attending. It is just a guesstimate but let us know your  
>estimate by eMail or land mail(60 Winding Pond Rd, Londonderry, NH  
>30353-3371.....

Ed,

I can't say for sure, but it seems quite possible that Carlee and I, our two daughters, Beth and Joy, and Joy's son, Matthew, will attend teh 2001 Hallman reunion. If so, we'll probably drive.

It was nice to have the visit with you.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Subject: Re: Lintner's ctbt next step proposal for grassroots

Kathie Guthrie and Walt Owensby had some excellent responses, but I am not smart enough with this technology to forward them to the whole group. I like your idea of conversation, Howard.

Walt and Kathy: Can you repeat your comments to whole group, or paraphrase?

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Subject: DE)ALERTING CALL-IN DAYS

Dear Folks: Please spread the word far and wide. I'll be calling some of you soon to talk with you about your plans for the call-in days.

Kathy  
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\*\*ACTION ALERT\*\*ACTION ALERT\*\*ACTION ALERT\*\*  
CALL THE PRESIDENT, MAY 13 & 14 (202) 456-1111  
TELL HIM TO TAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS OFF  
OF HAIR-TRIGGER ALERT  
<http://www.psr.org/de-alert-call.htm>  
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A RECIPE FOR DISASTER:

36,000 Nuclear Weapons in the World

Thousands on hair-trigger alert, ready to fire at a moment's notice and destroy the world.  
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TIME FOR A CHANGE:  
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The Cold War was over years ago.

Many experts agree that de-alerting nuclear weapons will help protect against accidental nuclear war and enhance security.

It's time for a significant step toward a nuclear weapons-free world.  
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WHAT YOU CAN DO  
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## National Call In Days

May 13 & 14

As citizens worldwide gather at the Hague Appeal for Peace, and in the United States at the Pittsburgh Nuclear Abolition Conference, you are invited to join in this nationwide call-in day to the President telling him to take nuclear weapons off of hair-trigger alert.

\*\*\*\*\*Call the President: (202) 456-1111\*\*\*\*\*

Tell him to act now:

Take U.S. nuclear weapons off of hair-trigger alert, and;

Urge the Russian government to respond with similar efforts to de-alert the Russian nuclear arsenal.

President William Jefferson Clinton

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

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### DE-ALERTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

by Robert W. Tiller, Physicians for Social Responsibility

April 1999

The Kosovo crisis should remind us again that the end of the arms race did not end the nuclear peril. Thousands of nuclear weapons remain on hair-trigger alert status in the U.S. and Russia. Although both countries have loudly trumpeted their "de-targeting" of the other, that step is virtually meaningless when the weapons remain on hair-trigger alert and both sides maintain a launch-on-warning posture. In fact, targeting can be changed in a matter of seconds.

Indeed many experts believe that the danger of unintended nuclear attack has increased in recent years with the steady deterioration of Russia's military infrastructure including command and control of nuclear weapons, and its ongoing financial woes. Add in the deep fissure between the U.S. and Russia over Yugoslavia, and it becomes clear that nuclear catastrophe is still a real possibility.

One straightforward way to lessen the nuclear danger is for the nuclear powers to de-alert all their nuclear weapons. This process must begin with Russia and the U.S., the two nations which have almost all of the world's weapons now on hair-trigger alert.

De-alerting weapons could be accomplished in a variety of ways, including: storing warheads separately from their delivery systems, removing guidance systems from missiles, and pinning open the switches that fire missile motors.

De-alerting does not necessarily require treaty negotiation or ratification. It can be done by the presidents of the two countries. President Clinton could announce today a decision to de-alert 500

weapons over the next two months, and invite Russia to reciprocate by the same action. Following that, the two sides could de-alert another 500 each, and so on. This approach has worked before. In 1991 President George Bush ordered hundreds of nuclear weapons to be taken off alert status in a unilateral action that was swiftly reciprocated by Mikhail Gorbachev.

De-alerting will provide additional time for communication and diplomacy between nuclear powers in a time of crisis. Rather than harming national security, de-alerting will enhance it.

De-alerting will be widely welcomed around the globe as a key step away from the nuclear abyss. Presently all the nations of the world must live with the risk that the U.S. and Russia may set off a nuclear conflagration that will bring great harm to everyone. Last year the United Nations General Assembly overwhelmingly passed a resolution on nuclear weapons which, among other things, calls on the nuclear weapons states to de-alert their weapons.

De-alerting takes on added urgency this year. When January 1, 2000 rolls around, no one will know if all of the Y2K computer problems have been fixed or not. Why court disaster by having 5,000 warheads on hair-trigger alert when we do not know how the computers in the nuclear system will function?

De-alerting has been urged by Sen. Tom Daschle (D-SD), Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM), and former Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA).

For More Information Contact:

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(202) 898-0150  
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Ed & LuAnn,

At this time we can only assume that our daughter Elisha, husband Paul and son Henry Churchill will be coming.

Our son Eric, wife Mitzi, children Alexis, Hunter and Christian will probably also be coming.

Of course Ed and I will be there. So we think about 10 of us total.

We are planning to precede the reunion with a week in Orlando, Fl. if we can get our timeshare exchange accomplished. Should know more after the first of next year. We have already banked our time.

Thanks for the update.

Ernestene & Ed

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From: ctbt@2020vision.org (Marie Rietmann)

Subject: NWWG information

Date: Tue, 13 Apr 1999 11:22:49 -0400

Dear NWWG:

Three administrative items for our work together:

1. As announced at our April 8 meeting, meetings for April, May and June will be

April 22

May 13 and 27

June 10 and 24

2. Please get any items you want on the agenda to your April-June  
co-chairs, Marie Rietmann or Maureen Eldredge, as early in the week of each  
meeting as you can.

3. NWWG email mailing list as of 4/8/99 (same as above in address line):

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Additional addresses you can add later:

syoung@clw.org (as of May 5, you can switch him from BASIC address listed above)  
dculp@igc.org (getting his email back in operation soon)

disarmament@igc.org (when new coordinator hired)

Marie Rietmann

CTBT Coordinator

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Subject: Reunion

Hi Howard and Carlee,

What a surprise. You showed up on our E-Mail. Great!!!Now we have your e-mail address in our computer.

Ed is really on the ball. As of now our three and their kids all plan on going to the reunion in 2001. Seems like a long time away but will be here before you know it. Notice that your whole family as of now plan on going. Hope it will be a big turn out.

Having a nice rain. Keep in touch. Thanks again for your E-Mail  
Jeanette & Vic

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Subject: NPT convenors list: correction

Dear colleagues,

Please note that the previous mailing listing the convenors for this year's oral presentations to the NPT PrepCom incorrectly identified Richard Salvador's organizational affiliation and listed an incorrect telephone number. The corrected information is below.

Peacefully,  
Roger Smith

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10 Indigenous Perspectives: with an emphasis on environment and health  
CONVENOR: RICHARD SALVADOR  
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To: Rachel Phillips <rachel@fcnl.org>  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: RE: Delivering CTBT letter to Senators  
Cc: Kathy Guthrie <kathy@fcnl.org>  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

At 02:49 PM 4/14/99 -0400, Rachel Phillips wrote:

>Howard,

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>I wanted to let you know the outcome of the letter deliveries I made on  
>behalf of the Interfaith CTBT group, to Grassley, Brownback, Chafee, Hagel,  
>Frist, McCain, and Snowe's offices. Unfortunately, none of the Aides would  
>come out of their offices and see me face-to-face, so I was forced to leave  
>the letters with their receptionists, along with my card. I'll let you know  
>if anyone calls.

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>Thanks,

>Rachel

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Rachel,

That's all right. I had the same experience. But at least our approach is one step above simply drop and leave. Thanks for doing this.

Howard

To: relctbt  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Letters to Senators of the CTBT  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Colleagues:

We have now dispatched the letter to members of the Senate, urging them to get the CTBT ratification process moving. We had an individual message for Senator Lott and another for Senator Helms, and a special message for the members of the Foreign Relations Committee. The letter that went to the remaining senators is attached along with the list of signers. Names of the organizations were used as the letterhead. The special sentences follow the basic letter. If you would like a hard copy of the letter via mail or fax, please let me know.

Rachel Phillips, Jean Sammon, Daryl Byler, Marie Rietmann, and I tried to reach the CTBT aide in 33 offices directly (leaving our card if they weren't available, which was the common pattern). FCNL handled distribution to the other 67 offices. Thanks to these persons.

Shalom,  
Howard

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April 13, 1999

Dear Senator:

We the undersigned representatives of faith-based organizations appeal for prompt Senate action on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). By banning all nuclear test explosions, the CTBT is an essential step toward reducing the dangers posed by nuclear weapons. To care for God's creation and to best fulfill our moral responsibilities, we urge the Senate to ratify the CTBT during this session of Congress. Therefore, we request that you urge members of the Foreign Relations Committee to schedule prompt and fair public hearings on the treaty. We also ask you to request Senate leadership to set a date certain when the treaty will be voted on by the entire Senate.

We firmly believe that ratification of the CTBT is very much within the national interest of the United States because the treaty will:

- Ø Stem the spread of nuclear weapons.
- Ø Establish a strict verification and monitoring system.
- Ø Protect public health and the environment.
- Ø Lead the way by setting an example for other nations to follow.

Public opinion polls reveal that more than three-fourths of persons surveyed favor ratification of the CTBT. This high level of support prevails among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. Accordingly, Senate action on the CTBT can be an important expression of bipartisanship in the conduct of foreign policy.

To be sure, the CTBT has its critics. The best way to deal with their concerns would be through open hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Let the Clinton Administration and other supporters make their case for the treaty. Let critics raise their objections. Then the Foreign Relations Committee by majority vote can make its recommendations. Next the Senate as a whole can consider whether to concur on ratification, as the Constitution requires.

By giving fair consideration to a treaty with wide public support, you will show the people of the United States that the Senate is responsive to public opinion. At a time when a wide segment of the public has doubts about the performance

of the Congress, action on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty will enhance the reputation of the Senate as a trustworthy instrument of American democracy.

Sincerely yours,

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Special sentences following "Therefore" in the first paragraph were as follows:

To Senator Trent Lott: "we request that you schedule a date certain when the treaty will be voted on by the entire Senate."

To Senator Jesse Helms: ", we request that you schedule public hearings on the treaty as soon as possible."

To members of the Foreign Relations Committee in individually addressed letters: " we request that you as a member of the Foreign Relations Committee work within the committee to schedule prompt and fair public hearings on the treaty."

Signers:

Loyc Borgmann, Coordinator,  
Washington Office, Church of the Brethren

Ann Delorey, Legislative Director  
Church Women United

Thomas H. Hart  
Director of Government Relations  
The Episcopal Church

Episcopal Peace Fellowship  
David O. Selzer, Chair  
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Rodney I. Page, Deputy General Secretary, National Council of Churches in Christ  
in the U.S.A. &

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Kathy Thorton, R.S.M., National Coordinator, NETWORK: A National Catholic SocialJustice Lobby

The Rev. Eleanora Giddings Ivory, Director, Washington Office, Presbyterian Church (USA)

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The Rev. Meg A.Riley, Director,  
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Subject: For. Rel. hrg. on NMD, 4/15

April 14, 1999

TO: Coalition members and friends  
FR: Daryl Kimball (via Stephen Young)

RE: Helms to begin "show" hearings on NMD and ABM Protocols

For your information. Look for further updates later tomorrow.

DK

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Wed, 04/14/1999, 12:01 am ET

CQ SCHEDULES

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

April 15, 1999

MISSILE ATTACKS & ABM TREATY \* Revised \*  
Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Chairman Helms, R-N.C.) will hold a hearing on U.S. vulnerability to missile attacks and begin ratification hearings on the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty amendments.

Where and When: April 15 10:00 am SD-419 (Dirksen Bldg.)

Witnesses scheduled:

Caspar Weinberger - former secretary of Defense and chairman, Forbes Magazine

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Dear Friends,

Is anyone in our network working specifically on outreach to US religious leaders? See the accomplishments in Canada, below. Regards, Alice Slater

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>Regarding tomorrow's meeting with the PM, here is the content of the media release which was sent out today.

>  
>Regards,

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>Grant.

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>Church leaders, Prime Minister discuss Kosovo, nuclear weapons

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>A delegation of church leaders representing the Canadian Council of Churches and major Canadian churches will meet with Prime Minister Chrétien on April 15th to discuss important security and defence policy issues. There will be two major topics on the agenda: the military intervention in Kosovo, and Canada's policies concerning nuclear disarmament. The latter item is a follow-up to the Canadian Church Leaders' 1998 Statement on Nuclear Weapons and occurs as the government is considering its response due next month to the recommendations contained in the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade's December 1998 report Canada and the Nuclear Challenge.

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>Members of the church delegation will include: Archbishop Barry Curtis, President, Canadian Council of Churches (CCC); Janet Somerville, General Secretary, CCC; Rev. David Pfrimmer, Chair, Justice and Peace Commission, CCC; Most Rev. Michael G. Peers, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada; Monsignor Peter Schonenbach, General Secretary, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops; Carol Dixon, Clerk, Canadian Friends Service Committee; Bishop Seraphim, Orthodox Church of America (Canada Diocese); Rev. Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in Canada; Virginia Coleman, General Secretary, United Church of Canada; and Ernie Regehr, Director, Project Ploughshares.

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Cc: ctbt  
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Shalom,  
Howard

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Howard - Please send us a hard copy of the CTBT letter by mail, for our files. Thanks!

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Thanks!

Lisa

To: mpena@wcrp.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: NGO PrepCom presentation  
Cc:  
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Dear Myrna:

Thanks for sending me the preliminary draft of the NPT PrepCom presentation on "A Spiritual, Ethical, and Humanitarian Perspective."

To be quite honest with you, I found the draft disappointing. It reads more like a lawyer's brief rather than an inspiring statement that offers a spiritual and ethical perspective. There will be other NGO papers that draw on the World Court ruling. What is needed in this paper is a strong statement that demonstrates the possession, use, and threatened use of nuclear weapons is morally wrong and spiritually bankrupt.

Also, the paper should reject outright the reliance on deterrent strategies. To say that nuclear deterrence can be an interim policy retreats to the position of the U.S. Catholic Bishops in 1983, drawing at that time on a U.N. speech by Pope John Paul II. Since then a number of U.S. denominations, such as United Methodist and Episcopal, have rejected deterrence outright. So has the World Council of Churches. Furthermore, at the last two sessions of the United Nations General Assembly Archbishop Martino, speaking for the Holy See, has stated that nuclear weapons cannot be justified but rather deserve condemnation.

Thus, I hope that the NGO presentation can be strengthened to make an unequivocal denunciation of nuclear weapons from a moral and spiritual perspective.

Shalom,  
Howard

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nancy ignatious at cns is working on this issue as I have also been. also,  
bettina gray from berkeley cal. is working on this issue jgg

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From: Jean Sammon <jsammon@networklobby.org>  
Subject: Re: Interfaith Group for the CTBT to meet on April 20

Hi Howard -- I won't be able to make the meeting on Tuesday.  
I delivered the 7 letters yesterday -- met with 3 staff briefly --  
Voinovich, DeWine (said DeWine favors CTBT but deferred to Senators on the  
committee), and Fitzgerald. I left my card with the others.  
Also got a report from a church group in NJ who delivered their petitions  
to Sen. Toricelli's local office -- since he is on the Foreign Relations  
Committee they said he might be able to use them to talk to Helms.

At 01:05 PM 4/15/99 , you wrote:

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alice, this was my contribution at united religions initiative

DECLARATION ON GLOBAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS:  
Declared by consensus at the Third Global Summit of the United  
Religions Initiative,

June 25, 1998.

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We recognize that the United Nations General Assembly's first resolution,  
1(I), in 1946 calling for the elimination of atomic weapons has yet to be  
fulfilled.

The threat posed to all life by the sheer destructiveness of nuclear weapons  
presents an unacceptable risk for this and future generations. This  
unacceptable risk presents a moral imperative for the elimination of nuclear  
weapons.

The International Court of Justice has called upon States to conclude a  
treaty on elimination of these weapons. The failure to fulfill this legal  
duty provides impetus for their hazardous proliferation.

We diligently and passionately call upon all religious leaders and ethically  
conscious individuals to heed this moral imperative by pressing with all  
persuasive means available to raise public concern with the purpose of  
causing the nuclear weapons states to make an unequivocal commitment to  
nuclear disarmament demonstrated by immediate:

1) Commencement of multilateral negotiations leading to a treaty on  
the elimination of nuclear weapons; and

2) Implementation of practical first steps such as taking all nuclear  
forces off current hair-trigger alert and pledging no first use.

The proposition that nuclear weapons can be retained in perpetuity and never  
used -- accidentally or by decision -- defies credibility. We refuse to  
accept living under an unworthy peace which might make us the earth's last  
generation.

At present, the Vatican is the only religious voice at the level of  
government at the United Nations. It has declared that reliance on nuclear  
deterrence is immoral. We wish to join that voice and make it a clarion call  
that will resonate throughout the heart of humanity and move governments.

As people of faith and moral conviction, we believe it is our duty to address this global evil, for no person is removed from its effect. It emphasizes the requirement that we learn to live in cooperation and harmony or we shall all perish together. May we continue to learn ways of peace.

Signers:

Bettina Gray, member of board, North American Interfaith Network, USA  
Jonathan Granoff, Temple of Understanding, USA  
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Good work!

Reply Separator

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Subject: Letters to Senators of the CTBT  
Author: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org> at internet-mail  
Date: 4/14/99 12:58 PM

Dear Colleagues:

We have now dispatched the letter to members of the Senate, urging them to get the CTBT ratification process moving. We had an individual message for Senator Lott and another for Senator Helms, and a special message for the members of the Foreign Relations Committee. The letter that went to the remaining senators is attached along with the list of signers. Names of the organizations were used as the letterhead. The special sentences follow the basic letter. If you would like a hard copy of the letter via mail or fax, please let me know.

Rachel Phillips, Jean Sammon, Daryl Byler, Marie Rietmann, and I tried to reach the CTBT aide in 33 offices directly (leaving our card if they weren't available, which was the common pattern). FCNL handled distribution to the other 67 offices. Thanks to these persons.

Shalom,  
Howard

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April 13, 1999

Dear Senator:

We the undersigned representatives of faith-based organizations appeal for prompt Senate action on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). By banning all nuclear test explosions, the CTBT is an essential step toward reducing the dangers posed by nuclear weapons. To care for God's creation and to best fulfill our moral responsibilities, we urge the Senate to ratify the CTBT during this session of Congress. Therefore, we request that you urge members of the Foreign Relations Committee to schedule prompt and fair public hearings on the treaty. We also ask you to request Senate leadership to set a date certain when the treaty will be voted on by the entire Senate.

We firmly believe that ratification of the CTBT is very much within the national interest of the United States because the treaty will:

- O Stem the spread of nuclear weapons.
- O Establish a strict verification and monitoring system.
- O Protect public health and the environment.
- O Lead the way by setting an example for other nations to follow.

Public opinion polls reveal that more than three-fourths of persons surveyed favor ratification of the CTBT. This high level of support prevails among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. Accordingly, Senate action on the CTBT can be an important expression of bipartisanship in the conduct of foreign policy.

To be sure, the CTBT has its critics. The best way to deal with their concerns would be through open hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Let the Clinton Administration and other supporters make their case for the treaty. Let critics raise their objections. Then the Foreign Relations Committee by majority vote can make its recommendations. Next the Senate as a whole can consider whether to concur on ratification, as the Constitution requires.

By giving fair consideration to a treaty with wide public support, you will show the people of the United States that the Senate is responsive to public opinion. At a time when a wide segment of the public has doubts about the performance of the Congress, action on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty will enhance the reputation of the Senate as a trustworthy instrument of American democracy.

Sincerely yours,

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Special sentences following "Therefore" in the first paragraph were as follows:

To Senator Trent Lott: "we request that you schedule a date certain when the treaty will be voted on by the entire Senate."

To Senator Jesse Helms: ", we request that you schedule public hearings on the treaty as soon as possible."

To members of the Foreign Relations Committee in individually addressed letters: " we request that you as a member of the Foreign Relations Committee work within the committee to schedule prompt and fair public hearings on the treaty."

Signers:

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Ann Delorey, Legislative Director  
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Subject: State activities on CTBT petition  
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DEar Jay and Marijke,

Connie Hammond in Ohio reports that on April 6 a four-person delegation delivered 37 petitions from 13 churches to Senator DeWine's office in Columbus. They have an appointment at Senator Voinovich's office today, April 16.

Garnett Day in Indiana called me to get help in getting UM Bishop Woodie White to sign a prelate's letter to Senator Lugar. He says he has received peititions from Brethrens, Disciples, UCC, Quakers, and NETWORK. They weren't able to get an appointment with Senator Lugar, who was in Indiana only one day during the recess. I didn't ask him about plans to present the petitions to senators' staff.

In Mississippi religious leaders have sent a joint letter to Senators Lott and Cochran. I'm getting a copy. They decided not to circulate the petition.

I'm trying to catch up with Harry Rogers to get a report for South Carolina.

Shalom,  
Howard

To: disarm@forusa.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: An appointment for April 27  
Cc:  
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X-Attachments:

Clayton,

I've made an appointment for us to see Dr. Tyrone Pitts, general secretary, Progressive Baptist National Convention, on Tuesday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m. at his office. I can pick you up to drive there. I'm trying to get appointments with Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett, general secretary, United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, and Ms. Sullivan Robinson of Congress of National Black Churches.

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Howard,

Great work! Thanks again for taking the initiative to schedule the meeting with Dr. Pitts. I'll join you, and work out the arrangement to meet up with you before the 11:00 AM meeting. Actually, I'm scheduled to be in WDC that day for the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability DC Days events and, at 3:00 PM, for a interfaith press conference on Iraq sanctions that FOR will participate in at the National Press Club. Thom Fassett will be one of the scheduled speakers, so maybe we can "buttonhole" him there. If you could arrange a brief meeting with the CNBC folks, that would be great, but given our history with them, I won't hold my breath.

See you soon.

Clayton

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Dear Colleagues:

One further idea for discussion when the Interfaith Group for the CTBT meets on April 20.

At our meeting with Bob Bell he suggested that Senator Biden was a key actor in getting Helms to hold hearings on the CTBT. He also indicated that Democratic leadership, that is, Senator Daschle would be a part of any strategy to exert pressure for hearings. Therefore, I suggest that a small delegation from the interfaith community should meet with staff of these two senators -- Ed Levine for Senator Biden and Randy DeValk for Senator Daschle -- to let them know of the broad support of the faith community for the CTBT and to urge the senators to press hard to move the ratification process.

I also think we should have similar delegations seek a meeting with staff of Senator Helms and Senator Lott. Some say that this is futile, but it can't hurt. In the case of Lott we can show his staff a letter from religious leaders in Mississippi to the senator on this issue.

I'll have this on the agenda for Tuesday. Meanwhile, please feel free to reply to all.

Shalom,  
Howard

To: lintnerj@ucc.org, jpmdc@ucc.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: South Carolina  
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Dear Jay, Marijke,

I finally heard from Harry Rogers in South Carolina. He wasn't able to do anything on the CTBT. The Peace Tax Fund had a petition being circulating at the same time, and it received the attention of the religious community. Although he'll be very busy for the next month, he would like to work with us in the future. So if the CTBT gets through committee and is scheduled for a floor vote, we can talk with him about grassroots activities in South Carolina at that time.

Shalom,  
Howard

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From: "JAY LINTNER" <lintnerj@ucc.org>  
To: <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: Interfaith Group for the CTBT to meet on April 20

Hi, Howard. Marijke is still working on report...I'd hoped to get it out this week, but assume deadline of next Tuesday by meeting will have to do. She can have report for group then, and since it is going slower than I'd hoped, maybe she might hold it to mail until then, in case there is any feedback.

I won't be able to be at meeting. I have an NCC staff meeting that afternoon.

To: lintnerj@ucc.org, kathy@fcn1.org, ctbt@2020vision.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: CTBT - Ohio  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Friends,

In case you haven't seen this report from Ohio, I am forwarding it to you.

Howard

>Return-Path: <Hammondc@aol.com>  
>From: Hammondc@aol.com  
>Date: Sat, 17 Apr 1999 10:55:12 EDT  
>Subject: CTBT - Ohio  
>To: mupj@igc.org, fenl@fenl.org  
>Reply-To: Hammondc@aol.com

>  
>To thank you for your support and update you on what we have done and plan to  
>do in Columbus concerning the CTBT:

>  
>April 16, 1999

>  
>Dear Interfaith Petition Supporter:

>  
>I would like to thank you very much for sending petitions and let you know  
>about the meetings. We were not able to make appointments to see either  
>senator in person, but we did meet with staffers in the Columbus office.  
>Mary Hershberger, Peg Stansbery, Mark Stansbery and I meet with Scott Corbitt  
>of Senator DeWine's office on April 6th. Mary Hershberger, Les Stansbery,  
>Mark Stansbery and I meet with Jeff LaRue at Senator Voinovich's office on  
>April 15th.

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>We delivered 37 petitions from 12 churches and religious organizations. At  
>both meetings we stressed the importance and reasons for the urgency for  
>ratification of the CTBT and left a folder of information on the CTBT with  
>pamphlets and information from 20/20 Vision. We also stressed the broad  
>public support for the CTBT within Ohio.

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>The staffers were not able to state the position of the senators on the  
>treaty or commit to any action to get the CTBT to the floor of the senate.  
>We have sent a follow up letter to both senators to thank them for the  
>meetings and to request further information and some sort of commitment to an  
>effort to promote the CTBT. Members of our group also are interested in  
>meeting with the senators' foreign relations advisors in Washington, D.C.

>  
>As a group, we have felt the need to develop a good working relationship with  
>staffers who may be influential with the senators. We are hoping that  
>building these relationships at a local level will help us promote issues  
>more effectively. We all felt that these initial contacts were helpful in  
>this respect.

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>Jeff LaRue is the regional representative for Senator Voinovich for central  
>Ohio and his general area includes Marion, Springfield, Athens, and St.  
>Clairsville. The foreign relations advisors for Senator Voinovich in  
>Washington is Aric Newhouse. Senator Voinovich's office will be moving from  
>the Federal Building in Columbus to the Huntington Building, 47 W. Broad St.  
>(Columbus, 43062) in a few weeks. Senator Voinovich also has offices in  
>Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Toledo. Jeff said that some of these offices are  
>also relocating, so we can't provide addresses. The foreign affairs person  
>in Washington for Senator DeWine is Gina Hathaway.  
>  
>Les Stansbery is also promoting the petition to members of the Interfaith  
>Association of Central Ohio at an event in Columbus tomorrow. He is planning  
>to have members representing various faiths deliver these petitions in future  
>delegations to the Columbus offices. We plan to do some press work around  
>this petition with the Columbus Dispatch religion editor and perhaps others.  
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>  
>Perhaps if the senators start hearing about the CTBT raised at all their  
>regional offices, they will begin to appreciate the importance of this issue  
>to their constituency.  
>  
>Again, we appreciate the petitions and hope that we can continue to work with  
>everyone until the CTBT is ratified.  
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>Sincerely,  
>Connie Hammond Fax/phone: 614-268-2637; E-mail Hammondc@AOL.com  
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>Central American Network of Central Ohio Wooster Friends  
>Meeting  
>Community U.C.C., Fort Seneca, Ohio Dayton Friends Meeting  
>First Congregational, Ravenna, Ohio McKendree United Methodist  
>Church  
>Faith United Church of Christ, 200 Delaware Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45405-3907  
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>Meeting  
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>  
>April 16, 1999

>  
>Senator Voinovich  
>The Federal Building  
>200 N. High St., room 600  
>Columbus, Ohio 43110

>  
>Dear Senator Voinovich:

>  
>We had a meeting on April 15 with Jeff LaRue of your office to discuss the  
>status of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We would like to let you know

>that we appreciated the opportunity to meet with Jeff. He extremely  
>courteous to us and very attentive to our concerns. I am sure you must know  
>what an asset he is to your office.

>  
>We delivered 37 petitions from 12 churches and religious organizations in  
>support of the CTBT. With polls indicating that 79% of Ohio voters support  
>the CTBT (only 14% opposed and 9% don't know), we feel that this is an issue  
>that you can and should support. We intend to continue to promote this issue  
>to both the public and to elected officials.

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>Because the CTBT verifiably and effectively extends the current moratorium on  
>other nations, we feel that senate ratification of the CTBT is of vital  
>importance to leaving a legacy of a safe, secure, and unpolluted environment  
>for all the children of the world. As Senator Hatfield stated in his address  
>to 20/20 Vision, "This is a survival issue, this is not a technical issue per  
>se, not a scientific issue per se. This is survival of the human race, the  
>survival of our planet environmentally and I think there is nothing that is  
>more important then to be stewards of this great country, this great nation  
>and this great world. And to be stewards is to make sure that we can pass it  
>on to our children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren."

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>As we discussed, the urgency of the issue lies in the October, 1999  
>conference of countries ratifying the CTBT to determine ways to garner more  
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>it is necessary to ratify this treaty to have a voice at this conference.

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>We still hope to get clarification from your office on the following  
>questions:

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>1) What is your current position on the CTBT?  
>2) Would you be willing to work with other senators to get the CTBT to the  
>floor of the Senate for debate and voting?  
>3) Now that the National Missile Defense is a reality, what further issues  
>are keeping the CTBT from being introduced in the senate?  
>3) Would it be possible for members of our group to meet with Aric Newhouse  
>to follow up on this issue?

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>Again, we thank you very much for the courtesy of being allowed to meet with  
>Jeff LaRue. We would appreciate any efforts in promoting the CTBT.

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>Sincerely,

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>For:  
>Mary Hershberger  
>Mark Stansbery  
>Les Stansbery  
>Connie Hammond

>  
>April 16, 1999

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>Senator MiKe DeWine  
>The Huntington Building  
>47 W. Broad St., room 970

>Columbus, Ohio 43062

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>Dear Senator DeWine:

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>We had a meeting on April 6 with Scott Corbitt of your office to discuss the  
>status of the CTBT. We would like to let you know that we appreciated the  
>opportunity to meet with Scott. He was very attentive to our concerns.

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>We also appreciate all of your efforts on behalf of the children of Ohio.  
>Because the CTBT verifiably and effectively extends the current moratorium on  
>other nations, we feel that senate ratification of the CTBT is of vital  
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>in support of the CTBT. Two additional petitions are enclosed with this  
>letter. With polls indicating that 79% of Ohio voters support the CTBT (only  
>14% opposed and 9% don't know), we feel that this is an issue that you can  
>and should support. As an organization, we are committed to doing everything  
>that we can to assure that this is a safe vote. We appreciate your  
>suggestions for getting out information on the CTBT to the public.

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>questions:

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>1) What is your current position on the CTBT?

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>2) Would you be willing to work with other senators to get the CTBT to the  
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>to follow up on this issue?

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>Scott. We would appreciate any efforts in promoting the CTBT.

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>Sincerely,

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>For:

>Mary Hershberger

>Mark Stansbery

>Peg Stansbery

>Connie Hammond

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April 17, 1999

TO: Coalition members and CTBT friends  
FR: Daryl Kimball

RE: draft NGO statement on CTBT to be delivered to NPT delegates; other statements

As part of the Coalition's CTBT Working Group effort to press for intl. CTBT adherence, our Wkg. Grp. chair, Tom Zamora Collina, is coordinating the NGO statement on the CTBT at the upcoming NPT Preparatory Committee meeting in NYC during the week of May 10.

Attached below is a draft statement on the CTBT that will be delivered in writing and delivered thru a 10 min. presentation to NPT delegates as part of a set of 12 NGO presentations to NPT delegates gathered in NYC for the 1999 NPT Prep Com meeting.

The statement is designed to represent the views of the widest range of NGOs on the test ban issue. If you have suggestions, contact Tom Z. Collina at <tcollina@ucsusa.org> The text of last year's NGO statement on CTBT can be found at <<http://www.clw.org/coalition/kimb0428.htm>>

Jonathan Dean of UCS and Jesse James of the Committee on Nuclear Policy are coordinating the statement on "US/Russian issues: START process, ABM treaty and Safeguards."

Other NPT-related issues will be covered in other presentations. To provide your input on those presentations, contact the list of statement coordinators (below) or contact overall coordinators, Martin Butcher <mbutcher@basicint.org> or Roger Smith <disarmtimes@igc.org>

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Statement to the Delegates of the 1999 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee Meeting

"Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty"

Statement Coordinator, Tom Z. Collina,  
Director, Arms Control and International Security Program,  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
April 14, 1999

Thank you Mr. Chairman and delegates for affording the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) the opportunity to communicate their views and recommendations. We wish you success in your efforts at this important gathering.

I am Tom Collina of the Union of Concerned Scientists and it is my task to convey to you the views of NGOs on a matter that is central to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and the fulfillment of obligations made in New York in 1995 -- the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The CTBT limits the development of nuclear weapons by all states and is thus vital to the security of all nations.

One year ago this week, India and Pakistan's nuclear tests sent tremors around the globe. Those tests reminded the international community of the continuing risks of nuclear weapons and nuclear war, and the necessity of achieving concrete progress toward nuclear restraint -- particularly the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Fortunately, the situation in South Asia has calmed down since then. Key to this reduction in tensions was the strong condemnation of the tests from the International community and the promises by both nations to refrain from further nuclear tests. Now, the two nations appear ready to sign the CTBT. In statements here in New York at the United Nations last September, Prime Ministers Vajpayee and Sharif both expressed their intentions to ratify by September of 1999, when a special conference of CTBT states parties will be convened to expedite the treaty's entry into force.

Thus, the CTBT and the global norm against nuclear testing has already proven its value in the context of South Asia. The situation could still spiral out of control if India and Pakistan do not chose the path of restraint embodied by the CTBT. This important norm has been greatly enhanced by the fact that 152 nations have signed the Treaty and 33 have ratified.

Also, the CTBT has a special place here in the NPT review process. You will recall that a central outcome of the 1995 NPT extension conference was a commitment to conclude negotiations on the CTBT by 1996, a commitment that was kept. But the task of realizing the full benefits of the CTBT is not yet complete and it requires your urgent attention and action. Many hope that the CTBT will enter into force--or at least be well on its way--before the fall 1999 CTBT Special Conference or the 2000 NPT review conference, one year from now.

Unfortunately, the prospects for entry into force of the CTBT in the next 12 months are not good. Of the 44 states whose ratifications are required for entry into force, only 17 have done so, and the key nation that should be leading the charge--the United States--has not yet ratified due to delaying tactics by a minority of extremist Senators.

You all have no doubt heard about the obstructionist role being played by the chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, Jesse Helms, and the Republican Majority Leader, Trent Lott. But make no mistake, it is incumbent upon President Clinton to take this issue to the Senate and the American public--which overwhelmingly supports the test ban treaty--in order to prompt Senate approval for ratification. However, he has not yet done so.

So we respectfully suggest to you, delegates of this conference, do not wait for the United States to take the lead. Move ahead to sign and ratify this important treaty with the goal of safeguarding your own national security and the purpose of isolating those that have not ratified.

We would also like to remind you to the fact that there will be an extremely important event this fall that can help make it clear who has ratified and who has not and to help expedite CTBT entry into force -- the upcoming Article XIV Special Conference on CTBT entry into force.

The powers of the special conference are intentionally vague but potentially far-reaching. All decisions require consensus, and each ratifying state has a veto over those decisions. If a state wishes to have a say in the outcome of the Special Conference, it must ratify the Treaty. For the special conference to succeed in facilitating the CTBT's entry into force, it must be a large convocation of political leaders, non-governmental organizations and the media.

Two venues are being considered for the Special Conference -- Vienna and New York. Vienna is the home of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization, the treaty's implementing body. New York is where the CTBT was opened for signature. We believe the first conference must focus on political and not technical implementation. A high-profile Special Conference in New York would be most suitable for this function.

The cherished goal of CTBT entry into force can be achieved in 1999 - but only if treaty supporters convene a special conference under circumstances that are likely to accelerate ratifications. We respectfully ask each of your governments and the NPT Prep Com as a whole to express support for a Ministerial-level Special Conference on CTBT entry into force this fall. A group of NGOs have prepared and recently released a report on the CTBT entry into force conference to help provide information and ideas on the subject.

The global norm against testing is enhanced by the mere existence of the CTBT. But without entry into force the verification regime cannot be fully activated, the deterrent effect of the Treaty will not be fully felt. This increases the possibility that a "seismic event" of unknown origin will go unresolved, that

suspensions will rise, that nations will break out of the Treaty on the assumption--mistaken or not--that an adversary has cheated.

The CTBT is too important to global security for us to be cheated out of its rightful entry into force. Stand up and be counted and ratify this treaty. Do not wait for the United States. In fact, US isolation is the best way to get our obstructionist Senate to take notice.

We respectfully urge this body and individual member nations to reiterate their commitment to the CTBT and take the actions necessary to ensure early entry into force.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY PREPCOM 1999  
NGO PRESENTATIONS: LIST OF THEMES AND CONVENORS

1 Focus on the NPT's 2000 Review: the fragility of the NPT, failure of the enhanced review to date, need for compliance, violations  
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2 Regional proliferation issues: Middle East/Iraq, South Asia, North Korea etc.  
CONVENOR: M.V. RAMANA  
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3 NATO: Nuclear Strategy Review, No First Use, Pre-emptive Counter-Proliferation  
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4 Moral/legal/spiritual culture of peace  
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5 Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

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6 Path to elimination: reductions, de-alerting, Y2K, qualitative disarmament measures

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7 US/Russian issues: START process, ABM treaty and Safeguards (relating primarily to these countries)

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8 General and Complete Disarmament: new weaponry, depleted uranium weaponry, space weaponization, warfare in the 21st century, security concepts beyond deterrence

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9 Instruments to multilateralise: New Agenda Coalition, Nuclear Weapons Convention, Middle Power Initiative, Inter-sessional Working Group, CD, 5 + 3 negotiations

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12 Energy: Article 4, Alternatives  
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Dear Howard:

I thank very much for your comment on the preliminary draft. I am aware that the draft need improvement specially in legal part. As I underlined is not a final draft. We are planing to have a drafting committee meeting this week to incorporate all your suggestion.

Thank you very much again for your comment,

Sincerely yours

Myrna Pena

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To: mupj@igc.apc.org  
Subject: Re: Suggestion for meeting with senators' staff  
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Howard,

I don't think I will be able to come to the meeting tomorrow - I still have some things to do to prepare for the coordinators' mtg. Please let me know what happens.

Thanks and sorry. . .

I'm planning to see you Thursday, right???

To: Robin Ringler <Dringler@umc-gbcs.org>  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: Suggestion for meeting with senators' staff  
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At 03:13 PM 4/19/99 -0400, Robin Ringler wrote:

>Howard,

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>Robin,

I want to attend part of the P/J coordinators meeting, but I can't make all of it. Will you please send me the schedule. Then I'll give you some indication of when I can be there.

Thanks,  
Howard

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Dear Abolition 2000 partners,

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABOLITION 2000 GLOBAL NETWORK TO ELIMINATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL TAKE PLACE 15 - 17 MAY 1999, IN THE HAGUE AND DELFT, THE NETHERLANDS, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HAGUE APPEAL FOR PEACE. YOU ARE INVITED!!! In this mailing you will find information about the Abolition 2000 General Meeting and related events. You will also find a questionnaire to answer and send back, to help guide Abolition 2000 into the future.

Recent events, including the terrible war in Yugoslavia, make our mission more crucial than ever. Please read this mailing carefully and take the time to respond. We want to hear from you!

Yours, for a nuclear free 21st century, and a peaceful and just world,

Felicity Hill  
Cabasso

Jacqueline

Abolition 2000 Interim Coordinating Committee and Annual Meeting Working Group

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\*\*\*ABOLITION 2000; A GLOBAL NETWORK TO ELIMINATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS\*\*\*

WHAT: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ABOLITION 2000, devoted to discussion of strategies and activities -- local, national, and global, aimed at the achievement of a nuclear weapon free world.

WHO: The meeting is open to individuals and members of organisations that have signed the ABOLITION 2000 STATEMENT and all those interested in contributing to the development and refinement of Abolition 2000's strategies to EDUCATE, ACTIVATE, and ORGANISE for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

WHEN & WHERE/PART I: Saturday 15 May, 1:30 pm (1330) - 9:00 pm (2100)  
in the Rembrandt Room of the Netherlands Congress Center in the Hague.

Abolition 2000 has reserved a space for 400 people as part of the "Global Forum" organized by the Hague Appeal for Peace (HAP), following the HAP closing

plenary.

(Note: Immediately following the first part of our meeting, we are invited to join a party with other HAP participants, beginning at 9:00 pm!) You are not required to have paid a fee of any kind for the HAP Conference in order to attend the Abolition 2000 meeting. However, we encourage you to attend at least the closing plenary of the HAP, featuring Kofi Annan and other speakers, which will require the payment of a one-day registration fee. The entire HAP Conference from May 11-15 requires payment a larger registration fee. (For more information about HAP registration, lodging in The Hague, etc. contact one of the HAP offices. Contact information follows. )

\*\*\*\*\* BUT THAT'S NOT ALL \*\*\*\*\* LETS HAVE SOME FUN!! \*\*\*\*\*

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will continue on the ABOLITION 2000 WALK FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, organised by For Mother Earth. ALL MEMBERS OF ABOLITION 2000 are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to join the Abolition 2000 Walk from The Hague to NATO Headquarters in Brussels (not very far at all!)

The Walk begins Sunday morning, 16 May. After a rally on the steps of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague, the walkers will meander along in the European springtime to DELFT. The walk from the ICJ to Delft is approximately 12 kilometres (7 miles). For many it will provide an opportunity to recover from 5 days in conference at the HAP, to balance the right and left brains and energize bodies and minds for the meeting. It will also provide an opportunity for informal strategy discussion and brainstorming with other activists along the way, or a rest for those not wanting to walk. There is a tram to Delft which you can pick up along the route if you prefer not to walk the full seven miles. (The Walk arrives in Brussels 30 May.)

WHEN & WHERE/ PART II: Sunday, 16 May, 700 - 900 pm (1900 - 2100) the Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting will continue in Delft, The Netherlands, after the walkers arrive. (Note: you could keep your lodging in The Hague and return there by tram if desired.)

WHEN & WHERE/PART III: Monday, 17 May, 1000 am - 200 pm (1400), the final session of the Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting will take place in Delft (as necessary) to ensure that there is sufficient time to address the essential issues facing the network, including logistics, finances, implementation of activities, priorities and strategies, functioning of coordinating committee, etc. (Note: Persons participating in the walk can stay behind for the meeting and catch up with the walk later, by car or train if need be.) We will conclude our meeting with a celebratory lunch!

\*\*\*\*\*ABOLITION 2000 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA\*\*\*\*\*

The agenda for the Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting will be organised around these goals:

- \* To know who is participating in the network
- \* To bring everyone up to the same level of information about Abolition 2000 structure, history, aims and style of operating
- \* To identify successes and best practices from the previous year
- \* To identify strategies leading up to 2000 (and beyond?) for the network

- \* To identify proposals for enhancing the network
- \* To review the present structure and improve where necessary

In order to help us flesh out the agenda , please respond to the enclosed questionnaire.

\*\*\*\*\*OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*

\*ABOLITION 2000 will have a strong presence at the HAP. We will need lots of volunteers to staff our booth and to distribute information and sunflowers. LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP! Please bring your Abolition 2000 literature and publications to the booth. In addition, Abolition 2000 will be presenting 3 sessions on "Abolition of Nuclear Weapons," 13 - 14 May, including presentations by many core Abolition 2000 activists. (Schedule enclosed.)

\*HELP ABOLITION 2000 GROW! Our goal is to have 2000 organizations endorse Abolition 2000 by the Hague Appeal for Peace. We have approximately 1300 organizations now, so please focus on outreach to organizations that you feel would support our goals. Consider religious, environmental or social groups. Now is the time to get the momentum going--2000 organizations by May 11th! (An endorsement card is enclosed in the hard copy mailing. You can also download the Abolition 2000 Statement and endorsement from the Abolition 2000 web site.)

\*VISIT THE ABOLITION 2000 WEB SITE: <http://www.napf.org/abolition> 2000

\*SUBSCRIBE TO THE ABOLITION CAUCUS INTERNATIONAL E-MAIL LIST. Send an e-mail message to [majordomo@igc.org](mailto:majordomo@igc.org). In the body of the message type subscribe abolition caucus and your email address.

\*SEND A DONATION TO SUPPORT ABOLITION 2000! Our Network employs a full time staff member to maintain communications with 1300 organizations in 87 countries on six continents. While almost all of our work is performed by volunteers, and office space is donated by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, minimal funds are needed to staff the office and for mailings, telephone, fax, printing. If we could raise an average of \$30 from each of our organizations, we could meet this minimal budget. While this sum may be excessive to some, other organizations can give much more. Abolition 2000 never set up a dues structure--so please search your conscience and donate whatever amount you can to keep our work on track. Send endorsements and donations, as well as general inquiries about Abolition 2000 to the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, which serves as the Abolition 2000 clearinghouse:

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\*\*\*\*\*ABOLITION 2000 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE\*\*\*\*\*

In order to help us flesh out the agenda for the Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting in The Hague, please respond to the following questionnaire. Your answers can be as long or as short as you like. You can respond by e-mail or by regular mail. There's no special format.

(1) WHO ARE YOU? (Important!) Name, organization, postal address, e-mail

address, telephone number, fax number. Will you be attending the Annual General Meeting in The Hague?

(2) COMMUNICATION IN THE NETWORK: Are you on e-mail? How could the e-mail list be improved. What does it need to be supplemented by to make you feel informed and connecting with groups from all over the world. If you are not on e-mail, how do you communicate with other Abolition 2000 groups. Do you want to get information about what the over 1,300 groups in 87 countries are doing in their Abolition 2000 work?

(3) WHAT'S WORKING? What are the strengths of Abolition 2000? How are you making Abolition 2000 visible in your area? (We want to collect a list of best practices and ideas to share just how busy people have been, and who knows what goodies will be uncovered!)

(4) LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE: Understanding that Abolition 2000 is a network, what kinds of things do you think we could do to share Abolition 2000's goals with others? What is your organisation willing and able to contribute (not just financially, although that's important too!)

(5) WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD?

WHERE TO SEND YOUR RESPONSES: Western States Legal Foundation has volunteered to collect your responses and prepare a report for the Annual General Meeting (which will also be posted on the abolition-caucus e-mail list and included in the post-meeting mailing.) Please send e-mail to [alichterman@worldnet.att.net](mailto:alichterman@worldnet.att.net). Please send regular mail to Western States Legal Foundation, 1440 Broadway, Suite 500, Oakland, California, 94612 USA.

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\*\*\*\*\*HAGUE APPEAL FOR PEACE CONFERENCE\*\*\*\*\*

Workshop "Abolition of Nuclear Weapons"  
13 - 14 May, 1999

Convenor: Jurgen Scheffran (INESAP Germany)  
Revised proposal of March 26, 1999

SESSION 1: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT  
THURSDAY 13 May, morning (930 - 1100 am)

Jackie Cabasso, John Burroughs: Nuclear weapons research and development  
and its impact on the disarmament process

Goetz Neuneck: Impact of missile defense on nuclear disarmament

Zia Mian: Global, regional and local challenges on the road to abolition

Rebecca Johnson: Strengthening the international disarmament negotiation  
process

Alyn Ware: Integrated approaches towards nuclear disarmament - Strengthening  
the link between governments and NGOs

SESSION 2: CONCEPTS FOR A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE WORLD  
THURSDAY 13 May, afternoon (330 - 700 pm)

Peter Weiss: The legal framework of a nuclear-weapon-free world

Merav Datan: Making the case for a Nuclear Weapons Convention

Carlos Vargas: The model Nuclear Weapons Convention

Jürgen Scheffran: Verifying a Nuclear Weapons Convention - Conditions, means  
and limits

Rob Green: Rebutting nuclear deterrence doctrine

Xanthe Hall: NATO strategy and New Agenda Coalition

SESSION 3: STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS FOR NUCLEAR ABOLITION  
FRIDAY 14 May, morning (930 - 1100 am)

David Krieger: Nuclear abolition - Time for bold action

Wolfgang Liebert: The transformation process to a nuclear-weapon-free world

Pamela Meidell, Janet Bloomfield: Progress, problems and perspectives of the  
Abolition 2000 Global Network

Alice Slater: Cornerstones of a future abolition strategy

Pol d`Huyvetter: Citizen activities and inspections for nuclear abolition

Pauline Tangiora, Richard N. Salvador: Efforts for disarmament in the Pacific

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Subject: Re: Suggestion for meeting with senators' staff  
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Howard,

We begin with lunch on Thursday followed by:

- opening worship
- meeting one another
- me giving program overview, followed by discussion/planning for Gen'l conference, including the breakfast, etc. (this will begin around 4:20 p.m. and go until dinner at 6)

Fri:

- 8 a.m. - breakfast
- meditation
- 9:30-11 Dr. David Crocker (U-MD) on Kosovo
- 11-12:30 Kathy Pomeroy and Lisa Wright on Jubilee 2000 Campaign
- 12:30 lunch
- sometime in the afternoon (I'm still waiting to hear) - a GBGM staffer on how the church is in mission around the world, especially on "hot spots"
- Continued discussion (if necessary) on PwJ program & Gen'l Conf.
- 6 p.m. - dinner
- 7 p.m. - presentation by Linda Sabin (West OH) on how they do PwJ work in her conf.

Sat.:

- 8 a.m. - breakfast
- 9 - 11:30 a.m. presentations by Adrienne Fong (Cal-Nev) and Sarah West (Western NC) on how they do PwJ work in their conferences
- open discussion/tying up "loose ends"
- 11:30 closing prayer circle
- 12 noon lunch and departure

Whenever you can come, you are welcome! I want you to feel free to take a little time at some point to talk about the CTBT petition campaign and/or anything else related to it. I think we'll have ample time on Friday afternoon if you're going to be around then.

Thanks!

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Subject: CTBT update: list of supporters

April 19, 1999

TO: CTBT supporters  
FR: Jenny Smith, Research Associate, Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers  
RE: List of 394 CTBT supporters is available to a limited audience today

Dear CTBT activist,

As of February 1999, at least 394 prominent Americans and U.S. non-governmental organizations have endorsed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, according to a variety of sources. This list is posted on the Coalition's Web Site at the address below. It is not a final or comprehensive compilation of CTBT endorsers, rather a work in progress.

The Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers has added this list to its Web site at the "hidden link," <<http://www.clw.org/coalition/ctbtlist.htm>>. It is only accessible to you and other supporters via this e-mail, not to the general public from ours or another Web page. The purpose of this list is to provide you with information about other CTBT supporters throughout the United States and in your region that you may wish to contact.

In addition, we request that you review the list and let us know of any updates, additions or corrections. Please send your responses to Jenny Smith with the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers by e-mail, <[coalition@clw.org](mailto:coalition@clw.org)>.

We strongly request that you do not redistribute, post, or publicize this draft list. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Best regards,

+Jenny Smith

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April 20

TO: Coalition members and friends  
FR: Daryl Kimball

RE: Canadian Gov't Paper on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Setting a good example for others, the Canadian government has just published a comprehensive statement of its nuclear risk reduction policies and its goals. The documents address issues ranging from the NPT, CTBT, to NATO and more. Attached below is some background information and Web Site links.

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#### BACKGROUND: CANADA AND THE NUCLEAR CHALLENGE

On December 10, 1998, the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (SCFAIT) presented its report entitled Canada and the Nuclear Challenge: Reducing the Political Value of Nuclear Weapons for the Twenty-first Century on Canada's nuclear non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament policy.

In its opening chapter, the Committee made clear its "aim of ensuring that its recommendations were practical and focussed on advancing the agenda of nuclear safety and progressive disarmament in both the short- and long-term". The report included 15 recommendations that addressed a wide range of nuclear issues: political, military and commercial. They also reflected and supported most of the Government's existing and ongoing policy directions.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade co-ordinated the Government response to the recommendations, in consultation with other government departments and agencies, mainly the Department of National Defence. It was tabled in Parliament on April 19. See <<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/nucchallenge/ANNEXB-e.htm>>

The Government's response to the SCFAIT report includes a comprehensive government statement. See <<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/nucchallenge/POLICY-e.htm#4>>

See <<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/nucchallenge/menu-e.htm>> for further information.

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Hi Howard:

No comments to add regarding the letter to Berger. Thanks.  
Daryl

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You have my support for the letter to Sandy Berger, and the endorsement of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.  
Thanks for your continuing good work.

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Subject: Re: Draft letter to "Sandy" Berger

Yes, I will sign on to the letter, Jay Lintner, Director, Washington Office, OCIS UCC. I'll use that title for this, not NCC.

I heard Bell say that the critical step is to find something to trade or hold hostage. There might be some acknowledge that we are aware that some kind of Administration negotiations are critical to this, but that public pressure will make the trade easier and less expensive. This would need careful wording.

\_\_\_\_\_ Reply Separator \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Draft letter to "Sandy" Berger  
Author: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org> at internet-mail  
Date: 4/21/99 6:13 AM

Dear Colleagues:

As we discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Interfaith Group on the CTBT, I suggest that we write to "Sandy" Berger, thanking him for our meeting with Bob Bell and offering suggestions for what the Clinton Administration might do to push harder for CTBT ratification. Such a letter is attached.

If you have any changes to suggest in this draft, please get them to me by Friday, April 23. I will re-post the final version on Saturday or Monday with a request for sign-ons by Friday, April 30. If you want to go ahead and sign, subject to further consultation if there are any major changes in the letter, you may do so. Signers might be heads of officer or whoever else you consider appropriate.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Draft Letter on the CTBT  
To offer comments or to sign, please contact  
Howard Hallman at phone/fax 301 896-0013 or mupj@igc.org

Mr. Samuel R. Berger  
Assistant to the President  
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Berger:

On April 9 a delegation from the faith community had the privilege of meeting with Mr. Robert Bell and Mr. Steve Andreasen to discuss our mutual interest in achieving Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). We greatly appreciate Mr. Bell's openness in describing the approach of the Clinton Administration to the Senate and the tactics being employed.

We came from this meeting with renewed dedication to mobilize grassroots support throughout the nation for the CTBT, especially in the states of "swing vote" senators. This spring we have had a petition drive underway and during the Easter/Passover recess interfaith delegations presented petitions signed in local churches and meetings to the home-state offices of \_\_\_ senators. Other grassroots activities are underway. In Washington we have registered our support in letters to Senator Lott, Senator Helms, all members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and all other senators, asking for prompt hearings on the CTBT and for a date certain for a Senate vote on the treaty. On April 26-28 persons from around the country will be in Washington to participate in the Interfaith Legislative Briefing, and they will include the CTBT on their agenda in visits to congressional offices. We are committed to continue such activities until the CTBT is ratified.

Stemming from our deep involvement in the CTBT ratification campaign, we would like to encourage you and your colleagues in the Clinton Administration to increase the intensity of your efforts to achieve Senate ratification of the treaty. With this in mind we would like to offer some specific suggestions for your consideration.

We believe that the time has come for you to send cabinet members and military leaders to Capitol Hill for one-on-one visits with senators in behalf of CTBT ratification. You could also call upon retired military officers, former senators, and prominent civilian leaders to assist you. This will let senators know that you are serious about achieving ratification during this session of Congress

We suggest that President Clinton use one of his Saturday radio talks to speak in behalf of the CTBT. If you will let us know in advance, we can alert our local and state contacts so that they can use the President's talk as another opportunity reach their senators and local media.

Some kind of a White House event would be highly desirable to give CTBT ratification greater visibility. For instance, you might want to invite heads of religious communions, other prominent religious leaders, former chairs of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, former senators, and other prominent citizens to a single event to underscore the breadth of support for the CTBT. This might be an opportunity to release a joint statement by "Generals, Admirals, and Bishops for the CTBT".

We invite President Clinton to publicly sign the Interfaith Petition for the CTBT. We would be pleased to work with you to have this accomplished in an

appropriate manner.

We have noted that when the Clinton Administration is really serious about achieving congressional action, it has designated a full-time coordinator to pull together diverse threads of the campaign. This occurred, for instance, with NAFTA, the Chemical Weapons Convention, and NATO expansion. We believe the time has come for the CTBT ratification to receive similar direction.

As you gear up your resources to press for CTBT ratification, we suggest that you add a full-time staff position for liaison with the faith community. This would enable us to achieve more effective linkages between your efforts and the extensive grassroots network we have mobilized in support of the CTBT.

We are convinced that a stepped-up campaign for CTBT ratification by the Clinton Administration can be combined with the work of the interfaith community and a host of peace, disarmament, environmental, and other civic organizations to achieve success in this session of Congress.

We look forward to a continuing working relationship with you and others in the Clinton Administration.

Sincerely yours,

To be signed by representatives of faith-based organizations.

Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
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Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a membership association of laity and clergy. It has no affiliation with any Methodist denomination.

To: "JAY LINTNER" <lintnerj@ucc.org>  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: Draft letter to "Sandy" Berger  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

At 11:22 AM 4/21/99 -0500, JAY LINTNER wrote:

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>Yes, I will sign on to the letter, Jay Lintner, Director, Washington Office,  
>OCIS UCC. I'll use that title for this, not NCC.  
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>I heard Bell say that the critical step is to find something to trade or hold  
>hostage. There might be some acknowledgement that we are aware that some kind of  
>Administration negotiations are critical to this, but that public pressure will  
>make the trade easier and less expensive. This would need careful wording.

Jay,

We usually distribute things like our letter to Berger at the Monday Lobby as well as to the signers. Thus, it becomes a public document. For that reason I am reluctant to talk openly about trade-offs and hostage holding. I've tried to figure out some way to deal with this without mentioning these terms, but I can't come up with anything better than the vague acknowledgement in the current draft that Bob Bell told us about the Administration's tactics. Berger will know what we are referring to.

If you can offer some precise wording today, I'll take a look at it. Otherwise, I'm inclined to stick with understatement.

Shalom,  
Howard

Return-Path: <kcrandall@psr.org>  
Date: Wed, 21 Apr 1999 20:48:24 -0400  
From: Kathy Crandall <kcrandall@psr.org>  
Organization: PSR - Physicians for Social Responsibility  
X-Accept-Language: en  
To: kcrandall@psr.org  
Subject: ACTIVIST UPDATE - PSR SECURITY PROGRAMS

PSR Security Program ACTIVIST UPDATE \* PSR Security Program ACTIVIST UPDATE

A periodic bulletin on nuclear weapons issues for PSR activists and friends

April 21, 1999

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PRIORITY ACTION:  
De-alerting Call-In May 13 & 14

Call the President (202) 456 1111

For more see: <http://www.psr.org/de-alert-call.htm>

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Enclosed in this E-mail Update:

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NIX MOX: Stop Fueling the Plutonium Economy  
Tritium: Another Step Backward  
The Growing Military Budget  
Stockpile Stewardship - Markey Resolution  
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Ballistic Missile Defense Update - Closer To Deployment?

In January, the Clinton administration announced plans to spend an additional \$6.6 Billion over six years to step up efforts to deploy a missile defense system, with a final decision on deployment to be made in June of 2,000. Then in Mid-March both the Senate and House voted to support legislative measures that urge deployment of National Missile Defense. Neither legislative measure actually appropriates more money, or advances technology for deployment of anything. Deployment of any Star Wars ballistic missile defense is still just a dream. Nevertheless, missile defense advocates hailed the effort as major progress.

The reality is that missile defense simply will not work. Despite

spending over \$120 billion since the first inception of a Star Wars missile defense system, there is no effective system. Continuing to lavish enormous sums of money on missile defense is especially egregious since military experts know that the technology is far from ready.

In a 1998 report retired Gen. Larry Welch warned that the national missile defense program was "highly unlikely" to succeed because it lacks coherence and a realistic plan. The Welch panel reported that out of the 14 tests directed against high-altitude targets, only two, or 14

percent, hit their targets, leading the panel to call the program a "rush to failure."

Even a working missile defense would not protect the U.S. from attack by nuclear weapons carried on cruise missiles, and could be easily defeated by "dummy" missiles not carrying any warheads.

Moreover, the World Trade Center, Oklahoma City and American embassy bombings in recent years illustrate the fact that the most serious current threat to the United States is from terrorist attacks, which cannot be prevented by ballistic missile defense.

"There are other serious threats out there in addition to that posed by

ballistic missiles. We know, for example, that there are adversaries with chemical and biological weapons that can attack the United States today. They could do it with a brief case -- by infiltrating our territory across our shores or through our airports." (General Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Sea Power Magazine, February, 1999.)

Rather than offering security, the provocative program harms our relationship with countries including Russia and China, and encourages other countries to build-up their nuclear arsenals and develop their own

ballistic missile defenses.

The U.S. effort to create a working missile defense system would likely violate the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty. For almost three decades the ABM Treaty, which limits development, testing, and deployment of Missile defense systems has been the cornerstone of stable relations between the Soviet Union and the United States, and continues to be vital to U.S.-Russian relations today. Strong U.S.-Russian ties are in many ways dependent on the ABM Treaty, and moves

to abrogate the treaty could have very serious repercussions.

"We believe that further cuts in strategic offensive weapons can be done only if there is a clear vision of preserving and observing the ABM

treaty." (Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, Time Magazine, February 22, 1999).

Likewise, China has already threatened an arms race in space if the U.S.

deploys theater defenses in Asia. China might also oppose further efforts to reduce nuclear weapons if the United States abandons or weakens the ABM treaty. Chinese resistance to further nuclear disarmament measures could induce other regional powers to follow suit.

The bottom line is that ballistic missile defense does not work to protect us; it's time to try something that does. Instead of ballistic missile defense, the president should pursue measures to reduce the U.S.

and Russian arsenals and lower the alert status of the thousands of nuclear weapons poised on hair-trigger alert.

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**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

Write to your Senators and Representatives, ask them to oppose all efforts to spend more money on Ballistic Missile Defense.

Contact Kathy Crandall, 202-898-0150 ext. 222, [kcrandall@psr.org](mailto:kcrandall@psr.org) to find out how your Senators and Representative voted on the recent legislation, and for additional information and assistance.

**ON THE WEB:** <http://www.psr.org/securhol.htm>  
(Go To Ballistic Missile Defense Feature)

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**Where is the CTBT?**

We are now well into the third year since President Clinton signed the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), and still the U.S. Senate has made no significant progress toward ratification of the treaty. This is despite the clear support of an overwhelming majority of Americans, and many security experts. Why?

The basic reason is that Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, refuses to let the treaty come to the Senate floor for a vote, and the other 99 Senators are unwilling to challenge him on it. They know that he holds grudges, possesses a long memory, and uses parliamentary tactics skillfully a combination lethal to anyone who crosses him. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS), one of the few who might successfully challenge Helms on any given issue, has so far been quite comfortable with the CTBT languishing on the sidelines.

Treaty ratification could also be pushed along with a stronger effort from the Clinton administration. The President said in the State of the Union address that ratification would be a top priority this year. Indeed, for the past six years the President has included the CTBT as a priority in the State of the Union Address. Nevertheless, the administration has not mounted a serious cabinet-wide campaign with major public actions to move the treaty forward.

To overcome these challenges grassroots activists are focusing on

pushing the CTBT on to the agenda this Spring. For example, a broad coalition of faith groups has been promoting an interreligious petition drive to encourage the U.S. Senate to approve ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in 1999. Signatures have been collected from religious gatherings all over the country and delivered to Senators

in their home states. For more on this effort check the Lutheran Office on Governmental Affairs web site: <http://www.loga.org>

Other grassroots activities this Spring include distribution of the enclosed CTBT Action Alert cards produced by 20/20 Vision, coordinated lobbying in the home states of Senators and participation in media campaigns including "roots on the radio" activities around the anniversary of the South Asian tests.

With a grassroots push, renewed focus on CTBT is likely. Currently, many

analysts are hopeful that India and Pakistan will ratify the CTBT this year. Furthermore, a Special Conference to alter the treaty's rules of entry-into-force will be held in the fall, with voting restricted to those nations that have ratified. If the U.S. has not ratified, it will

only be an observer at that session.

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#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

(1) Write to your Senators, and urge them to speak publicly in favor of

a timely vote on ratification.

(2) Write to the President and urge him to put greater effort into the

CTBT fight.

(3) Join in PSR's Nationwide Grassroots CTBT Lobby effort in May.

To order a CTBT Action Kit, or for more information, and assistance, contact Bob Tiller at PSR, 202-898-0150 ext. 220, e-mail:

[btiller@psr.org](mailto:btiller@psr.org)

#### ON THE WEB:

PSR's Site: <http://www.psr.org/ctbtpage.htm>

& the CTBT Action Site:

<http://www.psr.org/ctbtaction.htm>

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#### THE NUCLEAR WASTE SHELL GAME: WIPP Opens & Mobile Chernobyl is Back

After years of legal battles, the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) in New Mexico is opened and has been receiving Transuranic, or TRU, waste --plutonium-contaminated wastes generated from nuclear weapons production. The site opened despite objections from citizens and the state of New Mexico that has not yet issued a waste permit for the site. Numerous studies show that the site is potentially unsafe. Only one-third of the TRU

waste generated at weapons complex sites can be stored at WIPP.

Meanwhile the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA), or so-called "Mobile Chernobyl" legislation is again being considered by the Congress (HR 45 in the House, and S 608 in the Senate). The NWPA calls for high-level waste from commercial reactors to be transported through 43 states past 50 million Americans living within a half mile from the proposed train and highway routes to the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada.

Yucca Mountain, which is still not open, will not isolate nuclear waste from the environment. Constant seismic activity has created fractures in

the soft rock of the Mountain, which may allow rainwater to travel through the stored waste, contaminating the ground water in Nevada. The same fractures will allow radioactive gasses to escape as the nuclear waste decays. Moreover, the NWPA sets licensing standards for Yucca Mountain that allow a radiation exposure (100 millirems) at least four times higher than other standards

at any other nuclear waste site.

Transporting extremely dangerous waste to sites that are not safe repositories exacerbates nuclear waste hazards. Lowering public health standards sets a very dangerous precedent. Instead of a dangerous nuclear shell game, PSR advocates democratically-based and scientifically sound policies that seek first to protect human health and the environment.

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#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1) Call & write your Senators & Representative at 202-224-3121 and urge him/her to actively oppose the Mobile Chernobyl bill (HR 45 in the House, S 608 in the Senate). The House legislation is moving through Committee mark-up now, so calls are urgently needed.

2) Write a letter to Secretary of Energy Richardson (Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20585) asking him to

halt shipments to WIPP.

For more information, sample letters, or assistance contact Kathy Crandall, (202) 898 0150 ext.222, e-mail [kcrandall@psr.org](mailto:kcrandall@psr.org).

#### ON THE WEB:

<http://www.psr.org/cleanuppge.htm>

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NixMOX : Peoples Hearings in the Southeast/DOE Moves Forward with MOX  
Citizen opposition to the U.S. Department of Energy's plans to convert several tons of surplus weapons plutonium into MOX Mixed Oxide fuel for commercial power plants is stronger than ever. A recent "peoples tour" in the Southeast (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia) featuring well attended people's hearings and productive editorial board

meetings, clearly demonstrated that many citizens oppose MOX. See op-eds opposing MOX from PSR activists at

<http://www.psr.org/cleanuppage.htm>

Unfortunately, on March 23rd, DOE announced a contract for the first phase of MOX use in U.S. Commercial Reactors. The \$130 million contract

is with an industry consortium including Duke Engineering & Services, Cogema Inc., and Stone & Webster. This contracting decision was made even while DOE has not issued its Record of Decision for its Environmental Impact Statement on plutonium disposition.

Additionally, six reactor sites were chosen in the Carolinas and Virginia to burn MOX. The DOE is in the process of developing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the impacts at the chosen reactors. Currently DOE still has no plans to have hearings in the communities near those reactors.

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#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1) Participate in International NIX MOX DAY- May 17 - Citizens worldwide

opposed to fueling the plutonium economy will take action to NIX MOX.

Order

a NIX MOX DAY Action Kit (including sample press release, sample letters

to the editor, fact sheets and more) from PSR: contact [kcrandall@psr.org](mailto:kcrandall@psr.org)

2) Send written comments to DOE on the Supplemental EIS opposing mox and

urging public hearings where people in reactor communities can speak.

(Sample letters and more details on comment procedures coming soon!)

For more information and assistance contact, Kathy

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#### TRITIUM - Another Step Backward

The U.S. government recently took another step back toward the Cold War, another step in beefing up its nuclear arsenal. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson announced that he had chosen the Watts Bar nuclear reactor in Tennessee for production of new stockpiles of tritium, a radioactive gas that boosts the yield of nuclear weapons. The decision opens the door for breaking a ten-year moratorium on tritium production.

PSR expressed dismay over Richardson's decision, citing three concerns:

First, new tritium production is wasteful, because the U.S. now has enough tritium to maintain its nuclear stockpile until 2007. If the Russian Duma ratifies the START II treaty to further shrink arsenals on both sides (which the U.S. has already ratified), the earliest that the U.S. would need new tritium is 2011. And that "need" could come still

later if the two nations negotiate a START III treaty in the next few years to make further weapons reductions.

Second, the use of a commercial reactor for military purposes breaches an important wall that has been in place for fifty years between military and commercial nuclear activities. Our government is outraged that Iraq might use civilian facilities to produce components for weapons of mass destruction, but the U.S. is now committed to do that very thing turning a civilian reactor into a bomb facility.

Third, this sends a disturbing signal to the rest of the world about U.S. nuclear intentions, and thus encourages nuclear weapons proliferation. With the Cold War far behind us, the U.S. should be demonstrating to allies and enemies alike that nuclear weapons are not necessary or legitimate components of defense, but new tritium production will do the opposite.

There is a ray of hope in this. Richardson has not yet mandated actual tritium production. He has merely selected the site for the production. So it is possible that his mind can be changed.

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#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

If you are concerned about this backward step, write a letter and express that concern: Sec. Bill Richardson, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20585.

For more information, contact Bob Tiller, (202) 898-0150 ext. 220, btiller@psr.org

ON THE WEB: <http://www.psr.org/cleanuppage.htm>

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#### THE GROWING MILITARY BUDGET

The Cold War is over. The Soviet Union has collapsed, yet current levels

of U.S. military spending fail to reflect these realities. On January 2, 1999, President Clinton

announced his plan to add \$12 billion to the FY 2000 military budget and

nearly \$110 billion spread out over the next six years, the largest increase since the Cold War days. More recently Republican leaders in Congress have united around a FY 2000 budget plan that would inflate the

Pentagon budget to levels not seen since Bush was in office. This excessive military spending is a waste of taxpayer money. Congressional

leaders must develop military spending strategies that make sense for the needs of this country today.

(1) The first step is to acknowledge that the U.S. is no longer up against a powerful Soviet nuclear force. The Administration and Congressional leaders must size the military to meet the actual and

potential threats to its citizens.

The U.S. military budget totals more than the combined military budgets of the seven countries listed by the Pentagon as potential enemies (China, Iran, N. Korea, Syria, Iraq, Libya, and Cuba). The Pentagon continues to push for Cold War systems designed to meet a powerful Soviet enemy rather than the smaller players that engage the U.S. today. This trend continues with President Clinton's recent decision to maintain 18 trident missile submarines at a cost of an additional \$1 billion in the budget annually after next year, despite assurances from navy officials that these numbers are simply not necessary to maintain security. In addition, the U.S. Air Force recently

pushed for construction of the expensive F-22 plane to replace the existing F-15 model with a cost difference of about \$90 million per plane and a total cost of \$62 billion to complete the replacements.

(2) Congress should stop loading the military budget with individual spending requests. Members of Congress give long speeches about the need

for "readiness money" to ensure that U.S. troops are prepared. The readiness crisis is often used as a smoke screen for military pork spending. Clearly there is a level of financial commitment necessary to keep U.S. forces functioning properly; soldiers need quality training, health care, and housing. But increasing the military budget with pork for the home district is not the answer.

The problem is not just the size of the budget, but also the way in which it is distributed. Congressional funding is repeatedly added into

the military budget for projects that the Pentagon has not proposed. In a September speech, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) identified \$4.5 billion in 1999 defense spending for items that were never requested.

Six late-model, C-130 turboprop transports were purchased for a total of \$465 million without a Pentagon request. Congress has given \$12 billion to provide 256 C-130 Hercules planes when the request was for just 5. In the 1999 omnibus appropriations, Congress tacked on an extra \$8.3 billion for the Pentagon, using the rhetoric of readiness, but only designating \$1.1 billion of the additional funds for readiness.

3) President Clinton should reconsider his plan of action regarding the "Star Wars" initiative. From 1984-1994 the U.S. spent \$70.1 billion on a missile defense system designed to shield the U.S. from a Soviet attack. Recently President Clinton announced a \$7 billion commitment to this missile defense system that may never be built. The final decisions on deployment will be left

until July of 2000, but as of yet no one can be sure that such a system

will ever work.

The head of the missile defense program, Air Force Lt.Gen. Lester Lyles has commented that more money in a missile defense program will do nothing while necessary technologies still do not exist. The government is dumping large sums of money into a program that has little relevance and that may never be functional at any cost. This project has already eaten up enough taxpayer money.

U.S. military spending patterns reflect strategies that addressed Cold War realities system but are grossly outdated for the world today. Congressional leaders and the administration should support an appropriate shrinking of the budget to meet new realities.

For more information, contact Robert W. Tiller at PSR, phone (202) 898-0150, ext.220, e-mail: [btiller@psr.org](mailto:btiller@psr.org)  
ON THE WEB: [http://www.psr.org/military\\_spending.htm](http://www.psr.org/military_spending.htm)

Also see budget pies and more information on military spending:  
<http://www.wand.org>

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## STOCKPILE STEWARDSHIP

- Markey Resolution

Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA) has introduced H.Con.Res. 74, a sense-of-Congress resolution that addresses the bloated and unnecessary nuclear weapons "Stockpile Stewardship" program.

\* The resolution declares that: the priority of the nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship program should be the safety and security of the existing nuclear weapons stockpile

\* the program should not attempt to develop new nuclear weapons the nuclear weapons stockpile can be maintained with a program that is smaller and less expensive than the current program, and does not require facilities or experiments that are likely to be used for warhead

design or development

\* the Secretary of Energy should redirect the program for custodianship of the nuclear weapons arsenal toward less costly, less provocative methods that are consistent with U.S. treaty obligations.

PSR strongly supports the intent of the Markey resolution, and is now actively seeking co-sponsors in the House. Often the number of co-sponsors for a bill is a determinative factor in moving it through the legislative process.

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## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

The current co-sponsors of the resolution (On 4/15/99) are:

Reps. Markey, Barrett (WI), DeGette (CO), Eshoo (CA), Frank (MA) Gutierrez (IL), Lee (CA), Lowey (NY), Maloney (NY), McGovern (MA), McKinney (GA), Meehan (MA), George Miller (CA), Nadler (NY), Owens (NY), Pallone (NJ), Payne (NJ), Rivers (MI), Tierney (MA), Mark Udall (CO),and Woolsey (CA).

\*If your Representative is on this list, write a letter to thank her/him.

If your Representative is not on this list, please write to him/her

and urge co-sponsorship of the resolution.

For more information, contact Robert W. Tiller at PSR, phone (202) 898-0150, ext.220, e-mail: [btiller@psr.org](mailto:btiller@psr.org)

ON THE WEB: <http://www.psr.org/ctbtpage.htm>

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## NETWORK NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

### Staff Changes at PSR- Kathy Crandall Joins Security Staff

PSR is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathy Crandall as Associate Director of Security Programs. Some PSR activists know Kathy because her most recent position was as Coordinator of the Disarmament Clearinghouse, a program based at PSR. Among her new responsibilities, Kathy will be the principal link with PSR's security activists. Her phone extension will be 222, or you can reach her via email at [kcrandall@psr.org](mailto:kcrandall@psr.org). She succeeds Lisa Ledwidge, who has moved on to work at the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research.

Call or e-mail Kathy to discuss PSR's Security Program Activities!

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### DOE and Plaintiffs Settle Lawsuit

In 1997 PSR National and four PSR chapters (San Francisco Bay Area, New York City, Colorado and New Mexico), along with 34 other organizations, brought suit against the Department of Energy (DOE) for inappropriate actions in the cleanup of its nuclear facilities. The suit actually referred back to a similar 1989 suit, in which DOE agreed to a settlement, then reneged on its compliance with that settlement.

After lengthy negotiations DOE and the plaintiffs recently agreed to a settlement of the new suit. Key elements of that settlement include:

- \* Creation of a regularly updated, publicly accessible database, including details about wastes at DOE sites, listing characteristics such as waste type, volume, and radioactivity, as well as transfer and disposition plans.

- \* Completion of an environmental analysis, with public input, of plans for "long-term stewardship" at contaminated DOE sites, to ensure protection of the public and the environment.

\*Establishment of a \$6.25 million fund for non-profit groups and tribes

to use in monitoring DOE environmental activities and conducting technical reviews of the agency's performance.

Continuing federal court oversight to assure adherence to the agreement.

PSR is pleased and proud to have been part of this important lawsuit and

its settlement. For more information, contact Bob Tiller at PSR, 202-898-0150 ext. 220, e-mail: btiller@psr.org

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### The Hague Appeal for Peace

Thousands of activists from around the globe will gather in the Netherlands May 11-15 for the Hague Appeal for Peace.

Conceived by its organizers as one stage in a long process, the goal of the Hague Appeal for Peace is to plant the seeds for the de-legitimizing of war in the new century. The conference will develop a formal agenda for peace and justice from four strands:

Disarmament, demilitarization and nuclear abolition

Prevention, resolution and transformation of violent conflict

International humanitarian and human rights law and institutions

Root causes of war and the culture of peace

PSR has endorsed the event, and several PSR activists have already made plans to be in the Hague. Speakers will include Kofi Annan, Desmond Tutu, Jonathan Schell, Joseph Rotblat, Arundhati Roy and Queen Noor. For further information or registration forms, please contact Bob Tiller at PSR, 202-898-0150, ext. 220. Check the web site, <http://www.haguepeace.org>

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### PSR Board Member in The American Medical Association (AMA) Journal

In a recent AMA journal article, Dr. Lachlan Forrow, PSR Board member, spoke out about the security threat posed by the Y2K computer problem. Physicians around the world are troubled by the prospects of accidental weapons launch due to a breakdown in command and control systems which may result from these Y2K computer breakdowns.

For a copy of the article or for more information on Y2K issues contact Bob Tiller at PSR 202-898-0150 ext.220, e-mail: btiller@psr.org.

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## A "Citizens Summit" Confronting NATO

Despite the turmoil and challenges of the current bombing campaign in Serbia, NATO will hold its gala 50th anniversary celebration

in Washington, DC at the end of April, with hundreds of dignitaries expected, including 44 heads of state and heads of government. At the same time, activists will gather on the Mall for a "Citizens Summit," which will raise serious questions about NATO's policies and its future,

especially the role that nuclear weapons play in NATO military operations. Everyone is invited to join the Citizens Summit, which is being organized by the Fourth Freedom Forum, with PSR as a co-sponsor. For more information, contact Bob Tiller at PSR, 202-898-0150 ext. 220, e-mail: [btiller@psr.org](mailto:btiller@psr.org)

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## "DC Days"

The Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (formerly the Military Production Network) will hold its 1999 DC Days April 25-28 in of course Washington DC. Among the key issues to be covered: appropriate

disposal and storage of nuclear waste, removing nuclear weapons from hair-trigger alert, and blocking the movement toward MOX fuel, Dozens of meetings with Administration officials and Members of Congress have been scheduled.

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## Nuclear Abolition Conference - Pittsburgh in May

Under the leadership of Dan Fine, the Pittsburgh PSR chapter has convened a broad coalition of Pittsburgh-area groups to sponsor an important conference on nuclear weapons. "Eliminating Weapons of Mass Destruction: Why Not Nuclear Abolition?" will be held May 13-14 at the University of Pittsburgh, and will feature national experts in nuclear weapons. Confirmed speakers include:

Gen. George Lee Butler (Ret.), former commander of U.S. nuclear forces

Michael Krepon, President of the Henry L. Stimson Center

Lachlan Forrow, M.D., former chair of IPPNW

Ira Helfand, M.D., former president of PSR

Robert K. Musil, Executive Director of PSR

The Conference is open to everyone who would like to attend. The fee is

\$65 before April 15 (\$75 thereafter), which covers registration and two meals.

To register, mail your check to:

CCEHS  
UPMC Health System  
Medical Arts Building - Suite 220  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Or contact Kathy McCauley at 412-486-9065, or by e-mail at [macwash@concentric.net](mailto:macwash@concentric.net)

ON THE WEB: [http://www.psr.org/danfine\\_conf.htm](http://www.psr.org/danfine_conf.htm)

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## CURRENT RESOURCES

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### New Brochure Available

Order PSR's new easy-to-read, four-color brochure on the abolition of nuclear weapons. The brochure was designed with mainstream audiences in

mind, not just activists, and thus we hope that it will help you to enlarge the circle of people who are working for abolition. \*We will provide up to 50 copies free to any organization or PSR chapter that can

use them.\*

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#### Websites of Interest

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Physicians for Social Responsibility <http://www.psr.org>

International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War

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Alliance for Nuclear Accountability <http://www.ana.org>

The Coalition To Reduce Nuclear Dangers <http://www.crnd.org>

Federation of American Scientists <http://www.fas.org>

Student Pugwash USA <http://www.igc.apc.org/pugwash/>

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#### BACK ON TRACK

Dear PSR Activists and Friends:

Please bear with us as we get back on schedule. We have been working through a staff transition. We plan to provide you with more frequent, but smaller mailings in the coming months, and look for more regular e-mail updates on a variety of nuclear issues too!

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#### CALENDAR:

##### APRIL

April 23-25 NATO 50th anniversary summit, Washington D.C.

April 23 NATO "Citizens Summit," Washington D.C.

April 25-28 Alliance for Nuclear Accountability's D.C. Days

April 26 Chernobyl Commemoration Day

##### MAY

May 7-10 Healing Global Wounds, spring gathering, Nevada Test Site

<http://www.shundahai.org/HGW/spring99gath.html>

May 10-21 PrepCom for the 2000 Non-Proliferation Treaty Review

Conference, New York

May 11 First anniversary of the Indian nuclear tests at Pokhran

May 11-16 Hague Appeal for Peace 1999 Conference, Netherlands

<http://www.haguepeace.org>

May 13-14 "Eliminating Weapons of Mass Destruction: Why Not Nuclear Abolition?", conference in Pittsburgh

PSR Dealerting Call in Days--Call the President!

May 17 International NIX MOX day  
May 28-June 1 House and Senate Memorial Day recess  
May 28 First anniversary of the first Pakistani nuclear test near  
Chagai, Pakistan  
May Supplemental PEIS on Plutonium use in Reactors-hearings  
May PSR's CTBT Coordinated Lobby Campaign

#### JUNE/JULY

June 10 Anniversary of Kennedy Speech on Test Ban and Disarmament (1963)  
  
June 18-20 G-8 summit, Cologne, Germany  
July 3-11 House and Senate Independence Day recess  
July 16 54th anniversary of the first nuclear test, "Trinity," at  
Alamogordo, N.M.

#### AUGUST

August 6 Hiroshima Day  
August 7-9 Peace Action annual congress, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Aug. 7-Sept. 7 House and Senate summer recess  
August 9 Nagasaki Day  
August 18 NASA spacecraft Cassini swings by the Earth on its way to  
Saturn  
August 29 50th anniversary of the first Soviet nuclear test,  
Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan

#### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Sept. 18-21 House and Senate Yom Kippur recess  
Sept. 21 United National General Assembly, 54th session convenes, New  
York  
Sept. 24 Third anniversary of the signing of the Comprehensive Test Ban  
Treaty  
Oct. 9-11 House and Senate Columbus Day recess

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ALERT - Please use this report and analysis to send news of this Canadian Government response to your local press!

Suzanne Pearce, Coordinator,  
Middle Powers Initiative

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## Canada's Policies on Nuclear Weapons

Report/Analysis By Senator Douglas Roche, O.C.  
Chairman, Middle Powers Initiative

The Government of Canada on April 19, 1999 issued its response to the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs' report on nuclear weapons.

It is available on the Internet:

<<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/nucchallenge/menu-e.htm>>. The government's response constitutes official government policy. First, a report; second, an analysis.

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## Report

In a 27-page response, and seven accompanying documents, to 15 recommendations of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Government of Canada has:

- \* Requested NATO to review the Alliance's nuclear policy and its relationship to proliferation, arms control and disarmament developments.
- \* Called on both Russia and the U.S. to negotiate to de-alert and de-mate their nuclear arsenals to increase the margin of safety against unauthorized or accidental use of nuclear weapons.
- \* Pledged to work with the New Agenda Coalition in pursuing shared nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation objectives.
- \* Stressed the necessity to devalue the political significance of nuclear weapons, stated it would resist any effort to validate nuclear weapons as acceptable currency in international politics, opposed any move to confer legitimate Nuclear Weapon State status on India and Pakistan.
- \* Called for a new Statement of Principles and Objectives at the 2000 Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty to reinforce the political accountability that is critical to the vitality and viability of the NPT process.
- \* Repeated its calls for an Ad Hoc Committee at the Conference on Disarmament for substantive discussion on nuclear disarmament issues to encourage NWS' disarmament efforts; and for an expanded START process, which would be helped now by a commitment by China, France and the U.K. to join in.

\* Agreed to hold an annual meeting with Canadian non governmental organizations to provide their contributions to an ongoing open dialogue; thanked the active contribution to the Parliamentary Committee's two-year study by more than 100 non governmental organizations and individuals.

At the same time, the Government of Canada did not accept certain recommendations made by the Committee. The Government:

- \* Rejected negotiations on a nuclear weapons disarmament convention.
- \* Sidestepped the Committee's call for the NWS to demonstrate their unequivocal commitment to enter into and conclude negotiations leading to the elimination of nuclear weapons by stating the Government would continue to press for negotiated reductions which would bring the international community closer to the objective of complete elimination.
- \* Rejected the Committee's recommendation that the Government not use surplus weapons plutonium from the U.S. and Russia in Canadian nuclear reactors (meaning the Government will keep open its option of using such fuel, known as MOX, for the CANDU civilian reactor).

At the heart of the Government's policy statement is the "balance" Canada has customarily sought between achieving nuclear disarmament goals and loyalty to NATO. The policy statement contained this key passage:  
"The Government agrees that Canada intensify its efforts to advance the global disarmament and non-proliferation regime... . The United Nations continues to be the key vehicle for pursuing Canada's global security objectives...

. As an active member of NATO and a net contributor to overall Alliance Security, as a friend and neighbour of the United States and its partner in NORAD... Canada balances its Alliance obligations with its disarmament and non-proliferation goals."

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## Analysis

The Standing Committee's two-year study of nuclear weapons policies began as the result of a recommendation to the Government by Project Ploughshares, which had conducted Roundtables attended by 400 Canadian community leaders in 18 cities in all 10 provinces.

After the Parliamentary Committee started its work, Project Ploughshares held a second set of Roundtables, which recommended these actions:

- \* De-alerting nuclear weapons and pledging No-First-Use;
- \* Comprehensive negotiations on a Nuclear Weapons Convention;
- \* Renounce Canada's reliance on NATO's "nuclear umbrella";
- \* Work with like-minded states, such as the New Agenda Coalition, to press the nuclear weapons abolition agenda.

Measured against these standards, the Government's updated nuclear policy is only a modest step forward.

Measured against the opposition of the United States not only to any changes

in nuclear policy but to the very review itself (an opposition the Chairman of the Standing Committee, Bill

Graham, M.P., publicly complained about), the Government's policy is a significant step forward.

For the Government of Canada to state formally that it wants NATO to review its nuclear weapons policy is to challenge a key element of NATO's doctrine and one which has been upheld many times by the U.S. Government. The Canadian action sends a signal to other NATO countries that they, too, can press for a review, which many NATO countries want but have been afraid to publicly express. Germany, which had been particularly vocal in this area until a few weeks ago, now has a new opening.

While the words "No First Use" do not appear in the Canadian policy, it is

evident in a discussion of NATO's overwhelming conventional strength that Canada doubts the military or political value of NATO's First-Use policy.

Canada said: "The circumstances in which any use of nuclear weapons might have to be contemplated by the Alliance are now extremely remote and even more difficult to envisage."

Still, Canada did not go so far as to disown the nuclear deterrence doctrine, which undergirds the NWS determination to maintain their nuclear arsenals. There was no reference to an essential point that is repeatedly made by NGOs: nuclear weapons have no moral legitimacy or justification and

should be completely stripped of any political legitimacy.

To the Committee's specific recommendation that Canada press the NWS to demonstrate an "unequivocal commitment" to conclude negotiations leading to

the elimination of nuclear weapons (language that draws on the well-known statements of the Canberra Commission, the International Court of Justice, and the New Agenda Coalition), Canada said only that the NWS should negotiate further reductions through an expanded START process.

"Canada's objective remains the complete elimination of nuclear weapons," the Government said. But with respect to joining the New Agenda Coalition or even voting for the NAC resolution at the U.N., Canada shyly contented itself with saying: "Canada will continue to engage the members of the New Agenda Coalition in pursuing shared nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation objectives."

However, the fact that Canada has so formally boosted the New Agenda Coalition gives added strength to that new organization (Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa and Sweden), one of whose original members, Slovenia, dropped off as

the result of Western NWS pressure. Canada has signaled that it will work with NAC in the construction of a new resolution at the 1999 UNGA.

Together with the continued work of the NATO NNWS core, which abstained on the NAC 1998 resolution, the possibility of new gains on a global resolution bringing the weight of virtually all the NNWS world against the NWS holdouts is on the horizon.

If such a clear cut global expression about negotiations to eliminate nuclear weapons is actually reached as the result of the combined work of the NAC and newly brave NATO NNWS, the diplomacy of the Canadian policy may one day be viewed as a triumph. For the moment, even the fact that the Canadian policy went as far as it did is sure to elicit negative reaction from the U.S.

Whether coincident or not, it was reported this week that the U.S. State Department has removed Canada's favoured status as a defence and aerospace trading partner, a move that could put \$5 billion a year worth of Canadian exports in jeopardy. And the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Gordon Giffin, has publicly warned Canada not to tamper with NATO doctrines. Perhaps Canada has tried to sweeten its relationship with the U.S. by offering to consider using U.S. excess plutonium in Canadian reactors (a move sure to be condemned by many anti-nuclear energy activists in Canada).

It is a long way from a statement of one country's policy to NATO action.

How the current global crisis surrounding Kosovo will play into any NATO review of nuclear weapons policies remains to be seen. Kosovo has shown already that any escalation of the present conflict will induce nuclear saber-rattling. The danger to the world of maintaining nuclear weapons amidst such continuing global volatility is unnerving.

This unstable situation is a continuing concern of the Middle Powers Initiative, which sent a delegation of senior U.S. figures (General Lee Butler, Robert McNamara, Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr., Dr. Tom Graham) to meet with senior Canadian government officials in March. The MPI delegation sent a strong signal to Canadian leaders that there is an important body of thought in the U.S. that wants immediate progress on nuclear disarmament.

MPI should now ensure that the new Canadian policy, which at least opens doors, is circulated widely to government and key non-governmental organizations. The object of this MPI exercise, in concert with NGOs around the world, should be to provide assistance to the NAC and the NNWS of NATO.

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here is the .txt file for the berger letter. I am going to swim home now. Have a good weekend.

Again, sorry about the editing. I decided to go ahead and send the letter as is, rather than discussing it with you, since I can't reach you and I will be at Briefing '99 and other meetings most of the day Monday.

Jere Skipper  
Episcopal Church  
Office of Government Relations

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X-Attachments:

Dear Colleagues:

You are invited to sign the following letter to Mr. Samuel Berger, urging that the Administration intensify its efforts to achieve Senate ratification of the CTBT and offering specific suggestions. The letter is slightly modified from the draft I circulated last week to reflect some polishing suggestions from the Episcopal Office for Governmental Affairs.

The letter might be signed by the head of office or whoever else you consider appropriate. Deadline for signing is 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 30. You may reply by phone/fax at 301 896-0013 or by e-mail at mupj@igc.org.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Mr. Samuel R. Berger  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Berger:

On April 9 a delegation from the faith community had the privilege of meeting with Mr. Robert Bell and Mr. Steve Andreasen to discuss our mutual interest in achieving Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). We greatly appreciate Mr. Bell's openness in describing the Clinton Administration's ratification strategy.

We came from this meeting with renewed dedication to mobilize grassroots support throughout the nation for the CTBT, especially in the states of "swing vote" senators. This spring we have had a petition drive underway in local churches and other religious meetings. During the Easter/Passover recess interfaith delegations presented signed petitions to senators' home-state offices. Other grassroots activities are underway. In Washington we have registered our support for the CTBT in letters to Senator Lott, Senator Helms, all members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and all other senators. We asked for prompt hearings on the CTBT and for a date certain for a Senate vote on the treaty. On April 26-28 persons from around the country were in Washington for the annual Interfaith Legislative Briefing. Participants included the CTBT on their agenda in visits to congressional offices. We are committed to continue such activities until the CTBT is ratified.

Stemming from our deep involvement in the CTBT ratification campaign, we would like to encourage you and your colleagues in the Clinton Administration to intensify your efforts to achieve Senate ratification of the treaty. With this in mind we would like to offer some specific suggestions for your consideration.

We believe that the time has come for you to send cabinet members and military leaders to Capitol Hill for one-on-one visits with senators in behalf of CTBT ratification. You could also call upon retired military officers, former senators, and prominent civilian leaders to assist you. This will let senators know that you are serious about achieving ratification during this session of Congress

We suggest that President Clinton use one of his Saturday radio talks to speak in behalf of the CTBT. If you will let us

know in advance, we can alert our local and state contacts so that they can use the President's talk as another opportunity reach their senators and local media.

Some kind of a White House event would be highly desirable to give CTBT ratification greater visibility. For instance, you might want to invite heads of religious communions, other prominent religious leaders, former chairs of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, former senators, and other prominent citizens to a single event to underscore the breadth of support for the CTBT. This might be an opportunity to release a joint statement by "Generals, Admirals, and Bishops for the CTBT".

We invite President Clinton to publicly sign the Interfaith Petition for the CTBT. We would be pleased to work with you to have this accomplished in an appropriate manner.

We have noted that when the Clinton Administration is really serious about achieving congressional action, it has designated a full-time coordinator to pull together diverse threads of the campaign. This occurred, for instance, with NAFTA, the Chemical Weapons Convention, and NATO expansion. We believe the time has come for the CTBT ratification to receive similar direction.

As you gear up your resources to press for CTBT ratification, we suggest that you add a full-time staff position for liaison with the faith community. This would enable us to achieve more effective linkages between your efforts and the extensive grassroots network we have mobilized in support of the CTBT.

We are convinced that a stepped-up campaign for CTBT ratification by the Clinton Administration along with the work of the interfaith community and a host of peace, disarmament, environmental, and other civic organizations can achieve success in this session of Congress.

We look forward to a continuing working relationship with you and others in the Clinton Administration.

Sincerely yours,

To be signed by representatives of faith-based organizations.

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Clayton,

Thom Fassett will be attending the Interfaith Legislative Briefing on Monday and Tuesday. He says that we probably can catch up with him there between sessions, but I don't have a precise time yet.

Why don't you call me on Monday at 301 896-0013? We can at least make arrangements for going to see Tyrone Pitts for our meeting on Tuesday at 11:00. Perhaps also I'll have a time to see Fassett on Tuesday.

Shalom,  
Howard

To: relctbt  
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Dear Colleagues:

Last week Robin Ringler had the United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators in town for a training conference. This gave me an opportunity to talk with Sarah West from North Carolina about how to approach Senator Helms. She noted that during his last election campaign Senator Helms displayed pictures of himself with his grandchildren and (I think) had them on the platform with him. This suggests that the senator may have a soft spot in his heart for children.

Therefore, Sarah and I developed the idea of having North Carolinians send Senator Helms photos of their grandchildren, children, nephews, nieces, or other children of their acquaintance. They would tell him about their concern for the future of these children and how they would like them to grow up in a world free of nuclear weapons. They would note that the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty is an important step in that direction. They would, therefore, ask Senator Helms to get on with the task of holding public hearings on the CTBT and to speed the process for action on the treaty by the Senate. This, they would write, would be for the sake of their children.

We would like other religious groups to join in this approach. Perhaps it would also be appropriate for other peace organizations to join in as well. Trying to balance speed with the need to get organized, this mini-campaign could begin the week of May 9, which is Mother's Day. I raise the following questions with you:

1. Would you be interested and willing to get your North Carolina affiliates to participate in this effort?
2. Would you provide them information directly?
3. Or would you provide the names of your principal contacts in North Carolina so that other North Carolinians can get in touch with them?
4. Do we have some kind of campaign structure already in place in North Carolina because of the petition campaign?
5. If so, could it help with the pictures-of-children campaign?
6. Should we invite other organizations working for the CTBT to join in this effort?

If you are interested or have comments, please get in touch with me by the end of this week.

Shalom,  
Howard

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April 26, 1999

House International Relations Committee  
Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: U.S. Military Forces, Bombing the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,  
and Kosovo

Dear Member of the House International Relations Committee:

On Tuesday afternoon, April 27th, your committee is scheduled to debate and vote on two resolutions by Rep. Tom Campbell:

H. Con. Res. 82, directing the President to remove U.S. armed forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), and

H.J. Res. 44, to declare war between the United States and the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

We urge you to vote for H. Con. Res. 82, the removal of U.S. armed forces and against H. J. Res. 44, the declaration of war.

Three wars now threaten the security and future of innocent civilians in Kosovo, the FRY, and the surrounding region:

1. The brutal Milosevic war of ethnic purging to eliminate the Albanian population from Kosovo and to eliminate any democratic opposition to his regime within the FRY,
2. The U.S.-led NATO bombing of the FRY to defeat Milosevic and to punish him for his aggression against the Kosovar Albanians, and
3. The Kosovar Liberation Army's irregular war on Serb forces.

All three actors claim theirs is a just war, and yet, all three conflicts threaten the lives and security of the people they claim to protect. These wars also threaten to escalate and spread beyond the borders of the FRY to destabilize the region. War has become the problem and the threat to security, not the way to security. Continuing the U.S.-led NATO bombing, or escalating U.S. military action with more bombing or ground forces, would be like throwing gasoline on a burning house to put out the fire. The U.S. risks destroying Kosovo to save it. A more sound approach must prevail to save lives, stop the armed conflict, and achieve an enduring political settlement for peace. Your vote will be critical to meeting the need for real security.

Contrary to prevalent fears, withdrawing U.S. armed forces will not send a message to Milosevic that he has won; rather, it will communicate to Kosovar Albanians, the people of Serbia and the surrounding region that the United States has opted for a more effective strategy. The repressive FRY regime is more vulnerable to free flow of information, economic "sticks and carrots," intensive diplomatic pressure of the European community, and an internal democratic opposition than to diplomatic ultimatums, threats of bombing, bombing, and threats of the use of ground forces. Unwittingly, the U.S.-led NATO bombing has given the Milosevic regime the upper hand and helped him to overcome his vulnerabilities. It is not too late for the United States to change course.

With a halt to the U.S.-led NATO bombing, conditions may emerge to start negotiations, led by Russia and other European partners, for a political settlement. Steps should include withdrawal of FRY and Serb paramilitary forces from Kosovo and deployment of a UN-OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) interim force in Kosovo to protect civilians and to accompany displaced persons and refugees returning to their towns and villages. Furthermore, a more prominent and constructive role for Russia in negotiations, an interim force, and implementation of a settlement may help to repair the much-damaged U.S.-Russia strategic relationship which is crucial to the future stability and security of Europe.

After a UN-OSCE interim force has control of Kosovo, the U.S. should support re-introduction of OSCE civilian monitors throughout the Kosovo region, provide financial assistance for the return of refugees and displaced persons to their homes, provide increased humanitarian and economic aid to the region, use economic incentives to bring the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia back into the community of Europe, and back international efforts to hold all actors accountable under international law for crimes, war crimes, or crimes against humanity in this conflict. We hope you will choose this non-military alternative. To continue the U.S.-led NATO war in the Balkans risks repeating the Vietnam mistake.

The U.S. architects of the Vietnam War knew that war would not achieve its stated goals. Then- Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara could have saved hundreds of thousands of lives and served the cause of peace in Vietnam had he exercised the courage to tell the truth. A thoughtful and courageous Congress could have stopped the war, but, in those times, Congress dutifully followed the President over the cliff. Only 30 years after the fact did Robert McNamara tell the truth about that war.

Today, the goals of supporting the U.S. military threat, preserving the credibility of NATO, not letting Milosevic appear to win, and saving face for our national leaders will be touted as justifications to vote for the continuing the war in the FRY. Compared to the urgent needs for an immediate cease fire, reducing the killing, protecting civilians, and resuming a political process to resolve the conflict, those goals do not merit your vote. The claim that continued U.S. military action will eventually achieve the goals of stopping genocide, protecting civilians, and restoring democracy is a false promise. War is not a way to peace. Killing is not a way to liberation and democracy. Please vote to remove U.S. armed forces from the NATO operation, and to take the initiatives necessary to win the peace in Kosovo and the FRY.

Sincerely,

Joe Volk  
Executive Secretary

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April 27, 1999

TO: Coalition members and friends  
FR: Daryl Kimball

RE: April 24 NATO Summit Communique

Attached below is that portion of the NATO Communique which covers WMD issues most directly. Aside from the fact that NATO chose to reiterate in the blandest of terms that its member states are committed to the major treaties relating to non-proliferation of WMD and that it lacked the vision to say anything more than that Russia should ratify START-II, it is notable that further debate on nuclear weapons may take place within NATO in the near future. The Communique states that:

"In the light of overall strategic developments and the reduced salience of nuclear weapons, the Alliance will consider options for confidence and security building measures, verification, non-proliferation and arms control and disarmament. The Council in Permanent Session will propose a process to Ministers in December for considering such options. The responsible NATO bodies would accomplish this."

If you want the full Communique, see:  
<<http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/New/NATO/statement3.html>>

For further analysis see:

"NATO Reiterates Controversial Nuclear Doctrine" by Otfried Nassauer and Thomas Neve,  
25 April 1999  
<<http://www.basicint.org/natosum1-19.htm>> and

"NATO Assigns Counterproliferation Tasks to Military Forces" by Otfried Nassauer and Thomas Neve, 25 April 1999  
<<http://www.basicint.org/natosum5-3.htm>> Both are on the BASIC Web Site.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

Washington Summit Communique

Issued by the Heads of State and Government  
participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council  
in Washington, D.C. on 24th April 1999

An Alliance for the 21st Century

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30. The proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) weapons and their means of delivery can pose a direct military threat to Allies' populations, territory, and forces and therefore continues to be a matter of serious concern for the Alliance. The principal non-proliferation goal of the Alliance and its members is to prevent proliferation from occurring, or, should it occur, to reverse it through diplomatic means. We reiterate our full support for the international non-proliferation regimes and their strengthening. We recognise progress made in this regard. In order to respond to the risks to Alliance security posed by the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and their delivery means, we have launched an Initiative that builds upon work since the Brussels Summit to improve overall Alliance political and military efforts in this area.
31. The WMD Initiative will: ensure a more vigorous, structured debate at NATO leading to strengthened common understanding among Allies on WMD issues and how to respond to them; improve the quality and quantity of intelligence and information-sharing among Allies on proliferation issues; support the development of a public information strategy by Allies to increase awareness of proliferation issues and Allies' efforts to support non-proliferation efforts; enhance existing Allied programmes which increase military readiness to operate in a WMD environment and to counter WMD threats; strengthen the process of information exchange about Allies' national programmes of bilateral WMD destruction and assistance; enhance the possibilities for Allies to assist one another in the protection of their civil populations against WMD risks; and create a WMD Centre within the International Staff at NATO to support these efforts. The WMD initiative will integrate political and military aspects of Alliance work in responding to proliferation.
32. Arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation will continue to play a major role in the achievement of the Alliance's security objectives. NATO has a long-standing commitment in this area. Allied forces, both conventional and nuclear, have been significantly reduced since the end of the Cold War as part of the changed security environment. All Allies are States Parties to the

central treaties related to disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention, and are committed to the full implementation of these treaties. NATO is a defensive Alliance seeking to enhance security and stability at the minimum level of forces consistent with the requirements for the full range of Alliance missions. As part of its broad approach to security, NATO actively supports arms control and disarmament, both conventional and nuclear, and pursues its approach against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery means. In the light of overall strategic developments and the reduced salience of nuclear weapons, the Alliance will consider options for confidence and security building measures, verification, non-proliferation and arms control and disarmament. The Council in Permanent Session will propose a process to Ministers in December for considering such options. The responsible NATO bodies would accomplish this. We support deepening consultations with Russia in these and other areas in the Permanent Joint Council as well as with Ukraine in the NATO-Ukraine Commission and with other Partners in the EAPC.

34. We call on Russia to ratify the START II Treaty without delay. This would pave the way for considerable reductions of nuclear arsenals and would allow negotiations on a START III Treaty aiming at further far-reaching reductions. We remain committed to an early entry into force of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and call upon all countries to accede to and implement the Treaty in due course. We support the early commencement of negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty.
35. We are determined to achieve progress on a legally binding protocol including effective verification measures to enhance compliance and promote transparency that strengthens the implementation of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention. We re-emphasize the importance of universal adherence to, and effective implementation of, the Chemical Weapons Convention. We support de-mining efforts in Bosnia, the development of practical initiatives under the auspices of the EAPC, and - for signatories - activities to meet obligations under the Ottawa Convention.
36. We call on Belarus, Russia and Ukraine to ratify the Open Skies Treaty without delay.

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Include me, please, Howard -

Mary H. Miller  
Executive Secretary  
Episcopal Peace Fellowship

At 08:01 AM 4/26/99 -0700, you wrote:

>Dear Colleagues:

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>You are invited to sign the following letter to Mr. Samuel Berger, urging  
>that the Administration intensify its efforts to achieve Senate ratification  
>of the CTBT and offering specific suggestions. The letter is slightly  
>modified from the draft I circulated last week to reflect some polishing  
>suggestions from the Episcopal Office for Governmental Affairs.

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>The letter might be signed by the head of office or whoever else you  
>consider appropriate. Deadline for signing is 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 30.  
>You may reply by phone/fax at 301 896-0013 or by e-mail at mupj@igc.org.

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>Shalom,  
>Howard

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Subject: Final CTBT letter to Senate

April 27, 1999

TO: Coalition members and friends  
FR: Daryl Kimball, Executive Director

RE: email version of final CTBT sign-on letter

Attached below is the final version (in e-mail format) of our sign-on letter to the Senate on the CTBT. The letter will be addressed to each individual Senator to the attention of their CTBT staffer. It will be hand-delivered to each office tomorrow (the 28th).

Thanks to those of you who provided your constructive comments on the text and who signed up in support of the letter. Call me if you have any questions.

Also, be sure to consider other ways that your organization, your chapters, and your members can communicate their support for the test ban.

Thank you,

DK

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\*\*\*\*\* 110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Suite 409, Washington, DC 20002 \*\*\*\*\*

April 28, 1999

Senator  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Attn: Defense/Foreign Policy Aide

Re: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Senator,

We write to express our strong support for immediate Senate consideration and approval of an initiative vital to U.S. national security: the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). This Treaty is essential to stopping the spread of nuclear weapons, among the greatest threats facing

our nation.

The CTBT would make it harder for countries with advanced nuclear weapons, like Russia and China, to produce new and more threatening types of nuclear weapons. The test ban would also help prevent nations seeking nuclear arms -- like Iran, Iraq, India, and Pakistan -- from making smaller and more advanced nuclear warheads, which are more easily deliverable by ballistic missiles.

The United States does not need nuclear explosive tests to maintain its nuclear deterrent. The nuclear arsenal can be sustained through non-nuclear tests and evaluations. Worn out parts can be replaced. The directors of the three national nuclear weapons laboratories -- Los Alamos, Livermore, and Sandia -- as well as independent nuclear scientists, have determined that America's arsenal can be maintained without nuclear test explosions.

The CTBT can be verified. The CTBT would establish a far-reaching verification regime that includes a global network of sophisticated seismic, hydroacoustic, radionuclide monitoring stations and on-site inspection systems that will provide unprecedented access to test sites to deter and detect possible violations. With the CTBT, our nation's ability to detect surreptitious nuclear testing activities would be greatly augmented. No would-be violator could be confident that a nuclear explosion of sufficient yield to threaten U.S. security would escape detection.

But the United States cannot enjoy the full benefits of the CTBT until and unless the Senate provides its advice and consent. The Treaty has been signed by 152 countries, including the five "declared" nuclear weapon states. Moreover, the United States' closest allies have already ratified, including Britain, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, Spain, Canada, and Australia. In total, 34 states have ratified so far. However, the U.S. and 26 other nuclear-capable states must still ratify the CTBT before it enters into force.

It has been 18 months since the CTBT was sent to the Senate for its consideration. Since then, the President and a growing number of Senators called on the Senate to consider and approve the CTBT. General Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and four of the last five previous Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have expressed their support for the CTBT and NATO has called upon all states to "sign and ratify the Treaty without delay." In May 1998 India and Pakistan conducted nuclear blasts, underscoring the continuing threat of nuclear weapons competition and the importance of early implementation of a global ban on nuclear testing. Since then, India's government has said that it is prepared to join the CTBT so that its entry into force is not delayed. Pakistan's government has said that it is prepared to join the CTBT by September 1999.

In addition, the latest opinion polls indicate that an overwhelming majority of American voters support the test ban treaty. According to the most recent national poll taken just after India's latest tests, 73% of respondents support Senate approval of the treaty, while only 16% did not approve (The Mellman Group, May 1998). In other, state-specific polls on the CTBT, public support is even higher -- from 77% to 86% in support of Senate approval (Wirthlin Worldwide/The Mellman Group, June-July 1998).

The senate must act soon. There is no reason to further delay the Senate's constitutional responsibility to consider the merits of the CTBT through hearings and a floor vote on the treaty. This fall a special conference on CTBT entry into force will be convened. Failure to act on the treaty by this fall would deny the U.S. a vote in the conference and would severely weaken U.S. non-proliferation efforts.

Beginning with President Eisenhower, American Presidents and other world leaders have sought to achieve a comprehensive ban on nuclear testing to curb nuclear proliferation. We urge you to seize this historic opportunity to realize the test ban and take action to curb nuclear proliferation by supporting the CTBT and working to ensure that the Senate acts upon it without further delay.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Joan Brown Campbell,  
General Secretary,  
National Council of Churches of Christ

Rear Admiral, Eugene J. Carroll, Jr.  
U.S. Navy (Ret.)  
Deputy Director,  
Center for Defense Information

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>FR: Daryl Kimball, Executive Director

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>hand-delivered to each office tomorrow (the 28th).

Daryl,

When I offered you a couple of comments on the letter, I thought I told you I would sign. Unless it is too late, please include me.

Shalom,  
Howard

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TO: Abolition 2000 New York Metro Working Groups

FROM: Alice Slater

RE: Minutes

DATE: April 26, 1999

Present: Giovanni Niroso (Lawyers Committee for Nuclear Policy); Nelly Sidoti and Alice Slater (GRACE); S.D. Jayasuriya (Buddhist International); Mary Shoiket

(NJ Green Party; Peggy Jacobs (LI Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives); Selma Brackman (War and Peace Foundation); Estelle Epstein (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom)

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 12 to 2 PM, GRACE, 15 E. 26 St. (between 5th and

Madison Aves.), brown bag lunch, coffee and tea will be served, RSVP: 212-726-9161

Kosovo and NATO: Alice, Giovanni and Nelly reported on the NATO demonstration and meeting in Washington last week which was carried by C-Span in its entirety

and re-broadcast that evening. After discussion about how misinformed the public and even our members of Congress are on this issue, we decided to write a simple fact sheet about events leading up to the bombing of Kosovo to educate

people on why it is wrong for NATO to be raining destruction down on Yugoslavia. Peggy and Nelly will draft the fact sheet.

Women in Black demonstrate every Wednesday against the Kosovo bombing at 5:30 at the NY Public Library, 5th Ave. and 42nd St. Spread the word and join them!

NPT PrepCom: May 10th to 23rd. IT IS URGENT THAT WE HAVE A GOOD TURN OUT AT THE UN ON MAY 10TH AND 11TH WHEN NGOS ARE ALLOWED INTO THE MEETING ROOM. PLEASE TRY TO GET AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE TO SHOW UP ON MAY 10TH AND 11TH.

To be admitted to the UN, call the NGO Committee on Disarmament, to be placed on a list for a pass: 212-687-5340

ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE PREPCOM, MONDAY MAY 10TH, THERE WILL BE AN ABOLITION CAUCUS AT 8:00 AM, CHURCH CENTER, 777 UN PLAZA, 7TH FLOOR. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND ON TIME AT 8:00 AM!!

Selma Brackman has assembled the devastating photos we have been collecting for

“The Toxic Legacy of the Nuclear Age” showing the suffering by people from 50 years of nuclear mining, weapons production and testing, and civilian power, from all over the world. She is publishing them with explanations in a pamphlet for distribution to the delegates and to NGOs. Selma is still trying

to get sponsorship, through the World Health Organization to display the photos

on the wall outside the delegates meeting room. (We need an organ of the UN to

sponsor the exhibit, according to their rules. The UN Commission on Disarmament

turned down our request to sponsor the exhibit during the NPT, although they

may help us during the fall's Disarmament Week.) WE WILL ALSO BLOW THE PHOTOS

UP INTO POSTERS MOUNTED ON POSTERBOARD TO BE CARRIED BY 12-15 VOLUNTEERS

OUTSIDE THE UN AND WHEREVER ELSE WE CAN BE NOTICED. THIS ACTION WILL BE

DISCUSSED AT THE 8:00 AM CAUCUS ON MONDAY MAY 11TH, SO PLEASE TRY TO BE THERE

AND HELP OUT!!! Giovanni will ask the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear

Policy to

inquire if we need a police permit to walk outside with the posters. Chris

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of the War Resisters League may be able to help in this matter.

Y2K SYMPOSIUM, NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NUCLEAR POWER: Tuesday, May 11th , 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Conference Room 4, UN

A panel has been organized by Helen Caldicott of STAR (Standing for Truth About

Radiation) and Abolition 2000. We have invited Ambassador Kamal of Pakistan, who chairs Y2K efforts at the UN, and have acceptances from Michio Kaku, Mary Olson(NIRS) Michael Craig (BASIC), and David Lochbaum (Union of Concerned Scientists). Please try to attend this event and invite members of your organization to come as well. You will need a UN pass, so call the UN NGO Committee on Disarmament, 212-687-5340 to be put on a list.

Talking Points to Delegates: See enclosed letter from our Working Group to NPT delegates, dated April 20, 1999, for talking points to the delegates when you come to the NPT. (Calling for intersessional working group, de-alerting, and

greater NGO participation and access at NPT meetings.)

Because of the importance of having good attendance at the NPT by NGOs, the participants at the meeting volunteered to split the Abolition 2000 NY Working Group and call all the organizations on the list to remind them to bring lots of people to the NPT, abolition caucus, and Y2k symposium.

**WOOLSEY/MARKEY RESOLUTIONS:** Please call your representative and ask that they co-Sponsor HR 82 calling on Clinton to negotiate a nuclear weapons treaty, by calling Mark Dooley in Lynn Woolsey's office 202-225-5161. In NY only Towns, Slaughter, Hinchley, and Nadler have signed.

Then support H.Con.Res. 74 to eliminate stockpile stewardship funding for new nuclear weapons research and development by calling Jeff Duncan in Ed Markey's office: 202-225-2836. In NY, only Lowey, Maloney, Nadler, Owens have signed. In NJ, only Pallone and Payne.

If your Congressperson is not on the lists above, PLEASE CALL TODAY!!

**SCHELL/ROY MEETING:** Thursday May 6, 7 pm, New School, 65 Fifth Ave.(between 13 and 14 Streets) "A Conversation in the Second Nuclear Age", with Jonathan Schell, Arundati Roy, Merav Datan.(see enclosed flyer). Please spread the word!!

**Cassini Fly-by:** Global Demonstrations, June 12th Contact Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, [globenet@afn.org](mailto:globenet@afn.org)(See enclosed flyer)

**Food Irradiation:** Congress has passed a law directing the FDA to review whether we still need labeling requirements for irradiated food. The FDA is to consider removing the radiation warning on packages, or re-naming it "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization" so as not to alarm people who stay away from irradiated food. . If food irradiation is made more "palatable" there will be a whole new source of nuclear waste to poison America as thousands of radiation plants are built across the country, operated with deadly cesium and cobalt-60.

**WRITE A LETTER TO THE FDA DEMANDING PROMINENT USE OF THE TERMS "IRRADIATION" OR "IRRADIATED" AND THE USE OF THE RADURA SYMBOL.**

Write to:  
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food"

Write your letter to the FDA before May 18th when the comment period on the new rule closes. Demand that all comments be posted on the internet, which the

FDA

is not now doing. Let's nip this thing in the bud before we have a whole new nuclear waste problem to deal with!! For more details, see [www.purefood.org](http://www.purefood.org)

Philadelphia Project: Gloria Lawrence sent in an extended list of influential New Yorkers to invite to a city dialogue on nuclear policy. It was suggested that we may want to broaden the topic to US foreign policy and use of force in order to cover the events in Kosovo.

School of the Americas: There will be demonstrations from Saturday May 1st through Tuesday May 4th in Washington, DC to close down the US military program to train assassins and thugs in Latin America. For info, contact Peggy Jacobs, [pegjacobs@aol.com](mailto:pegjacobs@aol.com), or the Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives, 516-741-4360

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Sign on to the Berger letter supporting the CTBT and more defined organization by the Administration to advance the ratification, as L. William Yolton, Executive Secretary, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

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Dear Mark:

As a follow up to the letter from faith leaders in Maryland to Senator Sarbanes regarding the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), we have set up a meeting with Senator Sarbanes and his legislative counsel, Vince Sanfuentes, for Wednesday, May 5 at 3:30 p.m. It will take place in the senator's office, Room 309, Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. Because of the unpredictability of Senate business, Senator Sarbanes may not be able to attend the entire meeting but Mr. Sanfuentes will fully represent him.

Would you please share information about this meeting with Bishop George Paul Mocko in case he would like to attend. If he cannot participate, he may want to designate some one to represent him. If that is so, please let me know who that person will be.

The purpose of the meeting is to encourage Senator Sarbanes to work within the Foreign Relations Committee to get public hearings started on the CTBT. We will be able to share with him information about the widespread support the CTBT has in Maryland and throughout the country

Shalom,  
Howard

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Following is yesterday's final vote on S.Con.Res. 21, authorizing the President to contact military air operations and missile strikes against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Also attached is FCNL's letter to Members of Senate regarding today's markup and eventual vote of S.J.Res. 20, authorizing the President to use all necessary force and other means, in concert with United States allies, to accomplish U.S. and NATO objectives in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Sincerely,

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QUESTION: On Agreeing to the Resolution

BILL TITLE: Authorizing the President of the United States to Conduct  
Military Air Operations and Missile Strikes  
Against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

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April 29, 1999

Senator  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: U.S. Military Forces, Bombing the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,  
and Kosovo

Dear Senator:

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is scheduled to mark up the McCain-Biden resolution today. The resolution authorizes the President to use all necessary force and other means, in concert with United States allies, to accomplish U.S. and NATO objectives in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). This resolution, S. J. Res. 20, and perhaps others, are expected to go to the full Senate for debate and vote soon. We urge you to vote against S. J. Res. 20, the McCain-Biden provision, and to support other approaches for a negotiated and quick end to hostilities to provide security for the Kosovar Albanians and other civilians.

Three wars now threaten the security and future of innocent civilians in Kosovo, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), and the surrounding region:

1. The brutal Milosevic war of ethnic purging to eliminate the Albanian population from Kosovo and to eliminate any democratic opposition to his regime within the FRY,
2. The U.S.-led NATO bombing of the FRY to defeat Milosevic and to punish him for his aggression against the Kosovar Albanians, and
3. The Kosovar Liberation Army's irregular war on Serb forces.

All three actors claim their war is just, and yet, all three conflicts threaten the lives and security of the people they claim to protect. These

wars also threaten to escalate and spread beyond the borders of the FRY to destabilize the region. War has become the problem and the threat to security, not the way to security. Continuing the U.S.-led NATO bombing, or escalating U.S. military action with more bombing or ground forces, would be like throwing gasoline on a burning house to put out the fire. The U.S. risks destroying Kosovo to save it. A more sound approach must prevail to save lives, stop the armed conflict, and achieve an enduring political settlement for peace. Your vote will be critical to meeting the need for real security.

Withdrawing U.S. armed forces from the NATO operations now would communicate to Kosovar Albanians, the people of Serbia and of the surrounding region that the U.S. has opted to start a process for peace and security. The repressive FRY regime is more vulnerable to the free

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flow of information, economic "sticks and carrots," intensive diplomatic pressure of the European community, and an internal democratic opposition than to diplomatic ultimatums, bombing, and threats to use ground forces. Unwittingly, the U.S.-led NATO bombing has given the Milosevic regime the upper hand and helped him to overcome his vulnerabilities. It is not too late for the U.S. to change course.

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Sincerely,

Joe Volk  
Executive Secretary

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Date: Thu, 29 Apr 1999 12:03:05 -0400  
From: James Hipkins <70761.2655@compuserve.com>  
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Sender: James Hipkins <70761.2655@compuserve.com>  
To: Howard Hallman <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Content-Disposition: inline

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Jim

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From: ctbt@2020vision.org (Marie Rietmann)

Subject: May 13 CTBT Senate letter deliveries

Date: Thu, 29 Apr 1999 16:32:57 -0400

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From: UUAWO@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 29 Apr 1999 17:38:16 EDT  
Subject: Re: Sign-on letter to Berger  
To: mupj@igc.apc.org

In a message dated 4/26/99 11:07:30 AM Eastern Daylight Time,  
mupj@igc.apc.org writes:

<< You are invited to sign the following letter to Mr. Samuel Berger, urging that the Administration intensify its efforts to achieve Senate ratification of the CTBT and offering specific suggestions. The letter is slightly modified from the draft I circulated last week to reflect some polishing suggestions from the Episcopal Office for Governmental Affairs.

The letter might be signed by the head of office or whoever else you consider appropriate. Deadline for signing is 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 30. You may reply by phone/fax at 301 896-0013 or by e-mail at mupj@igc.org.  
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Howard,  
This is Theresa w/Unitarian Universalist Assn. I do not remember whether or not I already responded to you with a "yes, sign us on." I'm cleaning up email, and responding just to make sure. Larry was in the office yesterday & has started calling NC UU churches. I'm not sure he read your email (I had printed it out for him) very carefully -- you seemed to indicate that the mini-campaign would be Mother's Day.  
Also, as you might know, I'd like a copy of the final letter to Berger with all the signatories when ready. Thanks. Sign on:

Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens  
President, Unitarian Universalist Assn. of Congregations  
Boston MA

Rev. Meg A. Riley  
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Date: Thu, 29 Apr 1999 17:31:30 -0400  
To: dkimball@clw.org  
From: Daryl Kimball <dkimball@clw.org>  
Subject: CTBT ltrs. of support

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Subject: correction: CDI Documentary on CTBT airs 5/9

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TO: Coalition members and friends  
FR: Daryl Kimball, Executive Director

RE: Documentary on CTBT by Center for Defense Information -- Airs MAY 9

A new 28 minute film from the Center for Defense Information, "Test Anxiety: Should the United States Ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty?" will air in the Washington, DC area on Sunday, May 9, Channel 32 at 12:30 pm. It will air elsewhere across the nation the following week (check local listings). The film is perfect for classrooms and organizational meetings.

For more information, call 1-800-CDI-3334 or visit the CDI Web Site

<http://www.cdi.org/adm/1235>

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To: epf@igc.org, kathy@fcnl.org, mark.brown@ecunet.org, mccwjdb@erols.com, Walter\_Owensby@pcusaa.org, "Theresa Kashen" <uuawo@aol.com>  
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[Option: Add information about the organization sending this message to its members.]

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[Option: Add information about the organization sending this message to its members.]

To: hnolen@igc.org, jmskipper@aol.com, disarm@forusa.org, network@igc.org, lwyolton@prodigy.net, arosenbaum@uahc.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Mini-campaign for CTBT in North Carolina  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Colleagues:

We have developed considerable interest in a North Carolina mini-campaign to send Senator Helms photos of children with a request for hearings on the CTBT -- "for the sake of our children." I haven't heard from you whether you are interested in being a part of this effort. In case you are, I want to share some material with you.

To help you get out information to your contacts in North Carolina, I have drafted the attached notice. You can adapt it as you see fit or write your own message. We're suggesting that letters start going to Senator Helms on or about May 10 and continue for the rest of the month. If you want to make a Mother's Day connection for May 9, that's okay, but I suspect that not everybody will want to make that tie-in.

Please let me know what you are doing or have done, so that we can build a record of the breadth of this effort. If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 301 896-0013.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Help End Nuclear Testing  
Urge Senator Helms, for the Sake of Our Children,  
to Schedule Hearings on the CTBT

On September 24, 1997 President Clinton submitted the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) to the U.S. Senate for ratification. The CTBT is an international agreement that bans nuclear weapons test explosions. It is a measure long advocated by a wide variety of religious bodies because it helps stem the spread of nuclear weapons. [Option: Add a sentence on your denomination's position on the CTBT.]

Unfortunately Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, chair of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, has refused to schedule hearings on the CTBT. In this manner he is blocking consideration of the treaty by the Foreign Relations Committee and by the entire Senate.

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From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Work for CTBT in New Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania  
Cc:  
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X-Attachments:

Confidential

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Shalom,  
Howard

To: bmorse@igc.org, dkimball@clw.org, jdi@clw.org, fteplitz@peace-action.org, btiller@psr.org, dculp@igc.org, ctbt@2020vision.org, tcollina@ucsusa.org, wand@wand.org  
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Shalom,  
Howard

To: phil  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Request for payment  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Phil:

Please pay me \$2,000 from the Ploughshares grant for ten days of work @ \$200 for April 1999.

Thanks,  
Howard

To: Dringler@umc-gbcs.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Draft letter to bishops on CTBT petition  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Robin:

Here is a draft letter to UM bishops, asking them to arrange for circulation of the CTBT petition at annual conferences. You are, of course, free to modify the letter in any way you consider appropriate, or to start over with a fresh approach.

Thanks for your willingness to contact the bishops.

Shalom,  
Howard

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We would be interested in learning the outcome of your use of the petition in your conference. Meanwhile if you have any questions, please get in touch with \_\_\_\_\_.

Yours for peace with justice,

Official to be determined

[Enclose two copies of the petition.]



To: washofc@aol.com, tom.hart@ecunet.org, epf@igc.org, kathy@fcl.org, mark.brown@ecunet.org, mccwjdb@erols.com, walter\_owensby@pcusa.org, lwyolton@prodigy.net, uuawo@aol.com, lintnerj@ucc.org, gpowers@nccbuscc.org  
From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Using CTBT petition at regional gatherings  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Dear Colleagues:

This is my week to really concentrate on the CTBT. That's why I'm pestering you with so many communications.

Robin Ringler and I have concluded that the 66 United Methodist annual conferences that meet in June offer an excellent opportunity to gather more signatures for the Interfaith CTBT Petition. At her request I have drafted the attached letter to go from the UM General Board of Church and Society to the 50 UM resident bishops.

If your denomination has similar geographic meetings within the next four months, you may want to use the opportunity to gather more signers for the petition.

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From: Rachel Phillips <rachel@fcnl.org>  
To: "'Howard W. Hallman'" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Cc: Kathy Guthrie <kathy@fcnl.org>  
Subject: RE: Sign-on letter to Berger  
Date: Fri, 30 Apr 1999 13:26:51 -0400

Howard,

Joe Volk would like to sign on to this letter for FCNL.

Rachel Phillips

-----Original Message-----

From: Howard W. Hallman [mailto:mupj@igc.apc.org]  
Sent: Monday, April 26, 1999 11:01 AM  
To: ograbc@aol.com; Jim Matlack; washofc@aol.com; adelorey@erols.com;  
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lintnerj@ucc.org; jpmc@ucc.org; Dringler@umc-gbcs.org;  
gpowers@nccbuscc.org; hnolen@igc.org  
Subject: Sign-on letter to Berger

Dear Colleagues:

You are invited to sign the following letter to Mr. Samuel Berger, urging that the Administration intensify its efforts to achieve Senate ratification of the CTBT and offering specific suggestions. The letter is slightly modified from the draft I circulated last week to reflect some polishing suggestions from the Episcopal Office for Governmental Affairs.

The letter might be signed by the head of office or whoever else you consider appropriate. Deadline for signing is 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 30. You may reply by phone/fax at 301 896-0013 or by e-mail at mupj@igc.org.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Mr. Samuel R. Berger  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Berger:

On April 9 a delegation from the faith community had the privilege of meeting with Mr. Robert Bell and Mr. Steve Andreasen to discuss our mutual interest in achieving Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). We greatly appreciate Mr. Bell's openness in describing the Clinton Administration's ratification strategy.

We came from this meeting with renewed dedication to mobilize grassroots support throughout the nation for the CTBT, especially in the states of "swing vote" senators. This spring we have had a petition drive underway in local churches and other religious meetings. During the Easter/Passover recess interfaith delegations presented signed petitions to senators' home-state offices. Other grassroots activities are underway. In Washington we have registered our support for the CTBT in letters to Senator Lott, Senator Helms, all members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and all other senators. We asked for prompt hearings on the CTBT and for a date certain for a Senate vote on the treaty. On April 26-28 persons from around the country were be in Washington for the annual Interfaith Legislative Briefing. Participants included the CTBT on their agenda in visits to congressional offices. We are committed to continue such activities until the CTBT is ratified.

Stemming from our deep involvement in the CTBT ratification campaign, we would like to encourage you and your colleagues in the Clinton Administration to intensify your efforts to achieve Senate ratification of the treaty. With this in mind we would like to offer some specific suggestions for your consideration.

We believe that the time has come for you to send cabinet members and military leaders to Capitol Hill for one-on-one visits with senators in behalf of CTBT ratification. You could also call upon retired military officers, former senators, and prominent civilian leaders to assist you. This will let senators know that you are serious about achieving ratification during this session of Congress

We suggest that President Clinton use one of his Saturday radio talks to speak in behalf of the CTBT. If you will let us know in advance, we can alert our local and state contacts so that they can use the President's talk as another opportunity reach their senators and local media.

Some kind of a White House event would be highly desirable to give CTBT ratification greater visibility. For instance, you might want to invite heads of religious communions, other prominent religious leaders, former chairs of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, former senators, and other prominent citizens to a single event to underscore the breadth of support for the CTBT. This might be an opportunity to release a joint statement by "Generals, Admirals, and Bishops for the CTBT".

We invite President Clinton to publicly sign the Interfaith Petition for the CTBT. We would be pleased to work with you to have this accomplished in an appropriate manner.

We have noted that when the Clinton Administration is really serious about achieving congressional action, it has designated a full-time coordinator to pull together diverse threads of the campaign. This occurred, for instance,

with NAFTA, the Chemical Weapons Convention, and NATO expansion. We believe the time has come for the CTBT ratification to receive similar direction.

As you gear up your resources to press for CTBT ratification, we suggest that you add a full-time staff position for liaison with the faith community. This would enable us to achieve more effective linkages between your efforts and the extensive grassroots network we have mobilized in support of the CTBT.

We are convinced that a stepped-up campaign for CTBT ratification by the Clinton Administration along with the work of the interfaith community and a host of peace, disarmament, environmental, and other civic organizations can achieve success in this session of Congress.

We look forward to a continuing working relationship with you and others in the Clinton Administration.

Sincerely yours,

To be signed by representatives of faith-based organizations.

Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036  
Phone/fax: 301 896-0013; e-mail: mupj@igc.org

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Date: Mon, 03 May 1999 13:20:04 -0400  
To: disarmtimes@igc.org  
From: Disarmtimes <disarmtimes@igc.org>  
Subject: NPT PrepCom schedule

Dear colleagues:

The 1999 NPT PrepCom meeting will start on May 10, one week from today at the United Nations in New York. Anybody who wants to attend any part of the meeting and does not have a valid U.N. pass must contact the NGO Committee on Disarmament by May 4 to gain temporary access to the U.N. grounds (tel 212.687.5340; fax 212.687.1643; e-mail disarmtimes@igc.org). We cannot guarantee entrance to anybody who has not informed us in advance; U.N. security has tightened significantly over the past few months.

Here is a list of related events happening in and around the U.N. during the PrepCom. If you know of events that are not on this list, or are planning any sort of event yourself, please let us know. Thank you.

Peacefully,

Roger Smith

Network Coordinator, NGO Committee on Disarmament

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## NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY PREPCOM MEETING

MAY 10-21, 1999

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF NGO EVENTS

DAILY: 8-9am Abolition 2000 caucus, Church Center for the U.N., 777 U.N. Plaza (7th floor, Presbyterian Conference Room all days except May 13 and 19, when held in 8th floor meeting room)

DAILY: 9-10am briefing for all NGOs, arranged by NGO Committee on Disarmament (U.N. Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium all days except May 11 and 18, when held in U.N. Conference Room D)

DAILY: NGOs will have use of a small conference room in the U.N. (Conference Room D) for office use and meeting space throughout the PrepCom.

#### MONDAY, MAY 10

PrepCom begins; agenda-setting discussions expected to be closed to NGO observers all day

NGO REGISTRATION will begin at 9:30am in the Visitors Lobby of the U.N. (General Assembly Building), 1st Avenue and 45th Street

#### TUESDAY, MAY 11

10am-1pm: PrepCom plenary expected to be open to NGOs, Conf. Room 4

1-3pm: Briefing on Y2K problem and nuclear energy and weapon systems, Conference Room 4 (STAR Foundation/Abolition 2000)

3-6pm: NGOs deliver oral presentations to PrepCom delegates, Conference Room 4

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

1:15-2:45pm: Roundtable discussion on Y2K issues, Conference Room D (WILPF - New York Metro)

6-8pm: Presentation: "Nuclear Militarism - Racist, Sexist: A Discussion,"  
Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium (WILPF - U.N.)

THURSDAY, MAY 20

1:15-2:45pm: Panel of Religious leaders, site to be announced

6-8 pm: Panel to launch a new book: "Security and Survival: The Case for a  
Nuclear Weapons Convention," Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium (IPPNW)

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Final day of PrepCom: closing plenary may be open to NGO observers

Other events yet to be scheduled:

Pax Christi, IEER, Tri-Valley CARES: "New Nuclear Weapons Development:  
Moral and Technical Aspects," May 12 or 13, U.N. location to be announced

Staged reading of "Fallout" by Joanne Pawlowski (timing and venue to be  
determined)

3 May 1999



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>>>around the state for Town Meeting. With 39 towns considering an article  
>>>calling on the US government to enter into negotiations for an abolition  
>>>treaty, 33 towns passed the article, some overwhelmingly or unanimously. In  
>>>Burlington, the state's largest city, 75 percent of voters, more than 7,000  
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>>>The citizens' votes against nuclear weapons came during Town Meeting Day,  
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>>>civic tradition in the state that has been called the "most democratic  
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>>>Through use of figures developed by a Brookings Institute analysis of the  
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>>>includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice,  
>>>peace and humanitarian service. Its work is based on the belief in the  
>>>worth of every person, and faith in the power of love to overcome violence  
>>>and injustice.

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>>>Carl Maugeri  
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>>>American Friends Service Committee  
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To: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
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dculp@igc.org, ctbt@2020vision.org, tcollina@ucsusa.org, wand@wand.org  
Subject: Re: Some states for concentrated CTBT advocacy  
References: <2.2.16.19990430112325.32f76714@pop.igc.org>

Others up for re-election next year are: DeWine (OH), First (TN), Gorton (WA), Hatch (UT), Lugar (IN), Snowe (ME), Thomas (WY).

Frist, Lugar and Thomas are on SFRC.

Shalom,  
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## GRASSROOTS NEWSLETTER MAY 1999

### \*\*\* NEW ABOLITION 2000 ORGANIZATIONS

U.S. Peace Council, CT/USA  
North Dakota Peace Coalition/USA  
Colorado Chapter of the United States Pacifist Party  
The American Indian Community House, NY/USA  
8th Day Center for Justice/IL/USA  
Movement for the Trial of War Criminals of 1971/ Bangladesh  
Rastafari Cornerstone Foundation/Belize

### \*\*\* MUNICIPALITIES

Orono, Maine  
Vienna, Maine  
South, Maine  
This brings the total number of municipalities to 225.

### \*\*\* NEWS

\*We received exciting news from Esther Farnsworth, one of our state contacts in Vermont:  
"On April 28, the Vermont House of Representatives by voice vote supported the resolution to abolish nuclear weapons. We think that this is a great decision, and it gives us the impetus to move ahead and organize 190 towns in Vermont to vote for nuclear abolition at next year's town meeting." In March, the Vermont Senate voted unanimously for the same resolution.  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2000/resolutn/JRS028.HTM>

\*World Council Of Churches (WCC) has called on NATO to seek the "rapid elimination of nuclear weapons." Its appeal to NATO calls for a NATO commitment to the "global elimination of nuclear weapons." The WCC also issued a similar appeal to non-NATO nuclear states. (WCC news release, April 23, 1999) For more information send e-mail to [ka@wcc-coe.org](mailto:ka@wcc-coe.org).

\*Protests in Belarus: the possible return of nuclear weapons in Belarus was protested on April 2nd. About 500 people took part in a March in Minsk to protest the possible re-introduction of nuclear weapons in Belarus. Belarusian and Russian politicians have stated that re-deployment is a potential response to NATO's air strikes on Serbia. (Belapan News Agency, April 3, 1999)

### \*\*\* EVENTS

May 7-10 Healing Global Wounds Spring Gathering, Nevada Test Site.  
Details at <http://www.shundahai.org/HGW/> or [hgw@scruznet.com](mailto:hgw@scruznet.com).

May 10-21 1999 NPT PrepCom, New York. Details: [disarmtimes@igc.apc.org](mailto:disarmtimes@igc.apc.org).

May 11-15 The Hague Appeal for Peace, The Hague, Netherlands. Contact:  
Karina Wood, U.S. Outreach Coordinator, [kwood@igc.apc.org](mailto:kwood@igc.apc.org)

\*NOTE: ABOLITION 2000 will have a strong presence at the HAP. We will need lots of volunteers to staff our booth and to distribute information and sunflowers. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP! Email [a2000@silcom.com](mailto:a2000@silcom.com) if you are able to help. Please bring your Abolition 2000 literature and publications to the booth. In addition, Abolition 2000 will be presenting 3 sessions on "Abolition of Nuclear Weapons," 13 - 14 May, including presentations by many core Abolition 2000 activists.

May 15-17 Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting. See details below or email [a2000@silcom.com](mailto:a2000@silcom.com)

The meeting is open to individuals and members of organizations that have signed the Abolition 2000 Statement and all those interested in contributing to the development and refinement of Abolition 2000's strategies to EDUCATE, ACTIVATE, and ORGANIZE for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Abolition 2000 has reserved a space for 400 people as part of the "Global Forum" organized by the Hague Appeal for Peace (HAP), following the HAP closing plenary. (Note: Immediately following the first part of our meeting, we are invited to join a party with other HAP participants, beginning at 9:00 pm!) You are not required to have paid a fee of any kind for the HAP Conference in order to attend the Abolition 2000 meeting.

The Annual General Meeting will continue on the Abolition 2000 Walk for Nuclear Disarmament, organized by For Mother Earth. All members of Abolition 2000 are strongly encouraged to join the Abolition 2000 walk from the Hague to NATO Headquarters in Brussels.

The agenda for the Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting will be organized around these goals:

- \* To know who is participating in the network
- \* To bring everyone up to the same level of information about Abolition 2000 structure, history, aims and style of operating
- \* To identify successes and best practices from the previous year
- \* To identify strategies leading up to 2000 (and beyond?) for the network
- \* To identify proposals for enhancing the network
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We hope to see you there!

June 18-20 Nuclear Policy and Security on the Eve of the 21st Century, St. Petersburg, contact Xanthe Hall, IPPNW Germany, 49-30-693-0244, [ippnw@oln.comlink.apc.org](mailto:ippnw@oln.comlink.apc.org)

### \*\*\* RESOURCES

#### \*NATO and No First Use Information Pack:

President of Abolition 2000 UK and former head of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Frank Blackaby, who is the author of Abolition 2000 UK's new information pack on NATO and No First Use of Nuclear Weapons said:

"As NATO loses its way in the Balkans, Britain should show leadership and challenge the US view on nuclear weapons. At the moment there is a proposal to set up a working group which will discuss the matter for months in secret. NATO claims to believe in democratic values. We propose that NATO conduct open hearings on its nuclear weapon policy - hearings to which Non-Governmental Organizations and citizens should give evidence."

Further copies of the pack are available from Abolition 2000 UK, 88 Islington High Street, London, N1 8EG, UK The text is at <http://www.gn.apc.org/abolition2000uk>>[www.gn.apc.org/abolition2000uk](http://www.gn.apc.org/abolition2000uk)

\* "Canada's Policies on Nuclear Weapons," an analysis by Senator Douglas Roche, is available at <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/nucchallenge/menu-e.htm>.

\* "The Failure of Supply-Side Nuclear Controls," Rensselaer W. Lee III, is available from the Foreign Policy Research Institute, [FPRI@aol.com](mailto:FPRI@aol.com).

\*"Nuclear Weapons Inventories of the Seven Declared Nuclear Powers" has just been revised by Bob Aldridge. It is in pdf file format. Contact [janbob1@yahoo.com](mailto:janbob1@yahoo.com)

\* The Citizens Inspection Action Booklet has been updated. It is designed for "anyone who wants to take responsibility for upholding international law against nuclear weapon." Visit <http://www.motherearth.org/inspect/index.htm>

\* A committee of the British Parliament has issued a report "The Future of NATO: The Washington Summit." Excerpts about nuclear policy are available in pdf format from <http://www.nautilus.org/nnnnet/references/commons99.pdf>.

\* "Nuclear Nonproliferation: Concerns With DOE's Efforts to Reduce the Risks Posed by Russia's Unemployed Weapons Scientists" (40 pp.) is available in pdf format from: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/rc99054.pdf>

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INVITATION:

Sunday May 16th - 9:45 a.m. - International Court of Justice, The Hague

+++ Hundreds of Walkers to Take International Law +++  
+++ From The Hague to NATO Headquarters Brussels +++

The Hague/Gent, May 3 1999 - On Sunday morning May 16th, For Mother Earth international convened an international peace walk at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague. A colourful group of hundreds of walkers from all corners of the Earth are expected to uphold international law for the abolition of nuclear weapons with a 200km walk to the NATO headquarters in Brussels, as NATO's nuclear policy is in violation with international law. Also NATO's controversial and undeclared war in the Balkan is condemned by the organisers.

The start of the peace walk coincides with the end of the 'Hague Appeal for Peace' (HAP), a major international NGO peace conference in the Congress Centre in The Hague from May 11 - 15, 1999. Over 4000 participants from all continents will discuss steps towards the 'total abolition of war'. More than 1,000 NGO's will have delegates at this major end of the millenium conference. They receive support from amongst others, Queen Noor of Jordan and a number of Nobel Price winners (i.e. Desmond Tutu). Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the UN, will close the peace conference on Saturday the May 15th.

During the conference one of most urging aims will be the total elimination of nuclear arms, the most immoral weapons conceived ever. Abolition 2000, the global network for the elimination of nuclear weapons, plans its annual general meeting during HAP and the peace march to Brussels.

On Sunday morning peace activists and campaigners from around the world will gather at 9.45 am at the UN World Court (Peace Palace). Their action draws attention to the largest case in the history of the ICJ, when it ruled on July 8, 1996 that 'not only the use, but also the threat to use nuclear weapons, is generally contrary to the rules of International Law.' The Court further ruled that all signatories to the Non-Proliferation Treaty have a legal obligation to negotiate a treaty banning all nuclear weapons.

For several decades NATO member states have been actively blocking any substantial progress towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons at

the UN Geneva Conference of Disarmament. The peace walkers, supported by numerous resolutions in the UN General Assembly, demand the immediate start of an international conference to negotiate and sign a global treaty for global nuclear disarmament.

global nuclear disarmament.

In response to the developments in the Balkan, walkers also demand an immediate stop to all violence. Both the ethnic cleansing and NATO bombings must stop now. For Mother Earth urges to stop the violence and seek a diplomatic solution, working through the UN and the OSCE (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe).

The Balkan conflict has had an enormous negative impact on the progress towards security around the world and in particular nuclear disarmament. Russia's recent announcement to rebuilt its strategic nuclear arsenal is especially destabilising to the post-Cold War relationships. Also the revocation of the 'Nuclear Weapon Free Zones' by Ukraine and Belarus illustrates that NATO miscalculated the consequences when it violated the UN charter to pursue its solo-action and went ahead with the bombing campaign in Yugoslavia.

Today over 600 walkers from nearly 50 different countries have registered for the peace walk. On their trail to NATO in Brussels the walkers will halt in Delft, Rotterdam, Dordrecht, Zevenbergen and Breda. On Monday May 24 the walkers will be joined by aprox. 180 Indian farmers. After stops and an official reception at the City Halls of Antwerp and Mechelen, the walk will arrive at the Atomium in Brussels Wednesday May 26 at 6 p.m. It's not yet clear whether Mr. De Donnea, the conservative Mayor of Brussels, will welcome the peace walkers at the City Hall. Or shall he issue a new prohibition on demonstration for the arrival of the peace marchers at NATO, planned for Thursday noon May 27? The walkers will send a registered letter from the Peace Palace in The Hague announcing an international war crimes inspection team. In the letter to Solana they demand transparency about all NATO's weapons of mass destruction stored in Belgium, Britain, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Turkey and the US.

The organisation of the international peace march is being co-ordinated from the international office of For Mother Earth in Gent, Belgium. Since 1991 For Mother Earth organized more than 12000km of peace marches across the US and Europe.

You can find an update and more information:

- the 'Hague Appeal for Peace' <<http://www.haguepeace.org/>>
- For Mother Earth <<http://www.motherearth.org/>>  
Route, camping spots, etc. <<http://www.motherearth.org/walk99/>>

Press Briefings on Internet & at the spot:  
Systematic press briefings and photos will be located at

<<http://www.motherearth.org/walk99/press.htm>>

Reporters can also ask for more information about the Walk at the For Mother Earth press office (red travel-bus) which will be parked at the The Hague Congress Centre (May 11 - 15) and or during the walk (May 16 - 30).

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Dear Abolitionists,

This email contains:

1. Reminder of dates times and places of the AGM
2. Agenda for the AGM
3. Reposting of Questionnaire for those who have not yet filled it out & details of where to send
4. a cut and paste job, showing the kinds of ideas the Interim Coordinating Committee is sharing on their recommendations on the structure and style of the International Network of Abolition 2000.

This last part is long, but in the interests of discussion, a few of us decided it would be good for people to see all the different thoughts - those who are interested enough will get through it!! Your feedback and ideas are welcome at the AGM on all aspects of the Network and its future.

Best wishes for a great meeting

Felicity Hill  
WILPF

1. The AGM will be in 2 parts.

Part 1: Saturday 15th May, 1.30 - 9pm, Rembrant Room of the Netherlands Congress Center in the Hague. This is a space that can easily fit 400 people and will begin after the closing plenary of the HAP.

Saturday 15th May 9pm - late - Party!

Part 2: Sunday 16th May, 7-9 pm, Delft, Technical University Cultural Center, Mekelweg 10, 2628 CD, phone (015) 278 3988. The 2000 Walk will be camped on the sports fields. The meetings on May 16 and 17 will be in the Cultural Center building. The best way to get there, for those not walking, is to take a train or tram from The Hague to Delft Central Station, and from there take a 129 tram towards Rotterdam and get off at the Mekelweg

stop (the fourth stop from the station).

Part 3: Monday 17th May 10am - 2 pm, Delft

## 2.. AGENDA

The agenda will be organised around these goals:

- \* To know who is participating in the network
- \* To bring everyone up to the same level of information about Abolition 2000 structure, history, aims and style of operating
- \* To identify successes, and best practices from the previous year
- \* To identify strategies leading up to 2000 (and beyond) for the network
- \* To identify proposals for enhancing the network
- \* To review the present structure and improve where necessary.

3. The Questionnaire is designed to help flesh out the Agenda.

### 2000 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to help us flesh out the agenda for the Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting in The Hague, please respond to the following questionnaire. Your answers can be as long or as short as you like. You can respond by e-mail or by regular mail. There's no special format.

(1) WHO ARE YOU? (Important!) Name, organization, postal address, e-mail address, telephone number, fax number. Will you be attending the Annual General Meeting in The Hague?

(2) COMMUNICATION IN THE NETWORK: Are you on e-mail? How could the e-mail list be improved. What does it need to be supplemented by to make you feel informed and connecting with groups from all over the world. If you are not on e-mail, how do you communicate with other Abolition 2000 groups. Do you want to get information about what the over 1,200 groups in 87 countries are doing in their Abolition 2000 work?

(3) WHAT'S WORKING? What do are the strengths of Abolition 2000? How are you making Abolition 2000 visible in your area? (We want to collect a list of best practices/ideas to share just how busy people have been, and who knows what goodies will be uncovered)

(4) LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE: Understanding that Abolition 2000 is a network, what are the kinds of things do you think we could do to share Abolition 2000's goals with others? What is your organisation willing/able to contribute (not just financially, although that's important too!)

## (5) WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD?

WHERE TO SEND YOUR RESPONSES: Western States Legal Foundation has volunteered to collect your responses and prepare a report for the Annual General Meeting (which will also be posted on the abolition-caucus e-mail list and included in the post-meeting mailing.) Please send e-mail to [alichterman@worldnet.att.net](mailto:alichterman@worldnet.att.net). Please send regular mail to Western States Legal Foundation, 1440 Broadway, Suite 500, Oakland, California, USA 94612.

### 4. Responses and ideas regarding the structure of the Interim Coordinating Committee

1. From John Burrows
2. From Pol D'Huyvetter
3. From Felicity Hill
4. From Alyn Ware
2. From Hiro Umebayashi
3. From Alice Slater

FROM JOHN

>To: ICC members and other interested persons  
>From: John Burroughs  
>Re: Proposal for post-HAP ICC functioning

>As has previously been mentioned, following the Middle Powers Initiative  
>strategy consultation, a number of A2000 members, including several  
>members of the ICC (Pol, Hiro, Alyn), met in New York City on February 27  
>to brainstorm re upcoming annual meeting (at HAP conference, probably  
>directly following it) and other matters.

>One of the ideas raised is that the ICC should come to the annual meeting  
>with a well-developed proposal for how a coordinating committee should  
>function after the meeting, how it should be structured, perhaps how  
>people would be selected to be on committee, etc. It would be good to  
>avoid having extensive discussion of such issues at the annual meeting,  
>but rather to have reached an informal consensus prior to the meeting, to  
>be confirmed by the meeting. Several of the non-ICC members at the  
>February 27 meeting specifically volunteered to consult with the ICC on  
>this, namely me, David Krieger, and Alice Slater. I spoke with Pol,  
>Jackie, and Felicity afterwards, and they agreed that a way to initiate  
>this process would simply be for me to communicate my ideas about it to  
>the ICC. Certainly there are other people who would be interested in this,  
>and they or the entire listserve could be invited to participate, but at  
>this point I have restricted the recipients to the ICC plus David and  
>Alice.

>My idea is simple but I think workable.

>1. The Coordinating Committee would be composed of regional subcommittees.  
>Present possibilities include Europe, Americas, Africa, Asia, Middle East,  
>Pacific. However, note that it doesn't really make sense to have a  
>subcommittee for only one or two persons, and that the more subcommittees  
>there are, the less workable scheme set out below is. So some regions may  
>need to be combined.

>2. Persons on the regional subcommittees would communicate among  
>themselves on a regular basis, by telephone, e-mail, or in person, perhaps  
>once a month or once a quarter. It could also be considered whether A2000  
>could cover some or all costs of conference calls.

>3. One person from each regional subcommittee would be designated to work  
>on a global committee. The idea is to keep this committee very small so as  
>to facilitate constant communications. The global committee would meet (at  
>least by telephone and e-mail, and possibly in person) on a regular basis.  
>Persons on that committee obviously would convey decisions, ideas from  
>their regional subcommittee. It should be possible to have conference  
>calls as necessary on this basis, without trying to having 10-15 persons  
>from all over the world on a call.

>That's the basic idea. Other possible ideas, some of which came up at the  
>February 27 meeting:

>4. A problem with the existing ICC is that some of the participants have  
>been extremely busy with other projects. This could be alleviated by  
>having experienced persons "mentor" (coach, advise, teach) activists who  
>are newer to this work or the network but who would actually be taking on  
>the tasks.

>5. Fundraising/budget issues should be regularly addressed/monitored by  
>ICC. This could be accomplished, for example, by having the global  
>committee speak with persons responsible for such issues on a regular  
>basis and receive regular reports.

>6. It might be good to have an A2000 staff person involved, eg in global  
>committee calls, to help with implementation (say of mailings).

FROM POL

Hi John and all,

Thank you for this Post-HAP ICC proposal. Seems very good to me. I would give it a try, with following questions/proposals :

\* Can the future ICC members be nominated by their regions, as this seems more appropriate and representative at this stage then the process followed in Geneva last year?

\* Can the regions come up with proposals how many ICC members they would like/need?.

\* Can the regions decide with which regions they want to merge?

\* Could the A2000 staff person help in facilitating ICC decisions, reminding the ICC members about their mandate, proposals and decisions, budget, etc ?

Process proposal :

I propose you redraft your proposal taking into account all feed-back you receive from us, and run the revised proposal through the Abolition caucus mailer for final remarks and input. It might also be posted on regional A2000 mailers.

The final revision could then be circulated for discussion on the Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Hopefully it could also be circulated through snail-mail if a mailing goes out to the A2000 network, or at least to people who announce to join the AGM.

Looking forward to meet you all in The Hague.

Pol D'Huyvetter

FROM FELICITY

Hi All,

I am responding to the various postings about the ICC structure and ideas of representivity etc.

1. I think John's proposal - that there should be a regional structure to the ICC reflects the sentiment of the last Annual General Meeting (AGM) which mandated the current ICC to work towards regionalism as the basis for future work. Keeping the Working Groups working would be easier if the coordinators of each were on the Global ICC.
2. I agree with Alyn that representatives with finance and fundraising interests and responsibilities should also be on this committee - so we are looking at possibly 20-25 people on the Committee.
3. Which is directly related to the funds available for activities, coordination and communication. If a clear structure and a unified strategy could be agreed upon at this AGM - however loose and loyal to grassroots politics of autonomy etc, an individual or a group of individuals who knows the fundraising world would definitely be able to find some money for basic costs of the ICC's functioning. While poverty can keep us honest, it can also result in some decisions or lack of decisions based on expecting scarcity to be perpetual - and in Ab 2000's case, I don't think that's inevitable.
4. The ICC or Global Committee or whatever it's called!! (PLEASE lets remove the word interim though) really does need a coordinator - whether that be rotating, or a paid staff. Can it be overtly stated that Lori can be that person - or what happened to the idea of the US campaign having paid staff in DC???? Any developments there? We really do need some biggish seed money.

5. I think we should solicit names for this Committee now on the email list. One of the problems with the current ICC was that people were nominated very late at the last AGM, and people who had not given their consent were nominated etc. Letting the group present at the AGM sift through a large number of people who are willing, in order to get a regional/gender and issue balance etc is better than what we did last year.

I received the mailing today with the meeting info and the questionnaire. Thanks to the NAPF for doing this mailing. You serve us all very well.

love felicity

FROM ALYN

To: Abolition 2000 ICC plus

Dear Folks,

In response to John's proposal for regional subcommittees and a small international committee:

1. It is vital that we do not get bogged down at the Hague on discussing structure. However I am not totally in agreement with the idea of the Global Coordinating Committee (GCC) being just the regional reps. I believe that a rep from the finance and fundraising committee (treasurer?) should be on. I also think it may be useful to have one or two others who are not responsible for representing regions (a big job in itself), perhaps;

- a) a GCC coordinator (responsible for ensuring the effective functioning of the GCC including arranging conference calls, meetings, follow-up to decisions made ...) and
- b) a working group liaison person. Under our existing structure the ICC includes reps from the working groups. If we do away with this it would be useful to have some-one who monitors and reports on the work of the working groups and can include their concerns etc when appropriate. The working groups are a vital part of the network and operate globally, not just regionally. Thus their strategy, programs, perspectives etc may not necessarily be represented through the regional reps.

2. We should sort this out before the Hague Meeting so we can alert people before they come so that people can be thinking of who their regional rep should be, and if we agree to my other suggestions, who to nominate for the other positions.

Peace  
Alyn

FROM HIRO

I am afraid that ICC is going to be too big a "structure." If you want to make

a really global structure, it takes time and a democratic process should be followed by each region. I don't think "Abolition 2000" has such foundation. It's simply a network of endorsers of a statement plus a declaration. Still I feel we need a practical, workable and sustainable operational structure to achieve our goals. My suggestion is the following.

#### (1) A Proposal

The current ICC nominates seven to ten persons as "Abolition 2000 Coordinating Committee (ACC)," which takes responsibility of decision making for the A2000 network when necessary. The members of the ACC don't represent anything like regions and working groups, but have passion on the issues and operations, and

have relevant skills. The ACC should elect a general coordinator and a finance/fund-raising coordinator among themselves. Also it is vitally important to have a full time staff, whether she/he is a ACC member or not. In my view

it would be acceptable even if all ACC members are Westerners, who have experiences on international networking and can communicate frequently among themselves, though it is far from the best.

In addition to the ACC, the A2000 network should form a 20-to-40 member "Global Discussant Group (GDG)." The GDG member's responsibility is simply three-fold:

(1) to be consulted by the ACC for opinions from their own perspectives and to

respond whenever possible within a time frame, (2) to take responsibility to disseminate the letter from the ACC to certain members of the A2000 network, who are voluntarily selected by each GDG member, and (3) to serve as relay points to the ACC from any of the A2000 members. The GDG members are basically

all volunteers, even though some may represent working groups or regional A2000 organizations, and other international bodies. We can also accept individuals

who volunteer to take above three responsibilities. Regarding the second tasks, the bulk mailing cost should be covered by the A2000 network, especially to the members of the developing countries. The frequency of the ACC mailing should be minimal. All the network members are encouraged to send any communications to

any of the GDG members to whom they have easy access. I myself, in cooperation

with my colleague Akira Kawasaki, can volunteer to be such a GDG member and to

take responsibility to distribute ACC letters to all the A2000 members in Japan and some of the East Asia.

This proposal comes from my experience for one year as an ICC member working in Japan, and I should make time to report briefly on it. I believe other non-English-speaking nations have similar circumstances when they work together

r with local grassroots groups.

## (2) General Remarks from Experiences in Japan

I think that one of the characteristics of the Abolition 2000 network is its enormous diversity of the member organizations in geographical area, culture (of course mother-language), political direction, and nature (primary mandate)

of the organization. In Japan, we have about forty Abolition 2000 endorser organizations. Among them, we see an official extra-departmental organization of a municipality, a huge religious organization, a national federation of Hibakushas, a huge national federation of consumer cooperatives, labor union-based organizations, national and local, physicians and lawyers organizations, women organizations with different mandates, and many grassroots organizations with variety of mandates. I believe this situation represents a strength of the network in Japan. However, it also tells us that we have always to recall that the only common basis of the Abolition 2000 network members lies in the 1995 Statement plus 1997 Moorea Declaration. We have called them for joining the network as such.

Under these circumstances and with very limited resources in terms of manpower and finance, I have identified the most fundamental and essential function of the network in Japan as ensuring the information flow on what is happening with nuclear disarmament issues in the inter-governmental and international NGO communities. Because it is essential for Abolition 2000 member organizations to share the understanding of the political and campaign development in order that they may respond any call of action from the network. The <abolition-caucus> e-mail list-serve and home-pages of related organizations have been effective information sources for that purpose. However, I have to remind you that most of the Japanese NGOs cannot enjoy these sources because of the language and that it demands immense burden of task of translation for anyone to fulfill this minimum function of the network in Japan. Fortunately my organization publishes a biweekly journal in Japanese "Nuclear Weapon and Nuclear Test Monitor" and I incorporate necessary information relating to the Abolition 2000 into it. However, we cannot distribute the publication free and not all the A2000 organizations receive it.

Maybe I should mention that the degree of cooperation among Japanese groups is growing steadily across groups with different political affiliation due to such fundamental ground work of information sharing and to joint undertakings resulting from it. Many groups in Japan have been cooperating on various occasions such as NGO conferences countering the Tokyo Forum on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, and actions to support NAC. The former is a

Japanese initiative and the latter is in close relationship with the Abolition 2000 and the MPI. I believe there is much contribution of the A2000 international network to this positive development, although you cannot claim it by using organizational terminologies.

### (3) The Review of the ICC Roles Identified in Geneva

The following eight items were identified. I'll comment on each from a Japanese view point.

#### a. Build up regional structure

"Structure" can mean many things. In Japan at present the realistic structure will mean a structure for dissemination of messages and information. It cannot

be a structure for consultation. We can inquire something to member organizations, but responses should be voluntary and decision should not be made as a whole. Big organizations have their own programs which have been decided through democratic processes of their own, so it takes time to decide something else.

"Region" can also mean many things. Under the aforementioned national situation, the regional structure is only conceivable for information dissemination.

#### b. Identify one Abolition 2000 contact in each country of the world

I wonder what is the role of this contact. Looking at the situation in Japan, I think the contact will be someone who relay calls or requests from Coordinating Committee or working groups or individuals. Frequent relay will necessitate

time and money. So the frequency has to be minimal. If the action focus is generally shared, the national initiatives should be encouraged and respected,

and we don't need so many ICC letters.

The mechanism to identify one contact will vary country by country. In Japan, it will be difficult and not productive to establish a formal election procedure. It will be possible that one or two volunteers will be accepted as such contact without formal endorsement. So as a whole, the role of the contact should be a very limited one, a relay role.

#### c. Co-ordinate working groups and ask for regular reports or updates

#### d. Co-ordinate projects from regions

These roles are too demanding for a ICC of such a loose network. I just couldn't achieve none of these roles, though I have been working hard to set up a new project group from the Northeast Asia, "Northeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone" working group, consisting of Japanese, Koreans, possibly from both South and North, and others.

#### e. Develop timeline on web site.

This can easily be done if a full-time staff is identified.

#### f. Decision making on issues that emerge

I think that as long as we speak of decision making, we should have a clear procedure, which has not been established. What is the agenda? Who is the chair, coordinator, or note-taker? Who will report the minutes? What is the final decision?

#### g. Press media spokespersons?

I tell you that the Abolition 2000 has a big name-value and much popularity in

Japan. It is respected. So it is sometimes useful for media works that someone speaks for the network with a definite qualification.

h. Enhance Abolition 2000 relationship to the wider disarmament movement  
It is not a kind of task that can be undertaken by a loose body like the present ICC.

In peace, Hiro

FROM ALICE

Dear Friends,

I think Hiro's points are wise and well taken. The regional structure we established never functioned as envisioned during the past year. Whatever regional structure we do have, has sprung up locally and autonomously.

While it is intellectually desirable to have broad regional representation, I agree with

Hiro that we need a smaller group of people who are committed to "owning" the network and working together as a team --caring about it's future, commitments and direction, with requisite skills, regardless of which region they come from.

I think we should ask for volunteers to serve on the ICC, because I presume that the "old hands" among us would only volunteer if we were willing to follow

through on the work to be done. All volunteers should also state the skills and

commitments they would bring to the job. We need communicators, fundraisers, supervisors for the staff in the international office at the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, media savvy people, writers, artists, publication experts, outreach, NPT coordination for the 2000 Review to make sure that Abolition 2000

is a presence at the meeting and that our viewpoints are heard by the delegates, amendment conference?, etc. I'd be interested to know, who on this list wants to continue, who else is interested in serving, and suggestions for people we can recruit. It's a good idea to try to do this in advance so we can

present a suggested 1999-2000 slate at the HAP.

I also think Hiro's idea for a Global Discussant Group is excellent--because they could act as an Advisory Council and sounding board for the "Coordinating Team" and would broadly represent us with the diversity that so many of us believe is essential. Also, countries or regions may want to use the need to choose a representative to the Council as a rationale for holding a regional meeting.

I wouldn't want to give up interim, transition, or some such adjective for whoever the new group is. (We had an Interim Management Group, a Transition Team, and an Interim Coordinating Committee. I'd like to continue the "tradition".) The non-heirarchical fluid nature of our network is

admirable--and is actually a new and exciting paradigm for a NETWORK--basically communicating news that gives rise to common strategies, seemingly without direction. I always thought Abolition 2000 was like a hologram, with each individual owning the mission of the network and acting accordingly in their own region, without much coordination to speak of, though with unified purpose to ban the bomb. We all jumped aboard the NAC resolution without much prompting, direction, or coordinating from a central network. And so many of us are joining in Pol's direct action efforts, including the March to Delft and beyond. As long as the facts are communicated, people knew what to do with the information without much prompting. The organizing and coordination took place in local communities, as part of a global effort. The main job of any Coordinating Team is communication--so that all our member organizations are dealing with a "full deck" empowered with the information they need to take appropriate action in their own countries.

Working Groups: This is a good structure and we need to review what's working and what's not--we need more frequent reporting from working groups--this may inspire others to join or start new ones. To do this responsibly I agree with Hiro that our paid staff should be responsible for follow-up communications with Working Groups.

## STRATEGIES

1. I think we should pay attention to ENROLLMENT as a common strategy. We should continue to set bench marks for expanding our numbers--using enrollment cards, petitions, municipal resolutions. This is something we all can do worldwide and inspires outreach for bringing the possibility of nuclear abolition to more and more people.

2. Another common strategy, suggested by Xanthe and others, is to get parliamentary resolutions enacted urging heads of state to negotiate a nuclear weapons convention, or to give up the nuclear umbrella, de-nuke NATO, get nuclear free zones, whatever is appropriate to each country. There is one in the US Congress calling on Clinton to negotiate a treaty which enables us to reach out to lots of people to urge their political participation in making nuclear abolition an idea whose time has come.

3. Sunflowers and getting our name out. Sometimes I think that getting the name out--Abolition 2000-- is our major accomplishment. When we look back, no one was talking about nuclear "abolition" in 1995 when we began. Now all the generals are calling for it! This might seem like an ephemeral accomplishment, but I think it demonstrates the power of our Network. We should continue to get the name and the sunflower out until it is as universally recognizable as the peace symbol.

4. Fundraising for the office and for communications for those who don't have email. It's clear that we wouldn't have gotten as far as we have without our abolition-caucus list serve. But we need the rest of the world who isn't on

email and some good thinking and resources to expand our ability to reach more people.

5. Media: I hope we can develop a common media hook--the devastating health effects of the nuclear age. Not just Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but the ongoing cancers, leukemias, birth defects wherever nuclear materials were mined, processed, tested--military and civilian--all over the world. As so many of us have said--but it bears repeating--we need to follow the lead of the landmines campaign and show the face of human suffering from all things nuclear to move the public to our cause. Peace,  
Alice Slater

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Subject: Religious Statements on Kosovo

Hello everyone,

Here are the religious statements I have put together on Kosovo--let me know if any are missing that you think I should include.

The document should be in Word 6.0--let me know if you have problems.

Thanks,  
Heather Nolen  
Church World Service/National Council of Churches  
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Plowshares Play at the Hague Peace Conference. Not to be missed!

"A Clown, A Hammer, A Bomb and God", a comically serious one act play about a Plowshares action in the USA, will be performed three times at the Hague Peace Conference:

1. Tuesday May 11. 17:30 (5:30 pm) Ruysdael Hall1
2. Thursday May 13. 13:00 (1 pm) Staten Hall center stage
3. Thursday May 13. 19:30 (7:30 pm). Vermeer Room 1. This performance will be followed by a discussion of civil resistance actions against nuclear weapons and use of the ICJ opinion in these.

This dynamic play, written and produced by Dan Kinch, and acted by Ben Roberts, presents the immorality of nuclear weapons in an inspirational and thoroughly enjoyable 45 minutes. You'll come away refreshed and re-energized to continue your work for peace.

The performances at the Hague Appeal for Peace Conference have been sponsored by the Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy.

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Subject: Re: An Approach to Senator Jesse Helms  
References: <2.2.16.19990505142320.34771d2e@pop.igc.org>

Hi Howard,

This is great. I will try to promote this to our NC members.

Marie

"Howard W. Hallman" wrote:

> Dear Colleagues:

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> The Interfaith Group for the CTBT has developed a mini-campaign in North  
> Carolina that asks North Carolinians to send photos of children to Senator  
> Helms with a request that he move ahead with hearings on the Comprehensive  
> Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) -- "for the sake of our children".

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> We urge you to join this effort by inviting your members to contact Senator  
> Helms in a similar manner. We're suggesting that letters start going to  
> Senator Helms on or about May 10 and continue for the rest of the month.

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> In case you are interested I am attaching a sample notice written for  
> religious organizations. You can adapt it to your needs. The main thing  
> we ask is to approach Senator Helms courteously and hope that pictures of  
> children may touch a soft spot in his heart.

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> If you decided to join this effort, please let me know. If you have  
> questions, you can reach me at 301 896-0013.

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> Shalom,  
> Howard

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> Help End Nuclear Testing  
> Urge Senator Helms, for the Sake of Our Children,  
> to Schedule Hearings on the CTBT

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> On September 24, 1997 President Clinton submitted the Comprehensive Test Ban  
> Treaty (CTBT) to the U.S. Senate for ratification. The CTBT is an  
> international agreement that bans nuclear weapons test explosions. It is a  
> measure long advocated by a wide variety of religious bodies because it  
> helps stem the spread of nuclear weapons. [You can change this to refer to

> your own organization and other types of groups.]  
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> Unfortunately Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, chair of the Senate  
> Committee on Foreign Relations, has refused to schedule hearings on the  
> CTBT. In this manner he is blocking consideration of the treaty by the  
> Foreign Relations Committee and by the entire Senate.  
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> We ask you to write to Senator Helms about the Comprehensive Test Ban  
> Treaty. Send him a photo of your grandchildren, children, nephews, and  
> nieces. In your own words tell him that you want them to grow up free from  
> the fear of nuclear weapons. Indicate that the CTBT is an important step in  
> halting the spread of nuclear weapons. Urge him to schedule hearings on the  
> treaty and speed up the process of Senate ratification. Explain that this  
> is for the sake of our children.  
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> His address is: Senator Jesse Helms, 403 Dirksen Senate Office Building,  
> Washington, DC 20510. It is suggested that such letters be sent on or after  
> May 10, 1999 and continue for the remainder of the month.  
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> [Add information about your organization.]  
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> Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
> Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
> 1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036  
> Phone/fax: 301 896-0013; e-mail: mupj@igc.org  
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> Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a membership association of  
> laity and clergy. It has no affiliation with any Methodist denomination.

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great work Howard! keep it up! tom

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"Much of what I took on faith was either wrong, enormously simplistic, extraordinarily fragile, or simply morally intolerable. What I have come to believe is that the amassing of nuclear capability to the level of such grotesque excess as we witnessed between the United States and the Soviet Union over the period of the past 50 years of the Cold War was as much a product of fear and ignorance and greed and ego and power and turf and dollars as it was about the seemingly elegant theories of deterrence."

"Options are being lost as urgent questions are marginalized, as outmoded routines perpetuate Cold War habits and thinking, and as a new generations of nuclear actors and aspirants lurch backward into the dark world we so narrowly escaped without a thermonuclear holocaust."

-- General George Lee Butler, USAF (Ret)

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On April 30th in Santa Barbara, California, General George Lee Butler received the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF)'s Distinguished Peace Leadership Award at the Foundation's 16th Annual Evening for Peace. Actor and UN Peace Ambassador Michael Douglas presented the award. A former Commander-in-Chief of the United States Strategic Command, General Butler has become a passionate voice for nuclear weapons abolition, concerned that the people of the world have not "grasped the elemental truths and the acute penalties" of nuclear war. For more information about General Butler and the award, see <http://www.napf.org/awards/butler.html>.

NAPF Calls for New Diplomatic Efforts and End to NATO Air Strikes  
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The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF) has called for an immediate end to NATO air strikes and new diplomatic efforts involving all interested parties. Simultaneously, NAPF has requested that the government of Yugoslavia cease its policy of violence and repression against ethnic Albanian Kosovars and to repatriate Albanian refugees, providing them full human and political rights.

The Foundation also believes that the resolution of the crisis in Kosovo

should be turned over immediately to the UN Security Council. Moreover, NATO should focus its further actions on contributing to the relief effort in the countries receiving Kosovo's refugees. For more information see <http://www.napf.org/kosovo.html>.

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House Votes to Require Congressional Approval Prior to Sending Ground Troops  
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In a 249-180 vote, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to require President Clinton to obtain Congressional approval prior to sending ground troops to Kosovo. The House also rejected a measure to withdraw American forces from the Balkans by a vote of 290-139. The current position of the Administration and NATO is that ground troops are unnecessary in the Balkan conflict. (Philadelphia Inquirer, April 29, 1999)

Nobel Peace Prize Winners Offer Peace Plan  
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Nobel Peace Prize Winners Betty Williams, Frederik de Klerk, Rigoberta Menchu, Simon Peres, David Trimble, Joseph Rotblat, and Mikhail Gorbachev have called for an immediate suspension of military activities in Kosovo and the beginning of direct negotiations. The proposal also calls for the return of refugees to Kosovo with the guarantee of autonomy for the province and the intervention of the international community in support of the refugees. (Reuters, April 22, 1999)

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"My great concern is that we and our adversaries [in Yugoslavia] may have already made many mistakes that might have been avoided had we learned from experience."

-- Former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara Comparing Vietnam and Kosovo, New York Times, April 21, 1999  
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NATO Enlists Russia's Aid in Kosovo Peace Efforts  
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U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott met with Russian officials to enlist their support in arranging NATO-Yugoslav negotiations. Analysts believe that the recent meetings in Moscow point to the growing belief by U.S. and NATO strategists that Russian participation may hold the key to preventing a wider conflict in Serbia. (MSNBC-TV, April 27, 1999)

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"...we must bear in mind that bombing campaigns in the Balkans and Iraq could easily heighten small states' craving for a nuclear deterrent of their own. Thus, contrary to expectations, a more nuclear rather than a less nuclear world appears to be in the offing even if the stockpiles of the U.S. and Russia are reduced."

Rensselaer W. Lee, III, "The Failure of Supply-Side Nuclear Control"  
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India and Pakistan Conduct New Missile Tests  
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Despite concerns by China, Russia, and the U.S. over a nuclear arms race between India and Pakistan, on April 11 India tested an intermediate-range ballistic missile believed to be the mainstay of its nuclear delivery system. Four days later, Pakistan conducted its second test of a nuclear-capable missile. (Associated Press, April 11 and April 15, 1999.)

Russia and China Warn of New Arms Race  
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Reacting to U.S. Congressional approval of legislation authorizing the building of a missile defense system "as soon as technologically possible," Russia and China warned that an international arms race could be resumed. In a joint statement issued by Russian and Chinese military leaders, U.S. actions were characterized as destabilizing with the potential to result in negative consequences. Russian President Boris Yeltsin approved a bill making Russian approval of the START II arms reduction treaty contingent on a U.S. commitment to honor the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Barak Sees Nuclear Proliferation as Israel's Greatest Threat  
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Ehud Barak, leading candidate in the race for Israeli Prime Minister, sees the spread of nuclear weapons to countries like Iran and Iraq as the most serious threat facing Israel. He told Reuters that "The possibility that the Middle East will become an area rife with nuclear weapons, weapons of mass destruction and missiles that carry these weapons is the biggest danger facing Israel." His remarks did not mention the fact that Israel is the only country in the Middle East with a nuclear arsenal. (Reuters, April 21, 1999)

U.S. Intelligence Confirms Chinese Theft of Nuclear Secrets  
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CIA Director George Tenet briefed Congress on an intelligence report finding that Chinese espionage efforts led to the acquisition of a number of U.S. nuclear secrets, including basic design information on the miniaturized nuclear warhead Trident II W88 and the neutron bomb. A U.S. intelligence official predicted that new generations of Chinese nuclear weapons will be patterned on U.S. technology. China has categorically

denied charges of nuclear spying. (Reuters, April 22, 1999; Inside China Today, April 22, 1999)

### GAO Charges Nuclear Security Risks Ignored

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The U.S. General Accounting Office told a House subcommittee that for nearly two decades the Department of Energy has shown a lack of attention to serious security risks at nuclear weapons laboratories. GAO criticisms pointed to ineffective controls over foreign visitors to DOE facilities, weaknesses in the protection of sensitive information, and lack of physical security. (Associate Press, April 20, 1999)

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### NON-PROLIFERATION

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### Possible Return of Nuclear Weapons in Belarus Protested

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About 500 people took part in a March in Minsk on April 2nd to protest the possible re-introduction of nuclear weapons in Belarus. Belarusian and Russian politicians have stated that re-deployment is a potential response to NATO's air strikes on Serbia. (Belapan News Agency, April 3, 1999)

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### NATO

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### NATO Adopts New Mission to Ensure "Relevance"

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Meeting in Washington D.C., NATO leaders adopted a new mission using its bombing of Kosovo as a model for future engagements. Going beyond its traditional role of mutual defense, NATO will reach beyond its borders to contain what it sees as new threats to its members. Reuters quotes NATO Secretary General Javier Solana as explaining, "When history moves very fast ... the organization that will want to be relevant, they have to move faster than history." (Reuters, April 24, 1999)

### NATO Committed to Review of Nuclear Policy

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Although Kosovo was the media focus of the NATO Summit in Washington on April 23-25, NATO "opened the door to a broad ranging review of its nuclear weapons policy," according to Canadian Senator Douglas Roche. "Although NATO's 1999 Strategic Concept showed only scant movement over 1991 on nuclear weapons, the 'Washington Summit Communique' committed NATO to a review," Roche said. (Analysis of NATO Actions on Nuclear Weapons," Senator Douglas Roche, O.C., April 28, 1999)

### World Council of Churches Calls for Dismantling of Nuclear Weapons

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The World Council of Churches (WCC) has called on NATO to seek the "rapid

elimination of nuclear weapons." Its appeal to NATO calls for a NATO commitment to the "global elimination of nuclear weapons." The WCC also issued a similar appeal to non-NATO nuclear states. (WCC news release, April 23, 1999) For more information send e-mail to ka@wcc-coe.org.

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ENERGY AND WASTE

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Judge Kills Ward Valley Nuclear Dump Plan

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A ruling by a federal judge has apparently killed plans for the Ward Valley nuclear waste facility in the Eastern Mojave Desert. Judge Emmet Sullivan ruled that the Clinton Administration does not have to turn over a 1,000-acre parcel of land to California for storage of 10,000 cubic feet of radioactive waste annually. (Los Angeles Times, April 3, 1999)

Radiation Suit Settlement Approved

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U.S. District Judge Sandra Beckwith has tentatively approved a \$5 lawsuit settlement brought by families of cancer patients unknowingly subjected to radiation experiments sponsored by the U.S. military. The lawsuit alleges that between 1960 and 1971, terminally ill cancer patients at Cincinnati General Hospital were given full- and partial-body doses of radiation as part of a research study.

Chernobyl Engineer Downplays Y2K Threat

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The deputy chief engineer of the Chernobyl nuclear power station has conceded that the Y2K computer bug may affect operations, but believes there is time to fix the problem. Yury Neretin told the Associated Press that Y2K will only affect secondary computer programs not directly linked to the production of electricity or operation of the nuclear reactor.

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May 6-16: 7th Annual International Conference on Conflict Resolution (ICR)  
St. Petersburg, Russia. Details: <http://ahpweb.org/cbi/home.html>.

May 7-10: Healing Global Wounds Spring Gathering, Nevada Test Site.  
Details at <http://www.shundahai.org/HGW/> or [hgw@scruznet.com](mailto:hgw@scruznet.com).

May 10-21: 1999 NPT PrepCom, New York. Details: [disarmtimes@igc.apc.org](mailto:disarmtimes@igc.apc.org).

May 11-15: Hague Appeal for Peace, The Netherlands. This in an international conference that will focus on building a culture of peace and the delegitimization of war. Contact: Karina Wood, U.S. Outreach Coordinator, [kwood@igc.apc.org](mailto:kwood@igc.apc.org)

May 13-14: Eliminating Weapons of Mass Destruction: Why Not Nuclear Abolition? Featuring General Lee Butler, Stansfield Turner and others. Details: [danfine@igc.org](mailto:danfine@igc.org).

May 15-17: Abolition 2000 Annual Meeting, during Hague Appeal for Peace. Details: [a2000@silcom.com](mailto:a2000@silcom.com).

May 15-30: 2000 Walk for Nuclear Disarmament, from the International Court of Justice in The Hague to NATO headquarters in Brussels. Details [www.motherearth.org](http://www.motherearth.org).

May 24-26: Sixth World Peace Science Congress, Amsterdam, details: <http://www.copri.dk/ipra/ipra-bb.htm>

May 30: Global Nuclear Meditation and Demonstration. Details from [Tina#noradiation.org](http://Tina#noradiation.org).

June 3-6: Second Interdisciplinary Conference on the Evolution of World Order: Global and Local Responsibilities for a Just and Sustainable Civilization, Ryerson Polytechnic Institute, Toronto, Canada, details: <http://www.pgs.ca/woc/>

June 6-16: 7th Annual International Conference on Conflict Resolution, St. Petersburg, Russia. Contact [solweean@aol.com](mailto:solweean@aol.com) or visit <http://www.ahpweb.org/cbi/home.html>.

June 18-20: Nuclear Policy and Security on the Eve of the 21st Century, St. Petersburg, contact Xanthe Hall, IPPNW Germany, 49-30-693-0244, [ippnw@oln.comlink.apc.org](mailto:ippnw@oln.comlink.apc.org)

July 4-7, 1999: Nourishing the Peacemaker: Living in Harmony & Becoming a Peacebuilder, 18th Annual Peace Retreat, sponsored by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and La Cassia de Maria, Santa Barbara, CA, (805) 969-5031.

August 3-9: World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, contact [antiatom@twics.com](mailto:antiatom@twics.com).

August 6-8: Beyond the Bomb: A New Agenda for Peace and Justice, Albuquerque, NM, contact Bruce Hall, Peace Action, [panukes@igc.apc.org](mailto:panukes@igc.apc.org).

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RESOURCES

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"Canada's Policies on Nuclear Weapons" is available at <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/nucchallenge/menu-e.htm>.

"The Failure of Supply-Side Nuclear Controls," Rensselaer W. Lee III, is available from the Foreign Policy Research Institute, FPRI@aol.com.

"Nuclear Weapons Inventories of the Seven Declared Nuclear Powers" has just been revised by Bob Aldridge. It is in pdf file format. Contact janbob1@yahoo.com

The Citizens Inspection Action Booklet has been updated. It is designed for "anyone who wants to take responsibility for upholding international law against nuclear weapon." Visit <http://www.motherearth.org/inspect/index.htm>

A committee of the British Parliament has issued a report "The Future of NATO: The Washington Summit." Excerpts about nuclear policy are available in pdf format from <http://www.nautilus.org/nnnnet/references/commons99.pdf>.

"Nuclear Nonproliferation: Concerns With DOE's Efforts to Reduce the Risks Posed by Russia's Unemployed Weapons Scientists" (40 pp.) is available in pdf format from: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/rc99054.pdf>

Alternatives to Violence International Presents links to resources involving conflict resolution and nonviolence. <http://www.avpi.freemove.co.uk/avplinks.htm>

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Howard,

Thanks so much for your draft of this letter. Thanks very much, too, for your letters to Wogaman and Matthews re: PwJ Sun. You said it so well! I hope they both heed your call to reject the proposed changes. I would think if someone like Wogaman spoke against it, it would carry a lot of weight.

Thanks very much!

To: Robin Ringler <Dringler@umc-gbcs.org>  
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At 09:22 AM 5/7/99 -0400, Robin Ringler wrote:

>Howard,

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>Thanks so much for your draft of this letter. Thanks very much, too, for your letters to Wogaman and Matthews re:  
PwJ Sun....

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Robin,

I've learned that another member of GCFA, Rev. Berty Hakeen of Elmhurst, IL, is my sister-in-law's pastor. So I'm using this connection to write him.

Howard

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Thank you, thank you, thank you!! I'm curious as to how/if these people respond to you, if you don't mind.

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Subject: (abolition-usa) De-Alerting petition drive in Lexington, MA  
Sender: owner-abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com  
Reply-To: abolition-usa@lists.xmission.com

A petition drive asking President Clinton "to initiate by means of an Executive Order a phased 'de-alerting' with all nuclear powers of all nuclear missiles, to be completed before the end of 1999" begins in Lexington, MA on May 18. Petitions will be circulated until July 4, when they will be collected and sent to President Clinton, with copies to all Massachusetts Senators and Representatives in Washington.

The drive begins with a meeting on May 18 at which Lachlan Forrow, MD, President, The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, and Past Chair (1993-1996), International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War [1985 Nobel Peace Prize], will be the guest speaker to present the case for de-alerting and Abolition 2000.

This meeting will be at 7:00pm at the Lexington United Methodist Church, 2600 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421-6798. Petition forms and fact-sheet brochures are ready for distribution then. The meeting is open and free to all.

This petition drive is presented by the Metro-Boston Committee to De-Alert Nuclear Weapons. You may contact us by e-mail, either at [dealert99@aol.com](mailto:dealert99@aol.com) or at [wsantelmann@peacenet.org](mailto:wsantelmann@peacenet.org). We would like to hear from other groups bringing de-alerting to the public, and will share our triumphs and failures with any group that will contact us.

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**American Baptist Churches USA** (<http://www.abc-usa.org/>)

*American Baptist Leader Calls for Kosovo Prayers and Local Church Action*

**THE KOSOVO CRISIS WHAT CAN YOUR CONGREGATION DO?**

*Many American Baptist Churches may be interested in responding to the humanitarian crisis in Kosovo by making financial contributions. If you would like to have your contributions released at once, set your special offering date and inform the congregation. Once the offering is taken and the accounting is complete, fax or mail a simple letter of request to:*

*ABC/USA:      Attention: Barbara Jarrett @  
                    FAX No. 610-768-2275 or  
                    Mail to: PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851*

*In the simple transmittal letter, use your church stationery with letterhead. Indicate the offering is for Kosovo relief, the amount, and the date. As soon as the fax or letter is received, the funds will be released for immediate emergency use. You do not need to enclose the check with the initial request for transmittal. Instead, use the normal channels for American Baptist Mission Support giving and indicate your Kosovo offering under the Project I.D. OGHKR. The Destination Code is OGH-03-000000. In this way, you will be able to use normal channels, but ensure that the gift goes for relief within days of your offering.*

*Some suggested nonfinancial ways of supporting this humanitarian effort are:*

- \* Ask members of your congregation to set aside a designated time of prayer for peace so that the congregation, although scattered, can pray in common.*
- \* Have daily prayer services in the morning, noon, or in the evening.*
- \* Sing a peacemaking hymn each service in relation to prayer.*
- \* Include prayers for peace in Kosovo and Yugoslavia in every service.*
- \* Join with other churches in your area to plan an interdenominational prayer service.*
- \* Pray for the refugees and those who are working to give them comfort and safe haven.*
- \* Along with other churches in your community, plan an interfaith prayer service, especially including Muslim and Jewish congregations.*
- \* Conduct Bible study sessions on Scripture passages regarding refugees and other related subjects. Resources are available through Church World Service & Witness at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.*
- \* Plan a special program of discussion and prayer time for the youth and young adults in your congregation.*
- \* Prepare and distribute prayer lists that include names of world leaders involved in the Kosovo Crisis, service personnel in the region, families*

- of overseas personnel, and Christian churches in the war areas.*
- \* *Remember especially the Baptist congregations in Yugoslavia which are especially targeted for persecution.*

#### *PRAYER OF INTERCESSION*

*Lord of Peace: Through your Son You have made clear the sanctity of reconciliation: "Blessed are the peacemakers" - they will be called Your children. The irony of this Savior is startling but intentional: suffering the ultimate violence on the cross in order for us to be brought back into peace, into community with You and with all humankind. Your gift of Grace compels us to acknowledge our failings and to right what is wrong in this conflict-ridden world. We weep with You when the schisms of our societies mar the fragile stability of an already fallen creation. But we must do more than weep. We must act to assure that some day "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Lord, instill in us the desire to speak for peace to make it a reality. Empower us to be Your agents of change and reconciliation. May the transforming power of Your Spirit draw us all into the love that marks us as Your children. Amen.*

*Dr. Daniel E. Weiss, General Secretary, ABC-USA*

***American Friends Service Committee*** ([www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org))

*March 24, 1999*

*Contact: Carl Maugeri 215 241-7060*

#### *AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON MILITARY STRIKES IN KOSOVO*

*By Kara Newell, Executive Director*

*The American Friends Service Committee denounces the use of military strikes by the US led NATO forces as a response to the failed peace negotiations in Kosovo. Once again the machinery of war is being set in motion with reckless disregard for human life and property. The decision to use massive military action to resolve human conflict is always flawed and fraught with long term consequences. The price of this failed diplomacy will most surely be an increase in the numbers of civilian casualties and massive flight of displaced people spilling over into neighboring countries, thus only further destabilizing this region of the world.*

*We strongly urge that :*

*NATO cease its bombing campaign and stop further threats of military action;*

*Negotiations be re established between all parties with a goal of effecting an immediate cease fire in this civil war;*

*Civilian peace monitors under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) be re-established and increased. These monitors have not eliminated violence, but have played an important moderating role in curbing human rights violations;*

*Serbian advocates for a just and peaceful resolution play a significant role, along with ethnic Albanians who have already signed on to the peace accord, in future peace negotiations.*

*AFSC mourns the suffering that has been borne by all the people in this region. We are compelled to reject violence and urge that more inclusive negotiations toward a just peace be re-established in this troubled region.*

*The American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker organization which includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace and humanitarian service. Its work is based on the belief in the worth of every person and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.*

**The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America**

*([http://www.antiochian.org/statement\\_on\\_kosovo.htm](http://www.antiochian.org/statement_on_kosovo.htm))*

Statement on Kosovo

By Metropolitan PHILIP (Saliba)

Primate, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

We are appalled at the current human catastrophe which is unfolding in Yugoslavia, the province of Kosovo and Balkans in general, especially as Orthodox Christians commemorate the passion and celebrate the resurrection of Christ. We believe it holds the potential for spreading the evil of suffering and death, not only within the Balkans, but throughout the world.

In light of these horrific events we call upon the United States and NATO to cease immediately the bombing in the area, which has only served to exacerbate the suffering of all the parties. As we have learned in other parts of the world, we cannot expect to "bomb" the governments of the world into a state of peace.

Indeed, besides those who have been put in harm's way, there are no less than 400,000 refugees who have fled into Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia and Montenegro, and hundreds of thousands of IDP's, Internalized Displaced Persons, seeking refuge within their own land.

We call on all able governments and philanthropic agencies to send humanitarian relief to these "sick and suffering" people in the form of medical aid, sustenance and shelter; time is of the essence as malnutrition and disease are beginning to spread rapidly.

Finally, in observing the complicated history of Kosovo, from its settlement by the Serbs in the 7th century, through its wars with the Ottomans in the 14th century, and up to Tito's prominent leadership after World War II, we appeal to the Yugoslav government to plan, through the United Nations, for the return of the Kosovars to their homes. We believe that through the UN peace keeping forces, the autonomy and self-rule the Kosovars enjoyed from 1945 when it was granted, to 1989 when it was rescinded, can be reestablished and protected. This autonomy should be granted as a condition of Kosovo remaining part of Yugoslavia.

***Church of the Brethren*** ([www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org))

April 7, 1999

A letter to President Clinton from Judy Mills Reimer, Executive Director of the Church of the Brethren General Board

President Bill Clinton  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The whole world looks with horror at the events unfolding in the Balkans, as warplanes fill the skies and ethnic cleansing is carried out on the ground below. In the midst of this terrible situation, I am led by the teachings of the Bible, by the traditions of our church, and by the stark reality that violence only begets violence, to call on you to stop the bombing of Yugoslavia.

The intentions of the United States and its allies may have been noble in seeking to protect the rights of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. However, in allowing for only two options--to condone ethnic cleansing or to seek a military solution--we have created a no-win situation where ultimately the very people we have sought to protect are being further endangered.

Along with a cessation of the bombing, what is needed now is a return of international peace monitors coupled with OSCE or United Nations'-led negotiations between the Yugoslavian government and the Kosovo Albanians. We must also support voices for peace within Yugoslavia, while holding leaders from every quarter responsible for crimes against humanity, and in particular the crimes of the Milosevic regime against the people of Kosovo.

The world desperately needs new and creative approaches to situations like this, which will doubtless continue to be a part of our world as we enter the next millennium. The United States can take the lead in helping fashion these new responses to the age-old problems of the human family.

Our denomination will be in prayer for the victims of the conflict and for the leaders of the nations involved, We have also begun to provide humanitarian assistance for those displaced by the conflict.

May God grant you the strength and vision to act for peace in this troubling situation.

Sincerely,

Judy Mills Reimer  
Executive Director

**Church Women United** ([www.churchwomen.org](http://www.churchwomen.org))

April 22, 1999

President William J. Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Church Women United (CWU), a diverse Christian women's movement representing one-half million members nationwide, urges you on the eve of the NATO Summit to use your power to influence a peaceful settlement to the conflict in Kosovo.

It is our determination that the options for a negotiated settlement were not exhausted prior to the US-led NATO bombing. Even today, as NATO increases its air power does the US have possibilities for addressing the gross human rights violations in the region other than military intervention by a limited alliance.

Specifically, we urge you to take the following steps to address the situation:

- Enact an immediate NATO cease-fire

- Use the United Nations as the primary vehicle of response by the international community, including political negotiation, regional protection, and refugee resettlement

- Approve a financial assistance package for Kosovo, including the rebuilding of the region's infrastructure and democracy movement

By considering these steps you will be taking seriously the plea you made to the American people this week in the wake of the tragic school shootings in Littleton, Colorado. That is, you urged us to reach out to our youth and teach them that conflict must not be resolved by weapons. What better way to teach our children this lesson than by being a nation that chooses peace over all other priorities. Indeed, as President of the United States and a major power-broker in the NATO alliance, you can lead by example.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen S. Hurty  
General Director

Ann Delorey  
Legislative Director

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#### CWU LEADERS CALL FOR PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN KOSOVO

New York, N.Y., April 4, 1999 - National spokespersons for Church Women United (CWU), a national ecumenical movement of Christian women, call upon all persons to pray for a just and peaceful resolution of the crisis in Yugoslavia and Kosovo.

In a Call to Prayer issued on Easter Sunday, CWU National President Susan Shank Mix and General Director Dr. Kathleen S. Hurty stated:

"We are profoundly grieved over the senseless tragedy that continued to unfold in this recent High Holy season. We affirm the statement issued earlier this week by several Christian organizations calling for a cessation of armed conflicts in Kosovo and throughout the world. (Editor's note: See 'Easter Appeal for a Cessation of Armed Conflicts,' issued March 31 by the World Council of Churches, the Conference of European Churches, the Lutheran World Federation, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, the World Methodist Council, the Baptist World Alliance, and the Anglican Communion, available online.

"As Christian women who identify with the suffering of mothers and grandmothers- and their children and grandchildren - in Yugoslavia and Kosovo, we are moved to bitter tears by the inability of leaders on all sides to reach a just and peaceful settlement to the conflict. Although conflicting claims on all sides serve only to affirm the observation that truth is the first casualty of war, what we do know about the situation is appalling. Claims of ethnic cleansing and ethnic killing on the part of Slobodan Milosevic's Serbian authorities must be taken seriously and condemned in the strongest terms. At the same time, there can be no doubt that NATO intervention, however well intentioned, has also contributed to the ongoing slaughter of innocents.

"CWU stands firmly in its 57-year history of affirming and acting on the belief that war is not the way to resolve political conflicts. The war in the former Yugoslavia, in which the United States now plays a part, is especially devastating given CWU's personal connection with Balkan women through its global Causeways program two decades ago. Some members of our CWU family, including President Susan Shank Mix, have traveled to Novi Sad and met some of the Serbian women who are now enduring this tragedy. Many of us also know ethnic Albanian women, and are aware of the terrible suffering they, too, are enduring under the Milosevic regime.

"We call upon all persons of good will to honor all human beings as individuals created in the image of God, and worthy of dignity and respect. Our consciences will not permit us to remain silent, particularly at his time of theyear when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

"At this holy time of year, CWU calls upon the United States government, NATO, and Serbian forces to honor the sacred meaning of the season by halting their use of violence. We call for an immediate cessation of hostilities, and a return to the negotiation table for all parties. It is with deepest prayer, and committed action, that CWU pleads for a negotiated settlement to this unspeakable tragedy."

**The Episcopal Church**

(<http://www.ecusa.anglican.org/>)

*March 26 Remarks on NATO Bombing Campaign*

*During a season marked by self examination, repentance and reconciliation to God and one another, we find ourselves witnessing the terrible spectacle of violence and civil strife being visited upon the people in the state of Kosovo and wider Yugoslavia. I invite those in positions of public trust to seek guidance from the One from whom all wisdom flows.*

*The acts of ethnic cleansing in Kosovo are deeply repugnant and stir up memories of ethnic hatreds that have marred the course of history. The civil strife that has ensued has uprooted and displaced families; the conflict has especially endangered the safety of children, the elderly, and the most vulnerable in society. According to estimates by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, since the beginning of the conflict in Kosovo a year ago, some 450,000 people have been displaced by fighting -- more than 260,000 of them in Kosovo alone.*

*The response by NATO to use overwhelming military power to halt these heinous acts will be widely debated. We need to hear the concern of the Secretary-General of the United Nations that the Security Council should have an active role in any decisions related to the use of force and in the peaceful settlement of this dispute. The UN charter recognizes the Security Council as having the primary responsibility in international peace and security.*

*I also applaud the Secretary General's repeated pleas to the Yugoslav Government to pursue peaceful means of resolving some of the long-standing tensions within the country.*

*I am personally torn by this decision of NATO because its purpose is noble while the means are so violent. Christ calls us into relationship and the present course leads us to further alienation from one another. Yet for us to stand by and allow the genocide to continue is also intolerable.*

*Regardless of what our conscience may tell us about the decision to undertake this massive bombing campaign, the failure to resolve this problem through discourse points to a profound failure of the human spirit and will.*

*It also reveals the insidious way in which religious perspectives, grounded in God's all embracing compassion and love for humankind, can be subverted and made to serve the idol of ethnic or national self-justification. I urgently appeal to President Milosevic to reconsider his options and pursue the path of peace through negotiation. And I invite the whole church to join me in prayer for the safety of the people of Yugoslavia, especially in Kosovo, and for the safety of the men and women of all the Armed Forces who have been placed in harm's way.*

*The Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold  
Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Episcopal Church, USA  
March 26, 1999  
Friday in Lent V*

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** (<http://www.elca.org/ob/kosovo.html>)

(<http://www.wfn.org/conferences/wfn.news/199904/1345114562.html>)

*April 9, 1999*

**STATEMENT BY ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP ON CRISIS IN THE BALKANS**

*Like most Americans, I have been distressed by the reports of the evolving crisis in the Balkans. The tragic suffering of the Kosovo Albanians, caused by armed attacks and other forms of violence including "ethnic cleansing" conducted by Yugoslav security forces, compels the international community to respond. I regret that military action has largely replaced diplomacy.*

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is helping to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to the vast number of refugees in need throughout the region. Members of our church have been responding generously through the ELCA's International Disaster Response to enable our partners, such as Action by Churches Together and Lutheran World Relief, to meet the urgent needs of those fleeing the brutality inflicted upon them. I appeal to all of our members to continue to provide resources for the care of the refugees. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is advocating for hospitality within the international community on the refugees' behalf and has pledged to work with our government to assist those for whom the United States has agreed to provide safe haven.*

*The ELCA's 1995 social statement, "For Peace in God's World," notes that "while we support the use of nonviolent measures, there may be no other way to offer protection in some circumstances than by restraining forcibly those harming the innocent." The statement calls upon us to make opposition to "genocide and other grievous violations of human rights" a priority. However, it also urges "nations to provide leadership, education, structures and funds for the peaceful resolution of conflict. Nations should do so with the same commitment that they prepare people to settle disputes with military force."*

*At a time when it is easy to demonize the enemy, let us remember that all people, everywhere, have been created in God's image. In this Easter season, in which we affirm Jesus' promise of life in all its fullness, we pray for all nations affected by this conflict. We appeal to all persons of good will to continue to help the afflicted. In hope for justice and peace, we call upon all the parties to refrain from public posturing, to halt the violence and to return to the negotiating table.*

*The Rev. H. George Anderson  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Chicago*

**Friends Committee on National Legislation** ([www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org))

*April 29, 1999*

*Senator  
U.S. Senate*

Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: U.S. Military Forces, Bombing the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and Kosovo

Dear Senator:

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is scheduled to mark up the McCain-Biden resolution today. The resolution authorizes the President to use all necessary force and other means, in concert with United States allies, to accomplish U.S. and NATO objectives in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). This resolution, S. J. Res. 20, and perhaps others, are expected to go to the full Senate for debate and vote soon. We urge you to vote against S. J. Res. 20, the McCain-Biden provision, and to support other approaches for a negotiated and quick end to hostilities to provide security for the Kosovar Albanians and other civilians.

Three wars now threaten the security and future of innocent civilians in Kosovo, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), and the surrounding region:

1. The brutal Milosevic war of ethnic purging to eliminate the Albanian population from Kosovo and to eliminate any democratic opposition to his regime within the FRY,
2. The U.S.-led NATO bombing of the FRY to defeat Milosevic and to punish him for his aggression against the Kosovar Albanians, and
3. The Kosovar Liberation Army's irregular war on Serb forces.

All three actors claim their war is just, and yet, all three conflicts threaten the lives and security of the people they claim to protect. These wars also threaten to escalate and spread beyond the borders of the FRY to destabilize the region. War has become the problem and the threat to security, not the way to security. Continuing the U.S.-led NATO bombing, or escalating U.S. military action with more bombing or ground forces, would be like throwing gasoline on a burning house to put out the fire. The U.S. risks destroying Kosovo to save it. A more sound approach must prevail to save lives, stop the armed conflict, and achieve an enduring political settlement for peace. Your vote will be critical to meeting the need for real security.

Withdrawing U.S. armed forces from the NATO operations now would communicate to Kosovar Albanians, the people of Serbia and of the surrounding region that the U.S. has opted to start a process for peace and security. The repressive FRY regime is more vulnerable to the free flow of information, economic "sticks and carrots," intensive diplomatic pressure of the European

*community, and an internal democratic opposition than to diplomatic ultimatums, bombing, and threats to use ground forces. Unwittingly, the U.S.-led NATO bombing has given the Milosevic regime the upper hand and helped him to overcome his vulnerabilities. It is not too late for the U.S. to change course.*

*With a halt to the U.S.-led NATO bombing, the Partnership for Peace with Russia may be exercised to achieve a pause in hostilities and to start negotiations for a political settlement. Steps should include withdrawal of FRY and Serb paramilitary forces from Kosovo and deployment of a UN- OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) interim force in Kosovo to protect civilians and to accompany displaced persons and refugees*

*returning to their towns and villages. Furthermore, a more prominent and constructive role for Russia in negotiations, an interim force, and implementation of a settlement will help to repair the much-damaged U.S.-Russia strategic relationship which is crucial to the future stability*

*and security of Europe and the U.S.*

*After a UN-OSCE interim force has control of Kosovo, the U.S. should support re-introduction of OSCE civilian monitors throughout the Kosovo region, provide financial assistance for the return of refugees and displaced persons to their homes, provide increased humanitarian and economic aid to the region, use economic incentives to bring the FRY back into the community*

*of Europe, and back international efforts to hold all actors accountable under international law for crimes, war crimes, or crimes against humanity in this conflict. We urge you to choose this non-military alternative. It will save lives and cost much less money than to continue or escalate the NATO military operation.*

*To continue the U.S.-led NATO war risks repeating the Vietnam mistake. The U.S. architects of the Vietnam War knew that war would not achieve its stated goals. Then-Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara could have saved hundreds of thousands of lives and served the cause of peace in Vietnam had he exercised the courage to tell the truth. A thoughtful and courageous*

*Congress could have stopped the war, but, in those times, Congress dutifully followed the President over the cliff. Only 30 years after the fact did Robert McNamara tell the truth about that war - too late to make a difference. The McCain-Biden provision to authorize the President to use*

*all means necessary to end the war is completely open-ended - a blank check to do virtually anything. It over reaches the much criticized "Gulf of Tonkin" resolution by miles. Surely the Senate will not repeat that mistake.*

*Today, the Administration and their Congressional supporters will tout the goals of maintaining a credible U.S. military threat, preserving the unity of NATO, not letting Milosevic appear to win, and saving face for our national leaders as justifications to continue the war in the FRY. Yet*

*these goals are not compelling when compared to the urgent needs for an immediate cease fire, reducing the killing, protecting civilians, and resuming a political process to resolve the conflict.*

*The Administration and their Congressional supporters will cite the goals of stopping genocide, protecting civilians, and restoring democracy as justification for continued military action. But the claim that U.S. military action will eventually achieve these goals is a false promise.*

*Genocide must be prevented, but experience demonstrates that, once begun, genocide is not stopped by war. War is not a way to peace. Killing is not way to liberation and democracy. Please vote against the McCain-Biden resolution.*

*Sincerely,*

*Joe Volk  
Executive Secretary*

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*April 26, 1999*

*House International Relations Committee  
Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515*

*RE: U.S. Military Forces, Bombing the Federal Republic of  
Yugoslavia,  
and Kosovo*

*Dear Member of the House International Relations Committee:*

*On Tuesday afternoon, April 27th, your committee is scheduled to debate and vote on two resolutions by Rep. Tom Campbell:*

*H. Con. Res. 82, directing the President to remove U.S. armed forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), and*

*H.J. Res. 44, to declare war between the United States and the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.*

*We urge you to vote for H. Con. Res. 82, the removal of U.S. armed forces and against H. J. Res. 44, the declaration of war.*

*Three wars now threaten the security and future of innocent civilians in Kosovo, the FRY, and the surrounding region:*

- 1. The brutal Milosevic war of ethnic purging to eliminate the Albanian population from Kosovo and to eliminate any democratic opposition to his regime within the FRY,*
- 2. The U.S.-led NATO bombing of the FRY to defeat Milosevic and to punish him for his aggression against the Kosovar Albanians, and*
- 3. The Kosovar Liberation Army's irregular war on Serb forces.*

*All three actors claim theirs is a just war, and yet, all three conflicts threaten the lives and security of the people they claim to protect. These wars also threaten to escalate and spread beyond the borders of the FRY to destabilize the region. War has become the problem and the threat to security, not the way to security. Continuing the U.S.-led NATO bombing, or escalating U.S. military action with more bombing or ground forces, would be like throwing gasoline on a burning house to put out the fire. The U.S. risks destroying Kosovo to save it. A more sound approach must prevail to save lives, stop the armed conflict, and achieve an enduring political settlement for peace. Your vote will be critical to meeting the need for real security.*

*Contrary to prevalent fears, withdrawing U.S. armed forces will not send a message to Milosevic that he has won; rather, it will communicate to Kosovar Albanians, the people of Serbia and the surrounding region that the United States has opted for a more effective strategy. The repressive FRY regime is more vulnerable to free flow of information, economic "sticks and carrots," intensive diplomatic pressure of the European community, and an internal democratic opposition than to diplomatic ultimatums, threats of bombing, bombing, and threats of the use of ground forces. Unwittingly, the U.S.-led NATO bombing has given the Milosevic regime the upper hand and helped him to overcome his vulnerabilities. It is not too late for the United States to change course.*

*With a halt to the U.S.-led NATO bombing, conditions may emerge to start negotiations, led by Russia and other European partners, for a political settlement. Steps should include withdrawal of FRY and Serb paramilitary forces from Kosovo and deployment of a UN-OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) interim force in Kosovo to protect civilians and to accompany displaced persons and refugees returning to their towns and villages. Furthermore, a more prominent and constructive role for Russia in negotiations, an interim force, and implementation of a settlement may help to repair the much-damaged U.S.-Russia strategic relationship which is crucial to the future stability and security of Europe.*

*After a UN-OSCE interim force has control of Kosovo, the U.S. should support re-introduction of OSCE civilian monitors throughout the Kosovo region, provide financial*

*assistance for the return of refugees and displaced persons to their homes, provide increased humanitarian and economic aid to the region, use economic incentives to bring the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia back into the community of Europe, and back international efforts to hold all actors accountable under international law for crimes, war crimes, or crimes against humanity in this conflict. We hope you will choose this non-military alternative. To continue the U.S.-led NATO war in the Balkans risks repeating the Vietnam mistake.*

*The U.S. architects of the Vietnam War knew that war would not achieve its stated goals. Then- Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara could have saved hundreds of thousands of lives and served the cause of peace in Vietnam had he exercised the courage to tell the truth. A thoughtful and courageous Congress could have stopped the war, but, in those times, Congress dutifully followed the President over the cliff. Only 30 years after the fact did Robert McNamara tell the truth about that war.*

*Today, the goals of supporting the U.S. military threat, preserving the credibility of NATO, not letting Milosevic appear to win, and saving face for our national leaders will be touted as justifications to vote for the continuing the war in the FRY. Compared to the urgent needs for an immediate cease fire, reducing the killing, protecting civilians, and resuming a political process to resolve the conflict, those goals do not merit your vote. The claim that continued U.S. military action will eventually achieve the goals of stopping genocide, protecting civilians, and restoring democracy is a false promise. War is not a way to peace. Killing is not a way to liberation and democracy. Please vote to remove U.S. armed forces from the NATO operation, and to take the initiatives necessary to win the peace in Kosovo and the FRY.*

*Sincerely,*

*Joe Volk  
Executive Secretary*

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*March 23, 1999*

*President Bill Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500*

*RE: Serbia, Kosovo, and U.S. Bombing  
Dear President Clinton:*

*War is not the answer. Do not bomb.*

*In the service of coercive diplomacy, you have made military threats against parties to the conflict in Kosovo. You have gambled on the outcome. You have lost the bet. Regrettably, you have placed all your eggs in the war basket. To save face you may now feel compelled to carry out the war threat. That would be an incalculable mistake.*

*The coercion seems to have failed to elicit cooperation from President Milosevic. Your strategy has given him the power to narrow U.S. options to two different responses: do nothing or bomb. We cannot accept either response, and either would be ineffective. To do nothing leaves civilian lives at risk and opens the way for ethnic cleansing and the violation of human rights. To bomb now also puts civilian lives in jeopardy and risks escalation of new fighting that could spread war in the volatile region of the Balkans.*

*We urge you to gamble again on another risky approach: seeking peace through peaceful means. You can win peace and a victory for human rights in Kosovo by creating new options through intensive multilateral, non-coercive diplomacy.*

*Your job is to narrow the choices for the representatives of Serbia and Kosovo to choosing participation in an ongoing political process for a peacefully negotiated outcome. Better to take years of political talking and spend millions of dollars on this kind of war prevention than to spend billions for a militarily imposed "peace" that will require decades of occupation forces to maintain.*

*We call on the United States to activate the UN Security Council and OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) to initiate the following six peace-building steps for Kosovo, in the context of non-coercive diplomacy:*

*immediate lifting of the U.S.-NATO bombing threat and developing a close working relationship with the Russians and other Europeans to facilitate negotiations;*

*re-negotiating an immediate cease-fire in the civil war between the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and the Serbians;*

*a massive return of civilian observer-peace monitors throughout the Kosovo region, and a sustained presence until a political settlement is reached;*

*a multilaterally-supported political process for new negotiations within the framework of international law between the parties to the conflict; representation of the leaders should include not only governing officials, military officers, and leaders of armed fighters, but also the eminent leaders of civil society institutions;*

*assertive and continuing efforts to hold all actors accountable under international law for crimes, war crimes, or crimes against humanity excepting no official, no matter how central to the previous Dayton Accords or to these new Kosovo negotiations;*

*fund and immediately begin radio and TV broadcasting to Serbia and Kosovo of objective, international reporting of events in Serbia and the Kosovo region.*

*If you persist with the U.S. bombing threat, then, at a minimum, we believe you must request and receive a Congressional declaration of war against Serbia. We would, of course, lobby Members of Congress to vote against a declaration of war; but we believe you must respect the constitutional provision that the President and Congress should share the decision to go to war, before a bomb is dropped or a shot is fired. This is not an emergency situation, and, therefore, the War Powers Act does not apply.*

*Sincerely,*

*Joe Volk*

*cc: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright  
Secretary of Defense William Cohen  
National Security Advisor Samuel Berger  
Members of Congress*

**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America**

*([http://www.antiochian.org/statement\\_on\\_kosovo.htm](http://www.antiochian.org/statement_on_kosovo.htm))*

*Archbishop Spyridon Calls for Reciprocal Actions by NATO to Serbian Cease Fire and Return of Servicemen*

*April 7, 1999*

*New York, NY - His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon, Primate of the Greek Orthodox*

*Church in America has issued the following statement today on the recent developments in the continuing conflict in Yugoslavia: "The humanitarian gesture of President Milosevic and the Serbian people in declaring a unilateral cease fire and in the coming release of the American Servicemen to the government of Cyprus compels the NATO alliance to honor a suspension of hostilities during the Orthodox Christian celebration of Pascha. This opportunity for renewing a political and diplomatic settlement to the very complex problems in Kosovo should not be missed. There is now every reason for NATO to consider honoring the Serbian cease fire, and to put a halt to the continuing bloodshed and loss of life. Let there be an echo among the nations of NATO, that resounds with a gesture of peace and good will.*

*"We commend President Kyprianou and the government of Cyprus for their efforts on behalf of the captured American Servicemen. I call upon President Clinton and the leaders of NATO to seize this moment as an opening for peace and negotiated settlement. The further escalation of this conflict can only serve to exacerbate the human tragedy of violence, displacement and the inevitable hatreds that will be spawned by the forces of death and destruction. Especially now, in the midst of the Orthodox Christian Holy Week,*

*God has given to the world a way out of the madness that threatens to engulf us. May we perceive His mercy in the midst of chaos and confusion, and find the will to honor the Prince of Peace and begin anew the work of peace." \_*

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Objectives for 2000            May 10 1999

The Third Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) opened on 10 May with a one minute silence to remember those killed and injured when NATO planes inadvertently bombed the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade.

Ambassador Camilo Reyes of Colombia was then unanimously adopted as Chair, with Ambassadors Markku Reimaa of Finland and Eugeniusz Wyzner of Poland appointed Vice Chairs.

Saying that the third PrepCom must work on both substantive and procedural issues, Reyes emphasised that its principle task was to prepare effectively for a successful Review Conference in 2000. He accordingly obtained agreement for a timetable for two weeks' work that began with a general debate, focussing on what the NPT parties wanted the review process to achieve, especially what sort of documents or agreements the PrepCom and, more importantly, the 2000 Review Conference should aim to produce.

The first week would include a session focussing on the procedural decisions necessary for organising the 2000 Review Conference, followed by an afternoon in which NGOs would discuss their priorities for implementation of the Treaty with delegations. Three days would then be assigned to 'cluster debates' on the main areas of the treaty: nuclear disarmament, safeguards and nuclear energy. In addition, to the surprise of several delegations, Reyes successfully proposed that the third PrepCom should follow the precedent set by decisions taken at the first PrepCom and devote special time to issues of particular concern: in this case to nuclear disarmament (with emphasis not only on Article VI but also on the more practically defined programme of action in the 1995 Principles and Objectives); the ban on the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons (fissban); and the Middle East.

According to the timetable, most of week two would be spent on drafting and deciding on procedural and substantive recommendations to the review conference. It is likely that sidebar consultations, probably under the auspices of the vice-chairs or 'friends of the chair', would attempt to resolve any problems with the procedural and organisational decisions, with a view to submitting them for decision again at the beginning of week two. If agreement is still lacking, sufficient time would be left to seek a

compromise before the final deadline.

### General Debate

Although Reyes had emphasised his hope that delegations would focus particularly on the practical consideration of what kind of products (documents and agreements) the review process should aim to deliver, it was inevitable that many of the 37 statements also gave national positions on the subject matter of the NPT.

The following issues were referred to most frequently:

- the importance of the NPT and non-proliferation regime and the risks of undermining it by failing to implement the strengthened review process constructively;
  - concern about the impasse in the START process, the necessity for more effective progress on nuclear disarmament and suggestions for steps that could be undertaken;
  - condemnation of the nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan a year ago;
  - the importance of getting sufficient signatures and ratifications for the comprehensive test ban treaty (CTBT) to enter into force;
  - the bombing by NATO of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia and the effect of NATO's actions on future prospects for arms control;
  - concern about the destabilising impact of missile defence plans;
  - the importance of getting negotiations on the fissban underway;
  - security assurances;
  - universality and full adherence to the Treaty; and
  - nuclear weapon free zones (NWFZ), especially in relation to the Middle East and Central Asia.
- Many also mentioned nuclear energy, the importance of safeguards, nuclear safety, security and export controls.

As all these issues of substance are addressed in more detailed debates through this week, ACRONYM NPT Briefings will summarise the key positions more fully in later briefings.

### Products and Outcomes

The discussion on the objectives and purpose of the review process focussed particularly on the kind of documents the Review Conference should aim to produce. While at least ten statements failed to mention this question, many others seemed to endorse New Zealand's hope that the PrepCom would be able to offer a "framework paper recommending agreed or possible options". Four distinct options began to emerge, though there were also nuanced differences and some blurring of the edges:

- two documents: one forward-looking beyond the year 2000, along the lines of (but not by means of amending) the 1995 Principles and Objectives (P&O), in effect, a 2000 P&O; and a second to cover reviewing the treaty's implementation from 1995 to 2000. The two-document option was a clear front runner, advocated by South Africa, the United States, Australia, Switzerland, most of the European Union (EU) countries and, it appeared, various others.
- one document, combining both forward and backward-looking elements, preferred by Iran and France, but with significant differences. Iran suggested that the final declaration should be in two sections, one reviewing the treaty's implementation, article by article, while the second

would update the Principles and Objectives. France surprised its EU colleagues by making a strong argument for retaining the pre-1995 pattern, advocating three reports from the Main Committees (nuclear disarmament, safeguards and nuclear energy). Each would look both forward and backwards, with a common "chapeau" or synthesising document prepared by the Conference Chair, which might incorporate recommendations.

- three documents: a 2000 Principles and Objectives; a review summary; and (if deemed necessary) a document clarifying the purpose, powers and limits of the strengthened review process. Canada and Japan specifically advocated this approach, with South Africa and New Zealand recognising that some additional work in this area may be required, without necessarily specifying a third document on the review process.
- a set of decisions and/or resolutions mirroring the 1995 package: e.g. a decision on further strengthening the review process; decisions on Principles and Objectives and a programme of action on non-proliferation and disarmament; and a resolution on the Middle East (proposed by Myanmar).

Ambassador Mark Moher of Canada made some very detailed proposals, also reiterating his 1998 argument that the PrepComs themselves should be empowered to comment on their work and decisions and on treaty-related events deemed significant or urgent, such as nuclear testing and the CTBT or the Middle East. Japan was among those that agreed, although others, like New Zealand, suggested that a statement from the Chair might also fulfil this objective. The United States remains opposed to giving the PrepComs an independent or more public role, although it would not completely rule out the option of a Chair's statement.

Canada questioned the allocation of issues to the three main committees, suggesting that reviewing the treaty article by article might be more efficient and appropriate, a point New Zealand supported.

Some, such as the United States and France emphasised the need for full consensus on all documents. Others, including Canada, Japan, New Zealand and South Africa, considered that the review document would not necessarily have to have all its elements agreed by consensus, as that approach has tended to result either in failure or in anodyne expressions pitched at the lowest common denominator of agreement. Instead, the aim could be to adopt by consensus a review document that reflected agreement where possible, with a factual summary of differing views where necessary. There was general agreement that the Principles and Objectives should be agreed by consensus.

Due to France's alternative proposal, the EU, whose collective statement had been expected to endorse the two-document option, with a 2000 Principles and Objectives and a review document, was only able to reaffirm that the outcome of the 2000 Review Conference should contain both forward- and backward-looking elements.

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Dear Acro receivers,

Just to let you know that Disarmament Diplomacy 36 (for April 1999) is now on our website at [www.acronym.org.uk](http://www.acronym.org.uk). Please note the new address of the website (although the old address should find us for a few months).

In addition to publishing Disarmament Diplomacy and information on the NPT, CD and South Asia, the website has a special feature on the war over Kosova, with information on the diplomatic initiatives and responses from the region, as well as international views. This feature is still under construction and incomplete, but has some interesting viewpoints you don't easily find elsewhere.

DD 36 contains a preview of the substantive issues facing the NPT prepcom (Rebecca Johnson), 'Nuclear disarmament: is this as good as it gets?' from Ambassador Marin Bosch of Mexico, an article by Zia Mian and M.V. Ramana on using the NPT to get to zero, and a paper on the state of play in india's nuclear policy, by Giri Deshingkar. The documents and sources and news sections cover the NATO summit, the war over Kosova, India & Pakistan, Jiang Zemin's statement to the CD, missile tests, Iraq & North Korea.

I also apologise that, due to my travel schedule and pressure of work, I forgot to send you notice of publication of the March issue, DD 35.

Published just after the first week of bombing and before the NATO summit, DD 35 contained a special op-ed piece on NATO at war, an analysis from Nicola Butler on NATO at 50, and an update on the dismal state of play in the CD: 'CD fiddles while Kosovo burns'(Rebecca Johnson). There were also articles on the UN arms register (Malcolm Chalmers and Owen Greene), a look at NWFZ possibilities in North Asia (John Endicott) and an analysis of the BWC verification negotiations (Jez Littlewood). The documents and news features covered US-Russian cooperation, US-China nuclear and spy controversies, Iraq, DOE, CTBT and US missile defence plans.

Our email addresses are also now changing. From now on, my email address will be [rej@acronym.org.uk](mailto:rej@acronym.org.uk). However, the old address will continue to function for the next few months.

Nicola and I will be covering the NPT PrepCom from New York, May 10-22, with regular (but not daily) reports. So far, pessimism is probably the wisest frame of mind with which to approach the NPT review process. Mobile phone 917 302 2822.

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Maureen,

I will be in Pittsburgh on Thursday for the abolition conference, so will miss NWWG. Kathy will be present on our behalf.

I suggest that you carve out more time for the Kerrey amendment, by shrinking time in this meeting on other issues. The reason I make this suggestion is that this is a winnable issue for us that is likely to be decided this month. I hope that NWWG will undertake such things as: sign-on letter to Senators, coordinated Action Alert effort, postings on every group's Web site, sample letters to the editor. (If anyone thinks that Jon Isaacs' swing list is too short, we could add: Fitzgerald, Snowe, Lieberman.)

By the way, this Thursday will be the last NWWG meeting for Kimberly Roberts, faithful PSR intern for the last seven months.

Shalom,  
Bob T.

maureen eldredge wrote:

> Hello all,  
> Enclosed is the draft agenda for our thursday meeting. Please let me know  
> of any changes or additions by Wednesday at 3:00PM.  
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> For those who do not normally attend, I urge you to try to make this  
> meeting. We will be planning strategy for action on Sen. Kerrey's  
> amendment on START II levels, as well as other actions, and we will be  
> taking assignments. If you cannot attend personally, can you send someone  
> from your organization who can take assignments? Thanks  
> -Maureen  
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> NWWG AGENDA  
> May 13, 1999  
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> 9:30 INTRODUCTIONS

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- > 9:35 GENERAL UPDATES
- > Defense Authorization Schedule and possible amendments
- > Appropriations schedule and possible amendments
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- > 9:40 CTBT
- > Hill and/or Administration action
- > Public advocacy:
- > Meetings with aides for delivery of national groups' letters
- > Distribution of CDI video: "Test Anxiety: Should America Ratify
- > the CTBT?
- > Home state lobby visits
- > Photos of children from North Carolinians to Jesse campaign
- > Open placement campaigns
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- > 10:05 WEAPONS COMPLEX ISSUES
- > Markey Resolution--follow up in more concrete terms
- > Fast Flux Test Facility
- > Status of Nuclear Waste Bills
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- > 10:25 NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE
- > Status of Cochran and Weldon/Spratt bills
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- > 10:45 DEEP CUTS/DE-ALERTING
- > Sen. Kerrey Amendment on going to START II levels \*
- > Mark Dooley/Woolsey request for couple dates and times for meeting with
- > NWWG members to discuss nuclear issues for second half of year
- > De-alerting call-in days
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- > 10:55 ANNOUNCEMENTS
- > Next meetings: 5/27, 6/10 and 24
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- > 11:00 Adjourn
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- > \*Alert from John Isaacs attached.
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- > SUPPORT THE KERREY AMENDMENT
- > PERMITTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS REDUCTIONS
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- > Sen. Robert Kerrey (D-Neb.) intends to offer an amendment to the fiscal
- > 2000 Defense Authorization bill to delete a provision in law barring
- > retirement of additional nuclear weapons delivery systems until the Russian
- > Duma ratifies START II.
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- > Background
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- > For the last two years, the Senate Armed Services Committee has placed a
- > provision in the Defense Authorization Bill barring reductions of strategic
- > nuclear delivery systems below the START I levels until START II enters
- > into effect. Specifically, the provision, added largely at the behest of
- > Sen. Robert Smith (R-NH), bars reductions below 1) 71 B-52H bombers, 2) 18
- > Trident ballistic missile submarines, 3) 500 Minuteman III intercontinental
- > ballistic missiles and 4) 50 MX Peacekeeper missiles.

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> While Senator Smith has agreed to a partial revision of the provision  
> adopted for the last two years (a reduction from 18 to 14 Tridents at the  
> behest of the Navy interested in saving money), he intends to renew the  
> provision for a third year.  
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> The Clinton Administration argues that while it plans to remain at START I  
> force levels for the foreseeable future (see Ted Warner testimony before  
> Senate Armed Services Committee, April 14, 1999), it prefers not to have  
> the provision in law.  
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> In the meantime, after the U.S. military actions in Kosovo and Iraq, the  
> Duma has postponed action on START II indefinitely.  
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> Kerrey's position  
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> Senator Kerrey argued in a November 17, 1998 speech to the Council on  
> Foreign Relations that the U.S. could safely reduce from the 6,000 deployed  
> strategic nuclear weapons down to the proposed START III levels of 2,000 -  
> 2,500 (a treaty yet to be negotiated) because the U.S. has far more nuclear  
> weapons than we need. Kerrey said: "This deployed arsenal no longer serves  
> our national security interests, and it is provoking Russia to maintain an  
> arsenal that undermines our national security interests . . . the several  
> thousand nuclear warheads on Russian soil are the gravest, most imminent  
> threat to the security of the United States."  
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> Kerrey further stated: "Acting in his capacity as Commander in Chief and in  
> an act of international leadership, the President should immediately order  
> the reduction of American nuclear forces to no more than the proposed START  
> THREE levels. The two thousand to twenty-five-hundred nuclear warheads that  
> would remain are more than enough -- many, many times over -- to destroy  
> any nation, any where, any time, that threatens us. And the diversity of  
> our triad -- nuclear weapons on air, land and sea -- protects us against  
> the risk of a first strike destroying our capacity to retaliate. If we can  
> reduce farther without endangering our security, we should."  
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> The timing  
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> The Senate Armed Services Committee is expected to mark-up the fiscal 2000  
> Defense Authorization bill the week of May 10th. The full Senate then is  
> likely to consider the bill the week of May 17 or May 24. Sen. Kerrey will  
> offer his amendment when the bill comes to the Senate floor.  
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> Senators to contact:  
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> Democrats: Bayh (Indiana), Breaux (Louisiana), Bryan (Nevada), Edwards  
> (North Carolina), Feinstein (California), Graham (Florida), Inouye  
> (Hawaii), Landrieu (Louisiana), Lincoln (Arkansas),  
> Republicans: Chafee (Rhode Island), Collins (Maine), Domenici (NM), Hagel  
> (Nebraska), Jeffords (Vermont), Lugar (Indiana), Smith (Oregon), Specter  
> (Pennsylvania),

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- > Arguments for the Kerrey amendment permitting further reductions of U.S.  
> nuclear weapons:
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- > 1. There is no need to maintain huge stockpiles of nuclear weapons. There  
> is little doubt that Russia will have trouble maintaining its currently  
> large nuclear forces notwithstanding Duma ratification of START II. There  
> is no other present or future nuclear adversary that will have nearly as  
> many nuclear weapons as the U.S.
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- > "We believe by 2005, in light of the very small modernization efforts  
> they have underway, and the obsolescence of many major components of both  
> their submarines and their strategic missile forces, they [Russia] will be  
> hard-pressed to keep a force of more than about 3,500 weapons. And our  
> intelligence analysts say in light of current developments - again we're  
> projecting out over a decade -- by about the year 2010, they will be  
> hard-pressed to even meet a level of about 1,500 weapons." Edward Warner  
> III, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Strategy and Threat Reduction
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- > 2. There can be substantial savings from nuclear weapons cuts. The  
> Congressional Budget Office recently estimated that reducing U.S. forces to  
> START II levels by 2007 could produce a savings of \$570 million in fiscal  
> 2000 and a \$12.7 billion savings over 10 years. The CBO further estimated  
> that reductions in nuclear delivery systems within the overall limits of  
> START II could produce savings of \$20.9 billion.
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- > 3. Savings from nuclear weapons reductions can be applied to other  
> Pentagon priorities, such as readiness or conventional weapons. Even with  
> the recent budget increases, the Pentagon still is searching for money to  
> fund readiness shortfalls and to pay for expensive new aircraft, ships and  
> other conventional weaponry.
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- > 4. Announcement of reductions may help jump-start the stalled nuclear  
> reduction process. It may lead the Russian leadership to reciprocate and  
> it might encourage the Russian Duma to approve the START II Treaty. It  
> could signal Moscow that the U.S. seeks a new post-Cold War nuclear  
> relationship with Moscow. The process of negotiating and ratifying  
> treaties has fallen far behind the increased pace of nuclear dangers within  
> Russia.
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- > 5. There is a positive Bush-Gorbachev precedent from 1991 for matching  
> unilateral reductions. In September 1991, President Bush announced that  
> the U.S. would withdraw to its territory U.S. non-strategic, or tactical,  
> nuclear weapons - artillery shells, short-range missiles, gravity bombs and  
> nuclear weapons aboard U.S. surface naval vessels. He also ordered a  
> thousand U.S. warheads deployed on strategic bombers and ballistic missiles  
> slated for dismantlement to be taken off alert. President Gorbachev  
> responded in kind, withdrawing all tactical weapons from Warsaw Pact  
> nations and non-Russian republics, removing most categories of tactical  
> nuclear weapons from service and designating thousands of nuclear warheads  
> for dismantlement.
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- > 6. U.S. security decisions should not be based on what happens in the

- > Russian Duma. There are good reasons for the U.S. to reduce its nuclear
- > weapons stockpiles, both deployed and in reserve. We should not be
- > prisoners to decisions in the increasingly unstable former Soviet Union.
- > We should not hitch our security to the most reactionary elements of the
- > Russian Duma.
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- > 7. Dismantling excess nuclear warheads will provide additional tritium for
- > our remaining nuclear weapons. The U.S. could defer for many years
- > constructing an expensive plant to produce new tritium if we accelerate
- > retirement and dismantlement of excess nuclear weapons.
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Dear Friends,

(Sorry to send this twice; I forgot the subject line the first time around.)

Thank you for your help with our project to deliver letters to and chat with CTBT aides. You can get your packets of letters at the Mott House following Nuclear Weapons Working Group May 13, or from Bob Tiller or me. In addition, there will be a supply of them in the old Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers office in Suite 201 (Council for a Livable World Ed Fund) at 110 Maryland Avenue.

Please come to NWWG prepared to take names (thanks to those who have already signed up for some), or let me know by phone or email who you can try to see.

(For a reminder, I'm also including here the instructions for this project.)

Marie Rietmann  
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BRYAN/Andy Kutler - \_\_\_\_\_  
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**HAND-DELIVERY TO SENATE OFFICES, WITH FACE-TO-FACE CHATS,  
OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' LETTERS ON CTBT**

Target delivery date is May 13. Please inform Bob Tiller (898-0150 ext. 220, email [btiller@psr.org](mailto:btiller@psr.org)) or Marie Rietmann (833-2020, email [ctbt@2020vision.org](mailto:ctbt@2020vision.org)) if you plan to participate. Or contact one of us if you have questions.

Please bring your letters to Nuclear Weapons Working Group May 13 (9:30-11 am at the Mott House, 122 Maryland Avenue), or deliver them to Bob at PSR (1101 14th Street NW) or to Marie at 20/20 Vision (1828 Jefferson Place NW) prior to May 13. Also, there is a box where you can put your letters in Suite 201 at the Methodist Building (110 Maryland Avenue) in the former office of the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers. Or, we can arrange for pick-up if that would be helpful.

\* We want as many organizations as possible to write their own CTBT letter, then we will compile collections of them and hand-deliver the compilations to Senate offices.

\* Specific individuals will take responsibility for delivery to the CTBT aides of specific Senators. The list of offices to contact is on the following pages; please volunteer for your favorite offices (first-come, first-served).

\* We will collate the letters after NWWG May 13.

\* Individuals will deliver their packets that day or as soon thereafter as possible (either in drop-in visits or making an appointment, whichever you think is more likely to result in a face-to-face chat along with the delivery, even if it's short).

\* We welcome letters by any organization (the stranger the bedfellow the better).

\* Note: The point of going to the effort of the hand-delivery is that our letters will get more attention if delivered by someone who is known by the

CTBT aide. Also, having a product to deliver provides a good excuse to remind staffers to Republican and Democratic Senators alike that this issue continues to be important to our organizations--and to their constituents who are our grassroots members. And, besides, we might learn something new from the aides in the process.

\* Guidelines for your organization's letter:

1. Date it May 13 and use "Dear Senator" for salutation (no inside address)
2. Provide 85 copies (printed on letterhead, not xeroxed)
3. Themes that should be in all letters: our desire for hearings and a commitment for a floor vote this year. Other talking points to use if you want, as well as your own (bearing in mind that the more letters the better and short letters are fine):

-U.S. ratification (leadership by example) is the best way to influence India and Pakistan to stop their arms race. Especially relevant in May, the anniversary month of their tests last year.

-This fall's special entry-into-force conference is fast approaching and the U.S. needs to have voice and vote there.

-Over 30 of the 44 nuclear-capable nations which must ratify the treaty are expected to have done so by September. The U.S. will be conspicuous by its absence.

Thank you for participating in this. And don't neglect the even more important tasks of generating personal letters from constituents and organizing coalition letters from women's and environmental groups (in process), health groups, vet groups, etc.

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CTBT Coordinator  
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Subject: A new petition campaign for DE-ALERTING

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of an announcement I made a few days ago on <abolition-usa>, knowing of your concern and interest in de-alerting nuclear missiles before Y2K.

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My postal address is 30 Fairlawn Lane, Lexington, MA 02420-2715, and my phone is 781.862.1753.

Here is a copy of my <abolition-usa> posting:

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This meeting will be at 7:00pm at the Lexington United Methodist Church, 2600 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421-6798. Petition forms and fact-sheet brochures are ready for distribution then. The meeting is open and free to all.

This petition drive is presented by the Metro-Boston Committee to De-Alert Nuclear Weapons. You may contact us by e-mail, either at dealert99@aol.com or at wsantelmann@peacenet.org. We would like to hear from other groups bringing de-alerting to the public, and will share our triumphs and failures with any group that will contact us.

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From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
Subject: Re: A new petition campaign for DE-ALERTING  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

At 10:19 PM 5/12/99 -0400, you wrote:

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To: William Santelmann

I'm glad to hear about your de-alerting petition campaign. I noted it on the abolition-USA list serve the other day.

There is a lot of interest in de-alerting among the Washington-based peace organizations. For example, Physicians for Social Responsibility is sponsoring a call-in to the White House today and tomorrow, May 13 and 14. You and your friends in New England might want to make calls to President Clinton at 202 456-1111.

The Alliance for Nuclear Accountability has a grassroots campaign on de-alerting underway. The Institute for Energy and Environmental Research (IEER) is working on this issue.

Much more needs to be done. So it's good that you have launched your petition campaign.

I am mailing you a copy of an article I wrote on de-alerting for Peace Leaf, our quarterly newsletter.

Shalom,  
Howard

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From: "Howard W. Hallman" <mupj@igc.apc.org>  
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Here's more information on the de-alerting call in days.

Howard

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>Dear PSR Security Activists & Friends:

>  
>1) Here's one last reminder to set your speed dial to call the President  
>(202) 456 1111 tomorrow and Friday. Tell him to take nuclear weapons  
>off of hair-trigger alert. I've heard back from many of you, and know  
>that many hundreds of people will be calling the President over the next  
>two days.

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>Many of you are taking your actions a step further with letters to the  
>editors and other activities - which is fabulous! \*Please be sure to  
>send any copies of published letters to the editor, op-eds and press  
>coverage from your activities - this is very useful to us to show  
>policy makers.\*

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>2) We have just completed compiling a new PSR Nuclear Abolition: The  
>Time is Now Action & Resource Kit.

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>Kits will be available at the Pittsburgh Abolition Conference, and I  
>will be posting an e-mail order form soon. We're also planning to have a  
>"virtual abolition kit" on the web - that will be available beginning  
>next week on PSR's web site: <http://www.psr.org>

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>3) Finally, thanks to Jenny Smith at the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear  
>Dangers who found this story about tomorrow's Pittsburgh Abolition  
>Conference.

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>>From the Post-Gazette - on-line at:  
><http://www.post-gazette.com:80/healthscience/19990511nukes4.asp>

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>Conference will discuss abolishing nuclear weapons

>  
> Tuesday, May 11, 1999

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> By Byron Spice, Science Editor, Post-Gazette

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> Since the end of the Cold War, the specter of nuclear  
>war seems to have all but vanished, and most people don't think much  
>anymore about nuclear weapons.

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>As New Kensington's Dr. Dan Fine sees it, that is exactly wrong.

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>This is the time to seriously consider abolishing nuclear weapons, he  
>says. Some national security experts, in fact, have  
>suggested eliminating these weapons or drastically  
>reducing the size of the nuclear arsenal. But the public has  
>been, if not uninterested, at least distracted.

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> Fine, a local leader in Physicians for Social  
>Responsibility, hopes a two-day conference this week at the University  
>of Pittsburgh will start to engage Americans "outside the Beltway"  
>in this discussion.

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> Called "Eliminating Weapons of Mass Destruction: Why  
>Not Nuclear Abolition?" the conference will feature a keynote  
>address Thursday by retired Air Force Gen. Lee Butler, who  
>commanded U.S. strategic nuclear forces in the early 1990s but  
>has since become a leading advocate of nuclear abolition  
>Retired Adm. Stansfield Turner, director of the Central Intelligence  
>Agency during the Carter administration, will be the Friday  
>luncheon speaker. His 1998 book, "Caging the Nuclear  
>Genie," argues for reducing the number of warheads and  
>placing those weapons in storage facilities subject to  
>international inspections.

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> The nuclear powers -- the United States, Russia, the  
>United Kingdom,  
> France and China -- had an estimated 36,000 nuclear warheads as of  
>1997.  
> India, Israel and Pakistan also are thought to have a small number  
>of warheads.

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> Other speakers include Stephen Schwartz, publisher of  
>the Bulletin of the  
>Atomic Scientists; Frank von Hippel, a nuclear weapons security expert  
>from Princeton University; Dr. Lachlan Forrow, president of the  
>Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, one of the conference co-sponsors;  
>and Michael Krepon, president of the Henry L. Stimson  
>Center, a Washington, D.C., think tank and conference  
>co-sponsor that has supported nuclear abolition.

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> Many of the speakers are admittedly sympathetic to the  
>idea of limiting or  
>eliminating nuclear weapons, Fine acknowledged, though speakers  
>will include John Harvey, deputy assistant secretary of  
>defense. Formerly of Stanford University's Center for  
>International Security and Arms Control, Harvey's  
>Pentagon responsibilities include U.S. strategic nuclear forces  
>and ballistic missile defenses.

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> The conference is sponsored by several schools within  
>Pitt, plus Physicians for Social Responsibility-Pittsburgh and many  
>other local and national organizations. It begins Thursday  
>afternoon at Pitt's Lawrence Hall on Forbes Avenue in Oakland  
>and closes Friday with Turner's luncheon address at the  
>Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

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> Registration is available at the door or by calling  
>412-521-9043. Fees are \$75 for all sessions, luncheon and dinner.  
>Conference sessions only are \$35 for nonstudents and \$20 for  
>students.

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Due to the huge volume of statements and the pressure of meetings I have not yet been able to finish NPT Briefing 3, which is intended to summarise the interventions on nuclear disarmament, but will hope to send it out some time on Thursday. Meanwhile, I am sending the New Agenda statement to the NPT PrepCom, which, as you can see, was made on behalf of 32 states parties to the NPT. 25, including Switzerland, Chile, Morocco, Nigeria, Indonesia and Iran have joined the original 7 NAC signatories (Slovenia was forced to withdraw in December 1998).

## New Agenda Statement

Third Meeting of the NPT Preparatory Committee Meeting  
Nuclear Disarmament item  
Wednesday 12 May 1999

Statement by Ambassador  
Luiz Tupy Caldas de Moura of Brazil

1. I wish to make a statement on behalf of the delegations of Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Iran, Indonesia, Ireland, Lesotho, Malaysia, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zimbabwe
2. In 1995 the States parties extended the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty indefinitely. We undertook to make every effort to achieve its universality. We strengthened the Review Process for the Treaty and we adopted Principles and Objectives to address the implementation of the Treaty.
3. The Decisions and Resolution we adopted in 1995 were taken against the promise heralded by a new era of international cooperation. We concluded that "nuclear disarmament is substantially facilitated by the easing of international tension and the strengthening of trust between States which have prevailed following the end of the Cold War." We agreed that undertakings on nuclear disarmament should thus be fulfilled with determination. To this end we adopted a programme of action which we agreed was important in the full realization and effective implementation of Article VI. Moreover, the nuclear-weapon States re-affirmed their commitment under Article VI "to pursue in good faith negotiations on effective measures relating to nuclear disarmament".
4. The Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice in the following year, concluded unanimously that: "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to

nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control".

5. The balance sheet in meeting the nuclear disarmament objectives set in 1995 is not, however, satisfactory. We have concluded the CTBT. Regrettably, negotiations on a fissile materials treaty are not taking place. An internationally legally binding instrument on negative security assurances is not in prospect.

6. At the outset we have unfinished business. The immediate commencement and rapid conclusion of negotiations on a fissile materials treaty is an outstanding priority. So too is the entry into force and universalisation of the CTBT as well as the strict observance of its purposes and provisions. And the further pursuit of negative security assurances must be maintained.

7. Regionally there has been some progress in the further development of nuclear weapon free zones, and, in particular, the movement towards freeing the southern hemisphere and adjacent areas from such weapons.

8. There have been severe setbacks in South Asia where non-proliferation objectives have been blatantly disregarded. The situation in the Middle East remains of the utmost concern. Activities in the Korean Peninsula require on-going and close attention.

9. On the other side of the ledger, there is the potential of the bilateral START process. There have been welcome steps by some nuclear weapon states which will facilitate in due course their seamless integration into nuclear force reduction negotiations. But ratification of START II is unfortunately frozen. This in turn is blocking the commencement of negotiations on START III.

10. In reviewing all these developments the overwhelming conclusion must be that the pace of efforts to implement all the obligations of the NPT is faltering. As a consequence, negotiations on the measures required to achieve the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons are in serious deficit.

11. Of profound concern is the lack of evidence that the nuclear-weapon states consider their treaty obligations as an urgent commitment to the total elimination of their nuclear weapons consistent with the Article VI obligations and the 1995 Principles and Objectives. On the contrary, the continued possession of nuclear weapons has been re-rationalised. Nuclear doctrines have been reaffirmed. This is happening at a time when the States parties have all agreed to work with determination for their elimination.

12. The indefinite extension of the NPT does not sanction the indefinite retention of nuclear weapons. We must be absolutely clear about that. We must not enter the next millennium with the prospect that the retention of these weapons will be considered legitimate for the indefinite future.

13. It must be stressed that all the articles of the NPT are binding on all States parties and at all times and in all circumstances.

14. The NPT non-nuclear weapon states have entered into an obligation to forego the nuclear weapons option. That decision was made in the context of

the corresponding legally binding commitments by the nuclear weapons states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

15. But this fundamental and virtually universal bargain struck in the NPT is not being pursued. Its clear and unambiguous obligations are not being fulfilled with sufficient vigour. A world order whereby one group of five states can indefinitely retain nuclear weapons while more than one hundred and eighty states refrain from acquiring them in conformity with the same treaty is not acceptable. There must be a significant and visible acceleration in the process of elimination and a better balance in expectations.

16. It is inherent too in any treaty based on mutually agreed obligations that no one group of states can determine independently the pace with which the obligations of that treaty are implemented. It will no longer suffice in 2000 to rehearse the indefinite goal of the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons. It is imperative to secure a clear and unequivocal commitment to the speedy pursuit of the total elimination of these weapons.

17. And consistent with this unequivocal commitment it will be necessary to agree on such measures as are required to reduce the nuclear threat at the earliest date and to fully implement the Treaty in all its aspects. These measures must form the elements of a process of irreversibly ridding the world of nuclear weapons for all time. They will have to be realistic and achievable.

18. There will need to be a fine balance between bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral efforts, which should be mutually reinforcing and which should be pursued in concert. The continuing pursuit of the START process is fundamental and we urge the United States and the Russian Federation to overcome current obstacles to this process. The other nuclear weapon states should take the necessary steps towards their seamless integration into the process leading to the elimination of their nuclear weapons. The total and final elimination of nuclear weapons will require a multilateral agreement.

19. There are also a number of interim measures which should be addressed by the nuclear weapon states with a view to reducing the nuclear threat and de-emphasizing the role of nuclear weapons in security strategies. These include the de-alerting of nuclear weapons and the removal of warheads from delivery vehicles, the reduction of reliance on non-strategic nuclear weapons, as well as the early examination of measures to enhance strategic stability and to review strategic doctrines accordingly. A legally binding instrument should be developed as regards the use or the threat of use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon States parties to the NPT, so-called Negative Security Assurances.

20. Transparency by all nuclear weapon States about their nuclear arsenals and fissile material stocks and the placing under IAEA safeguards of materials surplus to requirements should be addressed.

21. Only four States remain outside the NPT. Three of them possess nuclear weapons capabilities. In the past year, two of these States have engaged in nuclear testing and they have echoed rationales for "minium credible deterrence". A third is the only state remaining outside the NPT in its region. We call upon all these States to accede to the NPT unconditionally

and without delay and to promptly place all their nuclear facilities under full-scope IAEA safeguards.

22. We also call upon those States that have not done so to swiftly sign and/or ratify the CTBT unconditionally and without delay and, pending the Treaty's entry into force, to observe a moratorium on nuclear testing.

23. It is essential that all the existing and fundamental bilateral and multilateral instruments that make up the international security architecture be maintained and upheld.

24. All these steps would constitute elements of an agenda for 2000 and beyond. We would not claim that it is exhaustive. There have been other constructive suggestions from many delegations. But what we are advocating today are some of the critical elements we shall need to confront.

25. Mr Chairman, the group of States, on behalf of whom this statement is made, tabled a draft resolution at the First Committee of the General Assembly in 1998, which sets out an agenda that will need to be pursued to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons. This resolution was adopted in the General Assembly by a large majority of Member States of the United Nations and therefore by a large majority of the parties to this Treaty. Given the support which the international community has already given to the consideration of these proposals, they should guide states parties in their formulation of objectives that need to be considered for any forward looking products the Prepcom or Review Conference will produce. I request that the text of resolution 53/77Y be circulated as an official document of this Preparatory Committee meeting.

26. More than ever, we will all need to be constructive, creative and engaged. The NPT remains as indispensable as ever. But there must be a demonstrable shift in policy and commitment to a reinvigorated disarmament process. And it is incumbent on all States parties to demonstrate ownership of the NPT in taking it forward.

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best wishes,  
rebecca

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Dear Colleagues:

The NGO presentations to the 1999 NPT PrepCom, delivered orally on Tuesday afternoon, May 11 at the U.N., are now available on the website of the NGO Committee on Disarmament at

[www.peacenet.org/disarm/](http://www.peacenet.org/disarm/)

Peacefully,  
Roger Smith  
Network Coordinator  
NGO Committee on Disarmament

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PRIORITY ONE ALERT  
PEACE ECONOMY

KERREY AMENDMENT TO FY 2000 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL: TO ALLOW U.S.  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS REDUCTIONS BEFORE RUSSIAN RATIFICATION OF START II

SENATE FLOOR VOTE EXPECTED WEEK OF MAY 17 or MAY 24, 1999.

Preface:

It remains very uncertain what amendments if any will be offered in the  
House and Senate this year to cut Pentagon pork. There has not been active

support for legislation to both cut from the military and transfer those monies to human needs. Amendments for a "plain cut" are possible. It is likely, however, that when amendments are forthcoming there will be little time to mobilize for them. We are fortunate with the following amendment that there is time to generate calls and letters, and to raise this issue directly if your Spring Cleaning meeting takes place in the next two weeks. Be sure to let Senate offices know that this is just the kind of vote we use in the annual Voting Record.

**Alert:**

Senator Robert Kerrey (D-NE) plans to offer an amendment to the FY 2000 Defense Authorization bill to cancel a provision now in place whereby the United States cannot retire nuclear weapon delivery systems until the Russian Duma ratifies START II. Sen. Kerrey has stated publicly his support for reducing the U.S. deployed strategic nuclear arsenal from 6,000 to 2,000 or 2,500. The lower figures represent reductions in a future treaty -- START III.

Kerrey is expected to offer his amendment on the floor when the full Senate addresses the FY 2000 Defense Authorization bill in the third or fourth week of May.

**Key Points:**

1. Security: The United States has an enormous nuclear stockpile which it does not need; the world will be safer through nuclear disarmament than through nuclear build-up or retention of the nuclear weapons we have.
2. Major financial savings: The Congressional Budget Office estimates that reaching START II arsenal levels by 2007 could save \$570 million in FY 2000 and \$12.7 billion over 10 years.
3. Relations with Russia: Steps by the United States to move forward with START II and START III nuclear weapon reductions would be a major boost to the now stagnant nuclear disarmament process. Such U.S. leadership would send a critical and long overdue message to Russia about U.S. nuclear intentions. It may also give Russia the confidence to ratify START II.

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Thanks to the Council for a Livable World for the information in this alert.

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Dear Colleagues:

The Interfaith Group for the CTBT will meet on Tuesday, May 18, 1999 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the FCNL Conference Room, 245 Second Street, NE, Washington, DC.

The proposed agenda is attached. Please let me know if you want any additions to the agenda.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Meeting of Interfaith Group for the CTBT  
1:00 to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 1999  
FCNL conference room, 245 2nd Street, NE, Washington, DC.

#### Agenda

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3. Grassroots advocacy
  - a. Further use of petition
  - b. State-level meetings
  - c. North Carolina
5. CDI video
6. Media activities
7. Kerrey Amendment on START reductions
8. Other matters

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1999 NPT Briefing 3 from The Acronym Institute

Nuclear Disarmament (1)                      May 12 1999

Nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and issues relating to articles I, II and VI of the NPT have been raised in three sessions: the 10 May general debate, a general session devoted to cluster 1, and special time, which had been allocated to specific consideration of paragraphs 3 and 4 (c) of the 1995 Principles and Objectives. The special session was intended to promote discussion of practical steps which might be included in a programme of action in principles and objectives for 2000 and several states took the opportunity to make concrete and interesting proposals. While the EU shared Australia's characterisation of progress on disarmament in the last five years as "impressive", Egypt summed up the majority assessment that progress had been "slight" by comparison with what was required and the post Cold War opportunities.

All the NWS and many others gave their views, in individual or collective statements. In addition to the working paper from more than 100 NPT parties in the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries (NAM), essentially the same as in 1998, there was a ground-breaking statement sponsored by the 'New Agenda Coalition' (NAC) and 25 other parties.

This briefing covers non-proliferation, testing, the CTBT, START, tactical nuclear weapons, nuclear sharing and missile defence. Briefing 4 will cover proposals for concrete programmes or proposals for action, fissile materials issues (fissban) and security assurances. Since the cluster debates are now closed to NGO participation and not all interventions were available in English or French (or were not in written form), some may have been missed.

#### Nuclear Weapon States

Each of the NWS reported on the progress they had made in fulfilment of their obligations under article VI. For the first time, Russia and France gave more details and figures on the cuts and measures undertaken, along the lines of the report given by the United States at the 1998 PrepCom. Britain did likewise, also issuing an information pack containing detail from its 1998 strategic defence review. The United States updated last year's report and issued two substantial fact sheets on its classic and 'non-classic' arms control approaches, including cooperative measures with Russia on safety, control, protection and accountancy. China argued that its doctrine of no-first use, rejection of deterrence concepts, and restraint in the build-up of its arsenal over the years was proof of its commitment to the Treaty, but other than that gave no information on its nuclear forces or any measures it had undertaken since 1995.

Apart from their stated commitments to the CTBT (which China, Russia and the United States have yet to ratify) and to negotiating a ban on fissile material production (fissban) in the Conference on Disarmament (CD), the NWS said little about further concrete steps they would be prepared to take or about how to move beyond the impasse in the START process. The United States commented that "external realities" such as "domestic and international policy factors, the global security environment, and... financial resources" were related to the process of arms control and disarmament, a point paralleled by China's remarks about "US-led NATO's... gunboat policies" not being conducive to international security and stability, and therefore jeopardising efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Dismissing those "trying to identify a new agenda" for disarmament, the United States said that "we have an existing agenda that remains to be completed".

#### Proliferation and Non-Compliance

Some 20 statements, including Iran, Malaysia, Brazil, Australia, the NWS and the EU on behalf of 26 European countries, raised explicit concerns about the May 1998 tests conducted by India and Pakistan. Others, such as the NAC statement, referred more obliquely to "severe setbacks" in South Asia and criticised the fact that these countries have begun echoing rationales for "minimum credible deterrence".

Although many insisted that the PrepCom and 2000 Review conference could not ignore the tests, there seemed to be a general feeling that the time for expressing condemnation, as such, was over. In considering how to address the situation, South Africa and others concurred with the view expressed by Japan, who wanted it made "abundantly clear that the demonstration of nuclear weapons capability will not bring even a hint of a reward or imply status" as a NWS. Many argued for the PrepCom and RevCon to call for full implementation of UNSC resolution 1172 adopted unanimously on June 6 1998, just after the tests. Canada also asserted that further progress on nuclear disarmament by the NWS and the "devaluation of the political significance they ascribe to nuclear weapons" would be crucial to discouraging nuclear weapons proliferation "as witnessed in South Asia". A number of statements raised concerns about Israel, which will be covered in a later briefing after the special session on the Middle East resolution.

Some statements, notably Britain and the United States also targetted non-compliance by NPT-parties Iraq and North Korea (DPRK). In the general debate, Iraq claimed there was 'abundant proof' of cooperation between the US, UK and Israel, in violation of Article I. Britain and the United States denied the accusation and directed attention instead to Iraq's clandestine nuclear weapon programme and the need to reinstate IAEA inspections there. South Korea (ROK) also emphasised non-compliance by DPRK and made a pointed reference to the special responsibilities and obligations of the NWS to comply with article I. South Korea called for the full implementation of the 1992 Joint Declaration on the Denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.

#### CTBT

Around 20 interventions, including the NAM, EU and NAC statements, emphasised the importance of the comprehensive test ban treaty, an explicit priority identified in the NPT preamble and the 1995 Principles & Objectives. The CTBT Organisation, set up in Vienna to prepare for the

Treaty's implementation, briefed delegations on the state of readiness of the verification regime, noting that there was strong support -- both political and fiscal -- for the CTBT. Some echoed Venezuela's view that the South Asian tests had highlighted the necessity for all governments to sign and ratify the CTBT. Several announced their intention to do so before the Special 'Article XIV' Conference on entry into force, due to take place in October. Some referred to the undertakings by India and Pakistan not to impede entry into force and urged them to sign in time to participate in the Special Conference.

It was noted that of the NWS, only Britain and France had ratified. While there are growing concerns that the Clinton Administration has given up on getting the CTBT ratified this year, Russia equally disturbingly said that it had to "take into account the ratification processes of the 44 countries whose adherence was made a condition of entry into force", implying that it was waiting for others. Though China's formal position is that it will soon put the Treaty to the People's Congress for ratification, a senior Chinese official told a meeting organised by NGOs to promote the Treaty's entry into force that some countries among the 44 "could have second thoughts" in the light of NATO's bombing of Yugoslavia and Washington's decision to push ahead with missile defence plans.

## START

Notwithstanding the reports from the US and Russia on their efforts to cut their strategic arsenals, welcomed by the EU and others, many delegations expressed disappointment at the non-ratification of START II by Russia. Like the NAC, many urged both countries to move beyond the impasse and begin negotiating START III reduction levels and beyond. Switzerland also emphasised that the reductions should be made irreversible, encompassing the destruction of the warheads and missiles rather than merely their dismantlement.

## Tactical Nuclear Weapons

A number of statements raised concerns about tactical nuclear weapons. Countries as diverse as Canada, Finland, Switzerland, the Kyrgyz Republic and Nigeria thought that tactical nuclear weapons needed more attention. Concerned that the role of tactical nuclear weapons could increase in importance again, these delegations advocated measures ranging from greater transparency and confidence-building to unilateral reductions, preferably with "contractual verification arrangements". The NAC statement also argued for a reduction in reliance on non-strategic weapons.

Russia supported the implementation of declared unilateral initiatives on tactical nuclear weapons and proposed that all [i.e. NATO/US] tactical nuclear weapons be returned to their country of origin. China likewise proposed that "all the nuclear weapons deployed on foreign soil should be withdrawn to their owner's territory".

## NATO and Nuclear Sharing

Concerns about NATO have been raised in several ways. Some, notably China, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Iran, expressed anxiety about NATO's expansion, its strategic concept as confirmed in the April 1999 Washington Summit, and the bombing of Yugoslavia, which they regarded as flouting international law and threatening international security and further progress on arms control and non-proliferation. The NAM working paper, Egypt, Indonesia and South

Africa focussed concern on nuclear sharing among NATO States. Egypt reiterated its proposal, echoed in the NAM paper, that the 2000 RevCon should unambiguously state that articles I and II allow for no exceptions and are binding in times of war and peace alike.

#### Missile Defence

China, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Mongolia raised concerns about the destabilising effect of US missile defence plans on arms control and disarmament efforts. China proposed recommendations to the 2000 Conference committing states parties to "refrain from engaging in the research or development of missile defence systems, which could upset global and regional strategic stability and... trigger off a new... arms race". Russia warned that the maintenance of and compliance with the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty was a prerequisite for further nuclear weapon reductions.

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Peace Action Education Fund  
Action Alert  
May 1999  
Support Kerrey Amendment to Allow U.S. Nuclear Weapons Reductions Before  
Russian Ratification of START II  
Senate Floor Vote Expected Week of May 17 or May 24, 1999

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Kerrey is expected to offer his amendment on the floor when the full Senate addresses the FY 2000 Defense Authorization bill in the third or fourth week of May.

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#### Background Information

Nuclear Weapons Reductions Mean Big Savings For US Taxpayers  
Implementation of the second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, (START II), pending ratification by the Russian Duma, will save U.S. taxpayers at least 6.3 billion dollars between now and 2008 according to Congressional budget Office (CBO) estimates. The United States could save an additional \$700 million by implementing the agreement by the year 2003, as originally mandated in the treaty.

Further progress on nuclear reductions, (the Clinton administration has committed to begin START III negotiations if the Russian Duma ratifies START II), would provide taxpayers additional savings. To find out how the numbers break down according to CBO click one of the buttons at the left.

#### Savings from START II Treaty-3,500 Warheads

This treaty, signed in 1993, calls for the United States and Russia to reduce nuclear forces to approximately 3,500 deployed strategic warheads each by the end of 2003. The United States currently maintains roughly 8,000 strategic weapons. Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin agreed at the 1997 Helsinki summit to extend the deadline for the treaty's implementation until the end of 2007.

The first two START treaties mandate the destruction of delivery vehicles, (submarines, missile silos, and heavy bombers) as opposed to actual nuclear warheads.

To meet the START II obligations, the Navy plans to retire four of its oldest Trident submarines by 2003 and the Air Force plans to eliminate 50 Peacekeeper missiles by 2008. The Peacekeeper, or MX, missiles carry a total of 500 nuclear warheads each yielding 300 kilotons and are deployed in Wyoming. The Trident submarines are deployed at Kings Bay, Georgia and Bangor, Washington. Each submarine is capable of carrying 192 warheads. The

older submarines carry the 100-kiloton W76 warheads. For comparison, the atomic bomb that wiped out Hiroshima was 13 kilotons.

The CBO estimates that the United States would save an annual average of \$700 million through the year 2008 by implementing START II and would save \$800 million annually beyond that date. Implementing START II by 2003 according to the original treaty would save an additional \$700 million due to the earlier retirement of the MX missiles. Under START II, the United States would save taxpayer dollars by avoiding:

- \* Operating Costs for four Trident submarines and 50 MX missiles

- \* Savings: \$130 - \$300 million annually depending on the retirement schedule for the MX

- \* Overhauling four Trident submarines (including refueling the reactor cores)

- \* Savings: \$175 million per submarine

- \* Upgrading Trident submarines to carry the newer D5 Intercontinental Ballistic Missile

- \* Savings: \$400 million total for purchase of the missiles plus an additional \$250 million to upgrade the software and hardware on each sub for the new missiles.

Savings from Possible START III Treaty-2,500 deployed warheads

In Helsinki, President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin agreed to the broad outlines of a START III treaty that would reduce each country's

nuclear arsenal to between 2,000 and 2,500 deployed strategic warheads. The two presidents also agreed that START III negotiations would explore measures to verify the destruction of actual warheads in addition to delivery vehicles and to conduct parallel discussions on the status of tactical or "battlefield" nuclear weapons.

According to the CBO, START III "...Savings would be significant to the extent that submarines, land-based missiles, and bombers were eliminated. For example, if 200 Minuteman missiles and 10 bombers were taken from the force, while Trident missiles were modified to carry 4 instead of 5 warheads, the 2,500-warhead limit would save about \$1.5 billion a year compared to today's force levels or about \$700 million compared to funding under START II. Those savings would stem not only from reduced costs for day-to-day operations but also from avoiding future costs to replace the aging systems."

Savings from Deeper Reductions-1,000 Deployed Warheads

The CBO estimates that the United States could save from \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion a year by reducing its current arsenal to a level of 1,000 nuclear warheads. Savings would depend, in part, on elimination of one element of the strategic triad of bombers, land-based ICBMs and submarine-launched ICBMs.

In October, Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Maslyukov told reporters that his government would have difficulty fielding a nuclear arsenal above several hundred weapons by 2007.

Sources:

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"Taking Stock: Worldwide Nuclear Deployments 1998" by William M. Arkin,  
Robert S. Norris, Joshua Handler, Natural Resources Defense Council, March  
1998.

To: ann\_d.parti@ecunet.org  
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Dear Ann,

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Shalom,  
Howard

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To: ann\_d.parti@ecunet.org  
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Dear Ann:

To save time I'm sending the text of a previous communication about North Carolina.

We have developed considerable interest in a North Carolina mini-campaign to send Senator Helms photos of children with a request for hearings on the CTBT -- "for the sake of our children."

To help you get out information to your contacts in North Carolina, I have drafted the attached notice. You can adapt it as you see fit or write your own message. We're suggesting that letters start going to Senator Helms on or about May 10 and continue for the rest of the month.

Please let me know what you are doing or have done, so that we can build a record of the breadth of this effort. If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 301 896-0013.

Shalom,  
Howard

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Help End Nuclear Testing  
Urge Senator Helms, for the Sake of Our Children,  
to Schedule Hearings on the CTBT

On September 24, 1997 President Clinton submitted the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) to the U.S. Senate for ratification. The CTBT is an international agreement that bans nuclear weapons test explosions. It is a measure long advocated by a wide variety of religious bodies because it helps stem the spread of nuclear weapons. [Option: Add a sentence on your denomination's position on the CTBT.]

Unfortunately Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, chair of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, has refused to schedule hearings on the CTBT. In this manner he is blocking consideration of the treaty by the Foreign Relations Committee and by the entire Senate.

We ask you to write to Senator Helms about the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Send him a photo of your grandchildren, children, nephews, and nieces. In your own words tell him that you want them to grow up free from the fear of nuclear weapons. Indicate that the CTBT is an important step in halting the spread of nuclear weapons. Urge him to schedule hearings on the treaty and speed up the process of Senate ratification. Explain that this is for the sake of our children.

His address is: Senator Jesse Helms, 403 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. It is suggested that such letters be sent on or after May 10, 1999 and continue for the remainder of the month.

[Option: Add information about the organization sending this message to its members.]

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For Mother Earth International

## MEDIA-ADVISORY

Hundreds of Walkers to Take International Law From The Hague to NATO  
Headquarters Brussels

## PEACE PALACE - THE HAGUE

Sunday May 16, 9:45 RALLY

Speakers include: Alice Slater (USA), Alyn Ware (LCNP - New Zealand),  
Anthony Guarisco (Atomic Veteran - USA), Bruce Kent (former Chair CND UK),  
Daniel Zapata (Xikano-Xiximeka), Gabriel Tetiarahi (Hiti Tau - Polynesia),  
Harsh Kapoor (South-Indians Against Nukes - India), Jossey Sirivi Kauona  
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Papua).  
(\* = to be confirmed)

12:00 START WALK to Delft (12km)

Sunday morning May 16th, For Mother Earth international begins an  
international peace walk at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The  
Hague. Hundreds of walkers from nearly 50 different countries will call for  
upholding international law for the abolition of nuclear weapons with a  
200km walk to the NATO headquarters in Brussels, as NATO's nuclear policy  
is in violation of international law. Also NATO's controversial and  
undeclared war in the Balkan is condemned. The start of the peace walk  
coincides with the end of the 'Hague Appeal for Peace' (HAP). The walkers  
plan to arrive at NATO headquarters on Thursday May 27th at noon for an  
'international inspection to prevent war crimes'.

They will stop in Rotterdam, Dordrecht, Zevenbergen, Breda, Wuustwezel  
(Belgium), Antwerp and Mechelen.

The walkers started gathering last Monday at the peace camp in 'Zuiderpark'. Several hundred of people are now camping in this community park, with the support of the City Council of The Hague.

300-400 people were not able to attend to the peace conference, amongst whom an important number of walkers (i.e. Bangladesh, Cameroon, Russia, Sri Lanka), as they were not granted a Schengen visa by the Dutch Government. The walkers will discuss actions in solidarity with those excluded from non-violent actions.

Update and more information:

Press Briefings on Internet & at the spot:

Regular press briefings and photos, route and schedule information, will be located at

<<http://www.motherearth.org/walk99/>>

Reporters can also ask for more information about the Walk at the For Mother Earth press office (red travel-bus) which will be parked at the The Hague Congress Centre (May 11 - 15) and or during the walk (May 16 - 30).

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Pol D'Huyvetter and Krista Van Velzen

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Howard,

Sorry,

I will not be able to attend due to a day-long meeting of our Division for Church in Society Advocacy Department. Please let me know if there are items that I should follow up on as a result of the meeting.

regards,

mark

Mark B. Brown  
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Dear Friends,

Please note that we have a new website address. Change our address on your "Favorite Places" and if you have an organizational link to us - change that immediately as well.

<http://www.GrandmothersForPeace.org>

Our Mother's Day newsletter is now online, and now that our webmaster Bryan Krofchok has moved back to the Sacramento area, we will be updating our site even more frequently. Bryan has done a fabulous job for us and it is well worth a "visit" if you have not logged on recently.

We appreciate your comments and suggestions. Keep in touch!

In Peace,

Barbara Wiedner, founder/director  
GRANDMOTHERS FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead