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**Reflections on Campaigns for Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
and Stockpile Stewardship**

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I have further thoughts on the issues we discussed on May 15 at the meeting of the CTBT Working Group. Focus of discussion was how to develop shared perspectives on the CTBT and stockpile stewardship.

I would like to suggest that the two concerns should be handled by separate campaigns, carried out simultaneously by a pair of working groups with overlapping membership.

Although obtain ratification of the CTBT and containment of stockpile stewardship both deal with nuclear weapons testing, they involve different processes, different timing, different sets of primary actors, and different kinds of relationships between governmental decision makers and citizen advocates.

CTBT ratification requires submission of the treaty to the Senate by President Clinton and an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the Senate. The optimal schedule seems to be submission before the end of the summer, hearings by three Senate committees in the fall, and floor action in January and February 1998. Initially our efforts will be to get the administration to act promptly on submission and begin lining up key senators to play lead roles. Then we will work to assure that our case is thoroughly made at hearings. At the same time we will be organizing a grassroots campaign with emphasis upon states of swing-vote senators. The grassroots campaign will intensify as the treaty comes to a vote. Throughout this process we will be working closely and cooperatively with the Clinton administration and with allies in the Senate.

Stockpile stewardship raises issues that are broader in scope and come into focus in wider array of decision-making processes. In contrast to CTBT the Clinton administration is more like an adversary than an ally. To the extent Congress is involved, decisions occur primarily in the authorizing and appropriations processes. This is an entire different set of actors and schedule than CTBT ratification. We will need to give more attention to getting progressives to speak out and rally against stockpile stewardship elements that continue the nuclear arms race indifferently. Grassroots lobbying will more focus more on them than on the more conservative senators. This will involve different states than the CTBT campaign. Other citizen action techniques will come into play, such as law suits, targeted protest, and perhaps civil disobedience. It's a different set of dynamics than treaty ratification and a different time frame.

There is a simple message for CTBT: ratify the treaty, avoid "killer" conditions. Numerous organizations, including most religious denominations, have long advocated a comprehensive test ban and can readily mobilize members in support of the treaty. In contrast, stockpile stewardship is more complex and more technical. By and large religious organizations

don't have specific policy positions on the issues now being raised and have done virtually no membership education on these matters. Because denominational social action offices have to operate within the framework of denominational policy, they won't always be able to sign on to statements dealing with specific nuances of stockpile stewardship.

Thus, it would be awkward to combine the two campaigns with a dual thrust message: ratify the treaty but halt subcritical tests, stop the NIF, etc. These messages need to be directed to different decision makers at different times and need not be combined.

This, though, doesn't prevent organizations from working on both matters simultaneously. Those that choose can combine the issues in grassroots activities. Those that focus primarily on only one (CTBT or stockpile stewardship) can do so.

If my suggestion is followed, a CTBT Working Group and a separate Stockpile Stewardship Working Group might have similar membership, but lead roles are likely to be played by different persons. It would eliminate the tension of combining two different messages in a single policy framework.

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Potential Participants in Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition

Denominations

Catholic Church

U.S. Catholic Conference, International Policy Committee
Several religious orders and associations

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Ecumenical Officer
Staff department

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Ecumenical Officer
Staff department

American Baptist Churches

General Secretary
Peace Program (Valley Forge, PA)
UN Office
Washington Office

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

General Minister and President
A headquarters unit
Washington office

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Ecumenical Officer or Senior Bishop
Staff department

Church of the Brethren

General Secretary
Peace Ministries (Elgin, IL)
UN Office
Washington Office

Episcopal Church

Presiding Bishop
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Washington Office

Evangelicals

Selected bodies, churches, and individuals

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Bishop (head of communion)

A headquarters unit (Chicago, IL)

UN Office

Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs (Washington, DC)

Friends

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Friends General Conference: General Secretary

Friends United Meeting: General Secretary

American Friends Service Committee

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Jewish

Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Shalom Center

Others

Mennonite

General Conference Mennonite Church: General Secretary

Mennonite Church in North America: General Secretary

Mennonite Central Committee: Headquarters, Washington Office, UN Office

Mormon

A headquarters unit

Muslim

Selected organizations and individuals

National Baptist Convention of America

General Secretary

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General Secretary

Staff department

Orthodox

Heads of communion

Staff departments

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Stated Clerk

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UN Office

Washington Office

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General Secretary
Staff department

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Staff department

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Baptist Peace Fellowship
Brethren Peace Fellowship
Buddhist Peace Fellowship
Catholic Peace Fellowship
Church of God Peace Fellowship
Disciples Peace Fellowship
Episcopal Peace Fellowship
Jewish Peace Fellowship
Lutheran Peace Fellowship
Methodist Peace Fellowship
Muslim Peace Fellowship
Orthodox Peace Fellowship
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Letters from Religious Leaders to President Clinton on Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

In December and January, 1996-97, Methodists United for Peace with Justice served as a catalyst in submitting letters from religious leaders to President Clinton, urging him to make the global elimination of nuclear weapons a major focus of his second term in office. Letters were sent from the following persons (some individually, most as part of a collection submitted together):

The Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, General Secretary, and
Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, President, National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the USA, co-signed by 16 heads of member communions

The Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Weiss, General Secretary, American
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The Most Reverend Theodore E. McCarrick, Chairman, International Policy
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Senior Bishop Nathaniel Linsey, Christian Methodist Episcopal
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The Rev. Dr. Donald E. Miller, General Secretary,
Church of the Brethren General Board

The Most Reverend Edmond L. Browning, Presiding Bishop and
Primate, The Episcopal Church

Norval Hadley, Executive Director, Evangelical Friends Mission

Ronald J.R. Mathies, Executive Director, Mennonite Central
Committee (along with a series of resolutions of Mennonite bodies)

The Reverend Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the General
Assembly, Presbyterian Church (USA) (along with resolutions enacted by the
General Assembly)

The Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens, President, Unitarian- Universalist
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The Rev. Dr. Paul Sherry, President, United Church of Christ
Bishop William Boyd Grove, Ecumenical Officer, Council of
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The Rev. Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett, General Secretary,
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January 1997

**Invitees to Meetings of Religious Community
on Chemical Weapons Convention
January 29 and March 19, 1997**

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Jerry Powers	U.S. Catholic Conference

To: Abolitionists

This month we have completed efforts centered on two important events: the 1997 NPT Review PrepCom and U.S. Senate ratification of Chemical Weapons Convention. What next? I would like to offer some ideas, addressed primarily though not exclusively to the nuclear abolition movement in the United States.

Although united in our quest to eliminate all nuclear weapons on Earth, our movement is pluralistic in interests and emphases of participating organizations and individuals. Clusters in New York focus on the United Nations and international relationships, clusters in Washington deal with Congress and the Executive Branch, clusters in western states concentrate on the labs and test sites. Thinktanks in various locations and grassroots networks across the nation make important contributions. This diversity is an asset for our movement.

Rebecca Johnson's NPT Briefing No. 6 summarizes three approaches offered by NGOs for implementing Article VI of the NPT: global nuclear weapons convention, deep cuts and other measures that move toward abolition, and an NPT amendment conference to force negotiations for universal nuclear disarmament. The third approach requires action by one-third of the NPT parties and is therefore a task for the international movement. Those of us in the United States can work simultaneously for a nuclear weapons convention and a variety of interim measures. In outline our agenda can encompass the following matters:

- I. Negotiation of nuclear weapons convention
- II. Steps toward abolition
 - A. Cessation of nuclear arms race
 1. Ratification of CTBT
 2. No subcritical tests, no new designs
 3. Verified fissile materials production ban
 4. Passive stockpile stewardship awaiting dismantlement
 - B. Deactivation and dismantlement
 1. Zero alert achieved by decoupling warheads and delivery vehicles
 2. Dismantlement of
 - a. All warheads covered by strategic reduction agreements
 - b. All tactical nuclear weapons.
 3. Control of fissile materials
 - C. Multilateral deep cuts
 1. US-Russia START III reduction to 500 or fewer warheads apiece
 2. All nuclear weapons states to 100 to 200 warheads apiece
 - D. Other
 1. Declarations of no first use
 2. Nuclear free zones

Many of the items on this agenda require favorable policy decisions by President Bill Clinton. Some require actions by the U.S. Congress, or at least by the Senate. Therefore, we need to consider how to influence these decision makers.

Like most us, President Clinton is both an idealist and a pragmatist. As an idealist, he talks about the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons. Thus, in his second inaugural address he spoke of a land of new promise where “our children will sleep free from the threat of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.” As a pragmatist, he neutralized the nuclear weapons labs in the quest for a CTBT by making a commitment to continued weapons research below the legal treaty threshold. In a combination of the two, he and his administration worked hard and effectively to achieve ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Our challenge is to bring out his idealism and to provide political support for bold ventures.

We can use a variety of methods, such as the following:

Direct contact

Top leaders of national organizations

Experts

Delegations of grassroots representatives

Indirect contact

Through legislators

Through influential persons who have access

Direct communications

Sign-on letters

Petitions

Grassroots letters, phone calls, faxes, e-mail

Picketing, vigils, and other message-sending techniques

Influence public opinion

Media strategy

Educational activities

Local and state referendums

Rallies, demonstrations, celebrations, commemorations

Much of our efforts will be issue-oriented: on CTBT, subcritical testing, START III, zero alert, nuclear weapons convention. In addition, it would be useful to maintain persistent, friendly pressure on President Clinton on need for a strong, practical commitment to nuclear abolition. I suggest several approaches.

Augment the sunflower campaign

Send lots of seed packets to the White House

Regularly picket the White House with sunflowers and signs

Plant sunflower seeds at White House, Pentagon, missile sites, and other nuclear installations (civil disobedience for those who choose)

Shadow the president everywhere he goes with

Sunflowers

Signs: “84% Favor Abolition” “Only [45] Months Remaining” (see below)

Recognizing that President Clinton is an idealist and is concerned about his place in history organizations and individuals should remind him monthly that he has only "x" months left in office to set course for nuclear abolition and to assure that the children of the world to sleep free from the fear of nuclear weapons. We can do this on the 20th of each month, measuring the time remaining until January 20, 2001 when his term in office expires. The monthly letter can contain the writers' current agenda, such as getting on with the nuclear weapons convention, pressing vigorously for CTBT ratification, truly deep cuts in START III, halting subcritical tests, and other concerns.

To be effective, our persistent pressure on President Clinton should have lots of participation. Therefore, I wonder who would be willing to participate and help work out details.

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MOBLIZING THE U.S. RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY TO WORK FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

A major purpose of the grant request to the W. Alton Jones Foundation is strengthen the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice as a catalyst in mobilizing the U.S. religious community to work together for nuclear disarmament. As background, the following section describes how religious organizations are organized and function.

A. Organization of Religious Organizations in the United States

Although the organization of religious denominations has considerable variety, there are general patterns common to most of them.

Legislative Body

Most denominations have a national legislative body composed of elected delegates that meets at intervals (every year, two, three, four years) for a short period (a week or two). It goes by different names, such as General Conference, General Assembly, Convention, Synod. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has this role within the broader framework established by Vatican councils and the pope.

The legislative body sets official church policy in the form of resolutions and rules for internal order. Official positions on public policy issues derive from these resolutions. Proposed resolutions come from denominational leaders, boards and agencies, study commissions, local churches, unofficial associations, and individuals. As with other democratic bodies, there is lobbying by various interests, bargaining within legislative committees, and floor debate.

Public policy advocates within denominations, such as Methodists United for Peace with Justice, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, and others, work a year or more ahead of the legislative session to develop proposals and build support. This sets the stage for heads of communion and denominational staff to speak out on particular issues and become involved in public policy advocacy between legislative sessions.

Head of Communion

Most denominations have a top officer who is considered head of communion. Different names are used: presiding bishop, bishop, president, general secretary, stated clerk, ecumenical officer. Many are elected by the legislative body, some by their peers (bishops). Powers of the head of communion vary, depending how hierarchical the denomination is. For example, the Episcopal presiding bishop has considerable authority, but the United Methodist ecumenical officer mainly represents the denomination in ecumenical affairs.

Heads of communion sign joint statements on public issues to register denominational support. They also issue individual statements. This not only puts the denomination on public record, but it provides legitimacy for active involvement by denominational staff.

Bureaucracy

All major denominations have bureaucracies composed of boards and commissions, offices and departments to carry out policies and manage the work of the denomination. The head of communion usually has a small supportive staff, but most of the work is done by other offices and departments. There is usually an agency with peace, justice, and other social and economic concerns. They have different names. Sometimes the department head signs on to joint statements rather than the head of communion.

The social concerns agency usually functions out of denominational headquarters in such places as Chicago, Louisville, Cleveland, New York, Valley Forge, Washington, and elsewhere. The larger denominations also have a Washington office (if headquarters is elsewhere) and an office at the United Nations.

These are the agencies most heavily involved in peace movement activities and in mobilizing denominational grassroots support. They work together on a number of issues, as is elaborated below.

Area Units

Most denominations have area units, described variously as diocese, synod, presbytery, conference, state convention, district. There is usually a presiding official, known as bishop, presbyter, conference executive. Most have annual assemblies consisting of clergy and lay delegates from churches within the geographic areas. Larger denominations have staff for their geographic units and may have a weekly, bimonthly, or monthly newspaper.

Outreach from denominational headquarters and the Washington office is often channeled through the area offices. They in turn reach out to local churches.

Local Churches

The local church is the basic unit of denominations in communities. The pastor may be called by the congregation or appointed by a bishop. Many congregations have an annual assembly, but function through a council and committees during the year. Often there is a social action committee that mobilizes members on public issues.

Unofficial Associations

Numerous unofficial associations function within the denominational framework and deal with a wide range of concerns. Among these are peace fellowships with a pacifist orientation and an affiliation with the Fellowship of Reconciliation. There are other associations concerned with peace and justice issues but not strictly pacifist, such as Methodists United for Peace with Justice and Pax Christi.

These associations are composed of persons with public policy concerns. They try to influence denominational policies on public issues. They press denominational boards to take stands and provide leadership. They mobilize grassroots activists.

Coming Together

Major Protestant and Orthodox denominations join together as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. There are counterpart state and local council of churches. There are also broader state and local ecumenical councils that bring together Protestants, Orthodox, Catholic, Jewish, and in some locales Buddhists and Muslim representatives. Church Women United also has ecumenical participation nationally and through state and local affiliates. These state and local units serve as a mobilizer of joint action on public issues.

In Washington denominational staff work together through WISC (Washington Interagency Staff Council), which has a Military and Foreign Policy Task Force. Some but not all of the denominations participate in the Monday Lobby of peace organizations. Denominational representatives at the United Nations work together on common interests.

An effort is now underway to form a Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, which will function as a communications network and a catalyst for grassroots mobilization. We are playing a central role in this effort.

B. Mobilizing the Religious Community

In this project our primary objective is to help mobilize grassroots religious activists working for nuclear disarmament. Our second objective is to encourage national religious leaders to speak out on specific issues related to nuclear disarmament. We discuss these objectives in reverse order.

Leadership Statements

Statements by heads of communion have a dual purpose: to influence public policy decisions by the president and Congress and to set the stage for grassroots mobilization. Attached are two examples.

As an unofficial association, Methodists United for Peace with Justice has flexibility in approaching heads of communion directly, going through headquarters staff, or working through Washington-based personnel. Our approach varies with the issue and our relationships with various denominational units. On a couple of occasions we have obtained joint signatures from Protestant heads of communion while the U.S. Catholic Conference simultaneously issued a statement on the same topic.

Grassroots Mobilization

Local churches and church members provide a tremendous base for citizen action in support of nuclear disarmament. They are present throughout the United States, including regions and locales where other peace organizations have relatively few members.

Reaching local church activists can be best achieved by fanning out from Washington and denominational headquarters (if located elsewhere) to area units which in turn reach local churches. There can also be direct contact from national offices directly to identified local activists.

Monday Lobby. The starting point are the religious organizations that participate in the Monday Lobby. Regular participants include American Friends Service Committee, Church of the Brethren, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Mennonite Central Committee, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, Presbyterian Church (USA), and United Church of Christ Office for Church in Society. Occasional participants include American Baptist Churches USA, Church Women United, Jesuit Social Ministries, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Unitarian Universalist Association.

Other Washington-based organizations. To these can be added other religious organizations based in Washington, including Alliance of Baptists, Episcopal Church, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Maryknoll Justice and Peace Office, National Council of Churches, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, U.S. Catholic Conference. We were a catalysts in bringing all of these groups plus those from the Monday Lobby in two meetings designed to mobilize the religious community in support of the Chemical Weapons Convention. We expect to do likewise for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Denominations based elsewhere. We have a close relationship with the Fellowship of Reconciliation and relationships ranging from moderate to slight with leaders or units of African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church Zion Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the three main units of Friends, National Baptist Convention of American, National Baptist Convention USA, Progressive Baptist Convention, Reformed Church in American, and some individual Southern Baptist leaders. During the Chemical Weapons Convention campaign we made contact with Mormon officials in Salt Lake City.

Methods of mobilization. Among the methods we will use to mobilize the religious community are the following:

1. Frequent contact in established settings, such as the Monday Lobby.
2. Regular informal contacts, such as with the U.S. Catholic Conference
3. Special meetings, such as briefings on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
4. Possibility of organizing a "Religious Coalition for the CTBT"
5. Otherwise use of ad hoc committees and working groups
6. Outreach through ListServe network of Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition

The aim is to have a united presence in Washington and more importantly to mobilize grassroots activists in targeted states and across. Another memo elaborates on this.

May 1, 1997

U.S. Senate Swing Votes on Arms Reduction Treaties

State	Vote on Chemical Weapons Convention		Denominational Rank
	Yes	No	
New York	D'Amato		Catholic, Jewish, Black Baptist, United Methodist
Pennsylvania	Santorum		Catholic, ELCA, United Methodist, Presbyterian
Ohio	DeWine		Catholic, United Methodist, Black Baptist, ELCA
Michigan	Abraham		Catholic, Black Baptist, United Methodist, ELCA
Indiana	Coats		Catholic, United Methodist, Church of Christ, Black Bapt.
Florida		Mack	Catholic, S. Baptist, Jewish, Black Bapt., U. Methodist
Kentucky	McConnell		Southern Baptist, Catholic, U. Methodist, UCC
Tennessee	Frist	Thompson	S. Baptist, U. Methodist, Black Baptist., UCC
Mississippi	Lott, Cochran		S. Baptist, Black Baptist, United Methodist
Texas		Hutchison	Catholic, S. Baptist, United Methodist, Black Baptist
Minnesota		Grams	Catholic, ELCA, Mo. Synod (Lutheran), U. Methodist
Iowa		Grassley	Catholic, United Methodist, ELCA, Mo.Synod
Missouri		Bond	Catholic, S. Baptist, United Methodist, Black Baptist
Nebraska	Hagel		Catholic, United Methodist, ELCA, Missouri Synod
Kansas	Roberts	Brownback	Catholic, U. Methodist, Black Baptist, American Baptist
Montana		Burns	Catholic, ELCA, Mormon, United Methodist
Wyoming	Enzi, Thomas		Catholic, Mormon, S. Baptist, United Methodist
Colorado		Allard, Campbell	Catholic, U. Methodist, S. Baptist, Mormon, ELCA
Utah	Hatch	Bennett	Mormon
Oregon	Smith		Catholic, Mormon, ELCA, United Methodist
Washington	Gorton		Catholic, Mormon, ELCA, United Methodist
Alaska	Murkowski		Catholic, Southern Baptist, Mormon, ELCA

ELCA = Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
UCC = United Church of Christ

Seeking Ratification of Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

A major focus of Methodists United for Peace with Justice during the next year will be to help mobilize the religious community in the United States in support of Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). This will build upon our experience working for ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

Although we have always had a concern for elimination of all weapons of mass destruction, we began to focus seriously on the CWC only in January 1997. We saw this treaty as important in its own right and as a precedent for elimination of nuclear weapons, which has been a central goal of our association since we organized in 1987. We also realized that if CWC ratification failed, other arms reduction treaties would be much more difficult to achieve.

We started participating in the Poison Gas Working Group. We sent out alerts to key United Methodist leaders in 30 states where one or both senators were considered swing votes. We got orders for the 20/20-initiated postcards for six states. We were a catalyst in arranging for two briefings of Washington-based religious organization on the CWC. We explored possibilities for gaining Southern Baptist support in the South, but succeeded only in Texas. We made contacts with Mormon officials in Salt Lake City.

For CTBT ratification we intend to participate in whatever overall working group is formed. We will explore whether there is an interest in forming a "religious coalition for the CTBT". If this is too structured approach for the social action offices of major religious denominations, we will help develop less formal approaches for working together within the religious community during the CTBT ratification campaign. This includes those listed in a separate statement on "Mobilizing the Religious Community". For example, there could be a compendium of policy statements on the CTBT by religious denominations, joint educational material, coordinated grassroots activities, and efforts to form religious coalitions for the CTBT in key states. This will occur within the context of the broader campaign, not merely religious organizations working off to themselves.

We will give attention to public education and advocacy activities especially in 22 or so states with "swing vote" senators. An illustrative list is attached, based upon votes for the CWC. Many of these states are in regions where major peace organizations have relatively few members. Churches are located everywhere and accordingly offer considerable potential for developing CTBT support.

For grassroots activities we will give particular attention to developing support among United Methodists, which rank among the top four denominations in number of adherents in many of the states. We will try to develop support within the Black Baptist and Methodist denominations, which are strong in a number of states. We will keep in close touch with staff of the U.S. Catholic Conference, which worked hard for CWC ratification. We will continue to seek Mormon contacts. And we will keep in touch with all national religious organizations engaged in grassroots outreach in behalf of the CTBT.

Religious Organizations to Mobilize for Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Associated with Monday Lobby

- American Baptist Churches US
- * American Friends Service Committee
- * Church of the Brethren
- * Church Women United
- * Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Jesuit Social Ministries
- * Mennonite Central Committee
- * Methodists United for Peace with Justice
- * NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
- * Presbyterian Church (USA)
- * United Church of Christ Office for Church in Society
- * Union of American Hebrew Congregations
- Unitarian Universalist Association.

* Worked for Chemical Weapons
Convention ratification

Other Washington-based organizations

- Alliance of Baptists
- * Episcopal Church
- * Episcopal Peace Fellowship
- * Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- * Maryknoll Justice and Peace Office
- * National Council of Churches
- * Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
- Progressive National Baptist Convention
- * Washington Interreligious Staff Council
- * U.S. Catholic Conference

Denominations based elsewhere

- African Methodist Episcopal Church
- African Methodist Episcopal Church Zion Church
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon)
- National Baptist Convention of American
- National Baptist Convention USA
- Orthodox (several branches)+
- Progressive Baptist Convention
- Reformed Church in American
- Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Southern Baptist Convention (selected leaders, state conventions)

Religious Peace Fellowships

- Evangelicals for Social Action
- * Fellowship of Reconciliation
- Pax Christi
- Various denominational peace fellowships

**The United Methodist Church
and
the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty**

The United Methodist Church has long supported the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Thus, [reference to General Conference resolutions of the 1960s and '70s if available].

In the mid-1980s the United Methodist Council of Bishops conducted an 18 month study on the nuclear arms race. In 1986 they issued a pastoral letter and foundation document entitled *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. In this document the bishops stated:

“We support the completion at long last of a treaty banning all nuclear weapons testing. ...Such a treaty, perhaps more than any other step, would vindicate and strengthen the Non-Proliferation Treaty and thus help to curb the spread of nuclear weapons. It would do much to halt the development of new nuclear weapons.”

In 1996 the General Conference, the elected governing body of the United Methodist Church, in a resolution on “The United Methodist Church and Peace” reaffirmed its support for Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, saying: “The time to test nuclear weapons is past.”

The Religious Group for Nuclear Abolition has formed to facilitate communication and joint activities among religious organizations committed to the global abolition of nuclear weapons. It functions as part of the U.S. and international Abolition 2000 network.

The Religious Working Group will serve as a catalyst for production and distribution of material for worship and other observances related to nuclear abolition. It will encourage local use of this material at common times, such as in autumn during Peace with Justice Week and fall festivals, and in spring in renewal ceremonies, including planting sunflowers, a symbol of the nuclear abolition movement.

The Religious Working Group has established an e-mail listserv network, open to religious organizations committed to nuclear abolition. For information on listserv, contact Howard W. Hallman, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, or phone/fax

Contacts in Religious Community Interested in Nuclear

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Church of the Brethren
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Mr. Jerry Powers
U.S. Catholic Conference
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Mr. David Robinson
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Anna Rhee
United Methodist Women's Division
100 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Draft
Organizations Participating in Grassroots Mobilization
for Senate Ratification of Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Name of contact(s) _____

Willing to work in following states (mark "X"; if especially strong, "XX")

___ State A ___ State G ___ State M ___ State S

___ State B

___ State C [names of states to be added]

___ State D

___ State E

___ State F

Mode of Participation

___ Will send out information and our own alerts

___ Willing to send out joint alerts (such as postal cards)

___ Would like common information to distribute

___ Will help produce common information

___ Willing to work with other organizations to develop in-state coalitions

___ Interested in bringing grassroots people to Washington for joint lobby days

___ Would like to receive regular reports on progress of CTBT ratification

___ Would attend occasional (monthly, bimonthly) meetings to review campaign progress, report on grassroots activities, discuss common strategy

___ Willing to participate in weekly or biweekly strategy meetings

___ Will undertake other activities. Please specify:

Signed _____ Date _____

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**Meeting to Discuss Grassroots Mobilization
to Support Ratification of Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
June 26, 1997**

Agenda

1. Self-introduction of participants
2. Outlook for ratification
 - a. Presidential submission, Senate schedule – Tom Zamora Collina
 - b. Senate swing votes – David Culp
3. Lessons from Chemical Weapons Convention ratification – Kathy Guthrie &
4. Grassroots activities for CTBT ratification
5. Washington-based activities to mobilize and support grassroots action
6. Processes and structures for working together
 - a. Communicating to share information
 - b. Task groups and committees
 - c. Meetings
7. Next steps

4. Grassroots activities in target states
 - a. Face-to-face contact with senators
 - Individually
 - Delegations: in state, in Washington
 - At town meetings, other appearances
 - b. Communicating with senators
 - Letters, postcards, fax, e-mail
 - Petitions
 - c. Media
 - Op-ed, letters to editor, radio call-in
 - d. Building coalitions
 - e. Linkage with national organizations

5. Washington-based activities to mobilize and support grassroots action
 - a. Common targeting
 - b. Developing contacts in target states
 - c. Encouraging in-state coalitions
 - d. Common information material
 - e. Joint postcard alert
 - d. Lobby days
 - g. Media outreach
 - Editorials, op-ed
 - Radio actualities
 - h. Responding to grassroots feedback

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April 21, 1997

To: Jerry Powers

Fax: 202 541-3339

No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Chemical Weapons Convention

Dear Jerry:

As you know, the Chemical Weapons Convention is coming to a vote on Thursday, April 24. The Senator Foreign Relations Committee has reported a bill containing 33 conditions. The first 28 are considered acceptable by treaty advocates, but the last four, numbers 29 to 33, are considered "killer amendment". They are described in attachments.

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You can thank Senator Lugar for his leadership in behalf of the treaty and ask him to vote against the four conditions that would block immediate participation by the United States. His fax is 202 228-0360.

You can thank Senator Lott for bringing the treaty to a vote, ask him to oppose the four harmful conditions, and request that he vote for final passage. His fax is 202 224-4639.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301 896-0013.

With best regards,

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April 21, 1997

To: Mary Miller

Fax: 202 393-3695

No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Chemical Weapons Convention

Dear Mary:

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If you have any questions, please call me at 301 896-0013.

With best regards,

March 7, 1997

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Dear Bishop « 2»:

The United States Senate is now considering the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, an international treaty that would ban the production, possession, and use of chemical weapons. This treaty is consistent with long-established policies of the United Methodist General Conference, calling for the worldwide elimination of all weapons of mass destruction: nuclear, chemical, and biological. This position was reaffirmed last week by the General Board of Church and Society, which called for ratification on a bipartisan basis.

We are joining with a broad coalition of religious organizations, peace and arms control organizations, and a wide segment from the business community to push for ratification by April 29, when the treaty goes into effect internationally. For this to be accomplished Majority Leader Trent Lott must schedule a vote to override the opposition of Senator Jesse Helms, chair of the Foreign Relations Committee. Then a number of uncommitted senators must be persuaded to vote for the treaty.

We ask you to help by registering your support for the Chemical Weapons Convention with Senator « 3». You might also contact Senator Lott, asking him to bring the treaty before the Senate prior to April 29. The address is United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

More information is provided in the enclosed action alert, which we are also sending to the church and society chair and peace with justice coordinator in your conference. If you need further information, please get in touch with me.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

March 14, 1997

To: The Honorable Paul Sarbanes

Attn: Diane Ohlbaum

Fax: 202 224-1651

No. of Pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Phone/fax: 301 896-0013

Re: Chemical Weapons Convention

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

I write you both as chair of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, a national association of laity and clergy, and as a resident of the Bethesda. Several years ago I was in touch with you regularly when I was coordinator of Montgomery County SANE/Freeze (now Peace Action).

Methodists United is part of a broad coalition of religious organizations working to develop public support for Senate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Numerous business, professional, arms control, and peace organizations likewise support the treaty. Public opinion polls, including one release last week by Senator Lugar, show widespread support for the treaty.

We are greatly disturbed, however, by the refusal of Senator Helms to allow the treaty to come before the Senate unless he can extract huge political concessions from the Clinton Administration on other issues. We are also bothered by Senator Lott's unwillingness to use his power as majority leader to bring the treaty to the Senate floor. With the treaty going into effect on April 29, there isn't much time left for Senate ratification if the United States is to be on board from the beginning.

Therefore, we ask you to use your position on the Foreign Relations Committee to break Senator Helm's hold on the treaty. We ask you to intervene with Senator Lott to get him to act. We suggest that you speak on the Senate floor next week in behalf of the treaty. Furthermore, perhaps the time has come for you and other supporters to insist that the Senate set a date certain for a vote prior to adjourning for Easter recess. Indeed, it would be appropriate to

block the recess until such a commitment is obtained. We will greatly appreciate your efforts.

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FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: March 18, 1997

To: Ken Myers
Office of Senator Lugar

Fax: 202 228-0360

No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Phone/fax: 301 896-0013

We are looking forward to seeing you tomorrow, Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Building to learn from you what is happening in the Senate on the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Attached is a sample of our letter of invitation and a list of persons invited.

With best regards,

**Methodists United for Peace with Justice
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Washington, DC 20036**

April 15, 1997

To: John Parachini

Fax: 202 785-9034

**From: Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors**

No. of pages:

Phone/fax: 301 896-001

Dear John:

Attached is correspondence between United Methodist Bishop Meadors of Mississippi and Senator Lott on the Chemical Weapons Convention. Could you supply me with information that Bishop Meadors can use to respond to Senator Lott's concerns. Obviously Bishop Meadors can't claim to be an expert, but he could supply the senator with a response prepared by a reputable organization.

Thanks,

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April 3, 1997

To: President William Jefferson Clinton

Through: Mr. Samuel R. Berger
National Security Adviser

Fax: 202 456-2883

Number of pages: 8

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Dear Mr. President:

You are our leader, so we ask you to quickly get out in front and lead us where we want to go. That "where" is a world without nuclear weapons.

This was revealed by a recent poll of Americans conducted by Lake Sosin Snell & Associates for Abolition 2000. In the poll 84 percent said they would feel safer knowing that no country, including the U.S., had nuclear weapons. Sixty-eight percent strongly agree that the U.S. should negotiate an agreement to eliminate nuclear weapons and another 19 percent somewhat agree. Other details of the poll are attached.

The path toward global elimination of nuclear weapons, where you can lead us, could have the following milestones:

- For the forthcoming Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee Meeting at the UN, instruct the U.S. delegation to favor the start of negotiations in 1997 for a treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons throughout the globe.
- As soon as the U.S. Senate ratifies the Chemical Weapons Convention, submit the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty for ratification.
- Take a second look at the START III framework you and President Yeltsin agreed to in Helsinki and develop plans for substantially deeper cuts, such as the 500 level, which should occur much sooner. This would bring the United States and Russia much closer to the level of the other nuclear weapon states and set the stage for implementation of a global Nuclear Weapons Convention.
- Quickly move to a global zero alert status by removing warheads from delivery vehicles. Many have recommended this, including the Canberra Commission, General Lee Butler, and other retired military officers.

President William Jefferson Clinton
April 3, 1997
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As you provide us bold leadership moving in this direction, we pledge that we will work closely with other religious organizations and a wide variety of civic and professional organizations to mobilize broad public support for the elimination of nuclear weapons. Many of us have worked hard the past three months to develop grassroots support for the Chemical Weapons Convention with considerable success. We will keep our forces intact to support ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We will do likewise for other measures recommended above.

Thus, you can be assured that there will be a strong cadre supporting your leadership for the goal you offered in your second inaugural address: that our children will sleep free from the fear of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons. The vast majority of adults likewise want such fear-free sleep, as the poll revealed.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

April 3, 1997

To: Ms. Melanne Vermeer
Office of the First Lady

Fax: 202 456-6244

No. of pages: 9

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Dear Melanne:

Here is my latest communication to President Clinton, sharing some poll results, revealing that the vast majority of Americans favor the global elimination of nuclear weapons.

We keep hoping that the White House will provide us bold leadership in this direction.

With best regards,

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To: Alice Slater

Fax: 212 726-9160

No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Re: Poll data

Dear Alice:

That was a great poll you commissioned and great findings. Thanks for doing it and bringing it to Washington.

I've sent a copy to President Clinton through Sandy Berger, as attached. I also sent a copy to one of Mrs. Clinton's staff.

I hope that we can get the results distributed around Capitol Hill.

With best regards,

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To: Karina Wood

Fax: 202 862-9762

No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Re: Poll data

Dear Karina:

As the attachment indicates, I've sent a copy of the new polling data to President Clinton through Sandy Berger. I also sent a copy to one of Mrs. Clinton's staff.

I hope that we can get the results distributed around Capitol Hill. We can talk about this the week after next.

With best regards,

April 11, 1997

Bishop Marshall L. Meadors
P.O. Box 931
Jackson, MI 39205-0931

Dear Bishop Meadors:

At this writing it appears that the U.S. Senate will vote on the Chemical Weapons Convention on or about April 24. There are still negotiations underway, but it seems that Senator Lott is taking a positive approach to bringing the treaty to a vote. Whether he will vote for the treaty remains to be seen.

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Howard W. Hallman, Chair

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To: Claire E. Cocco
Fellowship of Reconciliation

Fax: 914 358-4924

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Re: Chemical Weapons Convention

Dear Claire:

There is considerable likelihood that the Chemical Weapons Convention will come to a vote in the U.S. Senate on April 24. Therefore, grassroots communication to senators is important, particularly those considered to be swing votes.

On the attached list we are giving attention to the "2's", "3's", and "4's", especially the "3's". Therefore, it would be helpful if you would contact FOR chapters and members in those states and have them get in touch with the named senators.

The list is an internal document for CWC advocates. It can guide your work, but we would prefer that you not circulate it in its entirety.

If you have questions, please call me.

With best regards,

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April 15, 1997

To: Kathy Crandall

Fax: 202 808-0172

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: CTB Alert

Dear Kathy:

The attached response to your CTB Alert came to me. I haven't mastered forwarding on E-mail, so I'm sending it to you via fax.

April 21, 1997

To: Senator Richard Lugar

Attn: Ken Meyer

Fax: 202 228.0360

No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Senator Lugar:

We greatly appreciate your leadership in bringing the Chemical Weapons Convention to a vote this week in the Senate. We are aware that behind the scenes you have been a staunch support of the treaty.

We note that among the conditions added by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee are four which would in effect prevent the United States from participating in the treaty, conditions 29 to 33. Some have called them "killer amendments".

We urge you to announce your opposition to these harmful conditions and to actively rally support against them.

With best regards,

April 21, 1997

To: Bishop Marshall L. Meadors, Jr.

Fax: 601 948-5981

No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Bishop Meadors:

The U.S. Senate will definitely vote on the Chemical Weapons Convention this week. The bill coming out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee contains 33 conditions to the treaty. The first 28 are considered acceptable by treaty advocates but the last four, numbers 29 to 33, are described as “killer amendments” because they would in effect prevent the United States from immediately participating in the treaty. They are described in attachments.

We would greatly appreciate your communicating once more with Senator Lott on the treaty either by mailgram (487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510) or fax (202 224-4639). You can thank him for his leadership in bringing the treaty to a vote, ask him to oppose the four conditions that would nullify U.S. participation, and ask him to vote for final passage of the treaty.

I realize that this is appointment season and you are extremely busy. However, it would be helpful if you or conference staff could encourage key United Methodist leaders in Mississippi to communicate with Senator Lott in a like manner. It would also be helpful if there could be a joint statement by a number of ecumenical leaders (although I realize that this make take more time that is available).

Whatever you can do, we will be grateful.

With best regards,

April 21, 1997

To: Bishop Woodie W.White.

Fax: 317 924-4859

No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Bishop White:

The U.S. Senate will vote Thursday, April 24 on the Chemical Weapons Convention, a treaty supported by the United Methodists Church and other denominations. The bill coming out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee contains 33 conditions to the treaty. The first 28 are considered acceptable by treaty advocates, but the last four, numbers 29 to 33, are described as “killer amendments” because they would in effect prevent the United States from immediately participating in the treaty. They are described in attachments.

Senator Richard Lugar is a staunch supporter of the treaty and has worked hard behind the scenes in behalf of the treaty. If he opposes these four killer conditions, he likely will bring with him enough votes to have them removed. Therefore, we would greatly appreciate your communicating with Senator Lugar on the treaty either by mailgram (306 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510) or fax (202 228-0360). You can thank him for his leadership in support of the treaty and ask him to oppose the four conditions that would nullify U.S. participation.

Whatever you can do, we will be grateful.

With best regards,

April 24, 1997

Joe Gerson
American Friends Service Committee
2161 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02140

Dear Joe:

David Gracie says you are planning a conference on Abolition 2000 for October and are looking for a featured speaker from the religious community.

You may want to consider United Methodist Bishop C. Dale White. He chaired the group that produced *In Defense of Creation* in 1986 and is completing a book that deals with what has happened on this issue in the past ten years. He is retired, though very active on this and other causes. He lives at 117 Eustis Avenue, Newport, RI 02840. His phone number is 401 847-3419.

If you are interested in other suggestions, please call me.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair

April 28, 1997

Karina Wood
Peace Action
1819 H Street, NW, #420
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Karina:

Enclosed is a check for \$50 for copies of the Road Map to Nuclear Abolition,
which you supplied me earlier.

Thanks for your help.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair

April 28, 1997

To: United Methodist Leaders

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Chemical Weapons Convention

Senate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention was a solid accomplishment for the peace movement in the United States. We worked long and hard along with many others to build public support for this treaty. The treaty had strong and able advocacy by President Clinton and others in his administration. A number of senators worked internally to build support. Leaders of the chemical industry, retired military officers, and a variety of civil organizations were strong allies. The result shows what can happen if a wide variety of groups work together.

We wish to thank you for the work you did in your state to build support for the treaty. Perhaps you now would like to once more contact senators you wrote to, either thanking them for their favorable vote or expressing disappointment at their negative vote. You might also write to Senator Trent Lott (487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510), thanking him for bringing the treaty before the Senate and then voting for it.

As you write these senators, you might also indicate that you hope they will support ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty when it comes before the Senate. Hopefully President Clinton will soon send this treaty we have long supported to the Senate for consideration.

With best regards,

May 2, 1997

To: Abolitionists

In April we completed efforts centered on two important events for our movement: the 1997 NPT Review PrepCom and U.S. Senate ratification of Chemical Weapons Convention. What next? I would like to offer some ideas, addressed primarily though not exclusively to the nuclear abolition movement in the United States.

We need to realize that many of our objectives require positive actions by the president of the United States: gaining U.S. participation in drafting a Nuclear Weapons Convention; submission of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the U.S. Senate; negotiations of deep cuts in strategic weapons as an intermediate step toward abolition; zero alert; halting subcritical tests and new weapon designs; dismantlement of out-of-service warheads. Therefore, we should focus considerable attention on President Clinton.

Like most us, President Clinton is both an idealist and a pragmatist. As an idealist, he talks about the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons. Thus, in his second inaugural address he spoke of a land of new promise where “our children will sleep free from the threat of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.” As a pragmatist, he is cautious about changing the Pentagon’s nuclear posture and he accepts the weapon labs’ desire to develop new designs. In a combination of the two, he and his administration worked hard and effectively to achieve ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Our challenge is to bring out his idealism and to provide political support for bold ventures, thereby counteracting forces which want nuclear weapons forever.. I suggest several simultaneous approaches.

(1) I suggest that on the 20th of each month numerous organizations and individuals should write to President Clinton with a message something like this (in abbreviated form): “You now have 45 months remaining in office to set the course so that the children of the next century will sleep free from the threat of nuclear weapons. To make that possible, we urge you to promptly send the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the U.S. Senate for ratification [if not yet done]; to halt all subcritical tests of nuclear weapons and other kinds of weapons research; in START III negotiations to seek deeper and faster cuts in strategic warheads than outlined in the Helsinki framework; to work with other nuclear weapons states to achieve zero alert by separating warheads form delivery vehicles; to accelerate the pace of dismantling nuclear warheads; and to commit the United States to negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention.” Each of these points would be elaborated. Each month the stated number would be reduced to reflect the remaining months until President Clinton’s term comes to an end on January 20, 2001.

We at Methodists United for Peace with Justice will write such a letter on May 20 and each month thereafter. We’ll send it through Samuel R. “Sandy” Berger, assistant to the president for national security affairs. We invite other organizations to join us. Each organization can emphasize its greatest current concerns within the overall quest for nuclear abolition.

(2) Let’s expand the sunflower campaign by getting individuals all around the country to send packets of sunflower seeds to President Clinton with the abolition message. Let’s regularly picket the White House with sunflowers and such signs as “84% Favor Abolition”, “Only [45] Months Remaining”. We could also try to plant sunflower seeds at the White House, Pentagon,

missile sites, and other places; this could take the form of civil disobedience for those who feel called to do so.

This kind of campaign will require widespread participation to sustain. Therefore, I hope that a number of membership organizations will take it up and work together to carry it forward.

(3) As an extension of a White House focus, we could shadow President Clinton wherever he goes with sunflowers and signs. This can be done in various places in Washington, around the United States, and abroad. Let's keep reminding him that he is in a position to move the world toward the ideal he has espoused.

(4) As well as mass activities, we should encourage persons who have direct access to President Clinton to make the case for nuclear abolition. This includes members of Congress, leading scientists, professionals, clergy, and other elite. Thus, we could help Representative Major Owens obtain more co-signers for his letter to the president. We could promote a similar letter from senators, state legislators, local elected officials. We could encourage delegations of religious leaders, scientists, and others.

In sum, to achieve nuclear abolition we must not only have good ideas and strong commitment, we must also influence decisions of government policy makers who have the power to set the course toward nuclear abolition.

I will welcome your responses to my suggestions.

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00. Name of organization: Methodists United for Peace with Justice
Majordomo will serve Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition
000. Mission: MUPJ statement on file with IGC.
Mission statement for Majordomo: The Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition is a network of religious organizations working together for the global elimination of nuclear weapons. It is associated with Abolition 2000.
1. List name requested: abolition-religious
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4. Single user that owns list: mupj
5. Password for list: trust
6. The list should be CLOSED.
7. The list should NOT be moderated.
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11. YES, people on the list should be allowed to find out who is on the list.
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Majordomo list "abolition-religious" has been established by the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition to facilitate communication among religious organizations committed to the global elimination of nuclear weapons. Participation is open to organizations having a religious orientation or affiliation. The Religious Working Group is part of the broader Abolition 2000 network and has created this list as a supplement to the "abolition-coalition" list.

Message to persons joining the list:

Welcome to the "abolition-religious" Majordomo list. This list has been established by the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition to facilitate communication among

religious organizations committed to the global elimination of nuclear weapons. We invite you to share your ideas and to respond to ideas offered by others.

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For more details about the “abolition-religious” list and the Religious Working Group, contact Howard W. Hallman, Methodists United for Peace with Justice at mupj@igc.apc.org or phone/fax: 301 896-0013.

For the one-time set up fee, a check for \$50 is being sent by U.S. mail.

Please let me know if you need further information about our application.

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May 6, 1997

Institute for Global Communications
P.O. Box 29904
San Francisco, CA 94129-0904

Dear Friends:

Through e-mail we sent you a request to start a Majordomo "abolition-religious" for use by the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition. We have agreed to serve as the "owner".

Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 as start-fee.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman. Chair

May 7, 1997

Majordomo
Institute for Global Communication
P.O. Box 29904
San Francisco, CA 94129-0904

Dear Majordomo:

Having failed to master e-mail to send an application to set up a majordomo list in behalf of the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, I'm sending the same information by U.S. mail. It's attached. Previously I mailed you a check for the set-up fee.

Let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman

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May 7, 1997

To: John Isaacs
Council for a LivableWorld

Fax: 202 543-6297

No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Religious Organizations and CTBT

Dear John:

In anticipation of this morning's meeting on the CTBT, I have prepared the two attached sheets, which I'll have available. One shows religious organizations which can be mobilized in support of the treaty. The other shows which denominations have the most adherents in the swing states.

I've talked to Jerry Powers, who says that the U.S. Catholic Conference will go all out in support of the treaty when it comes up. I'll work with the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society to mobilize United Methodists. Both denominations have a strong record in support of the CTBT. Others do, too. Thus, the religious community can be a firm anchor of support for ratification.

With best regards,

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May 8, 1997

To: Robin Ringler

Fax: 202 488-5619

No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: CTBT Ratification

Dear Robin:

Now that we have CWC behind us, folks are talking about ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. At a meeting yesterday John Isaac handed out the attached arguments for moving ahead now. At the end of the meeting he distributed pre-written next steps, which anticipated much of the discussion. The consensus was that we should push the Clinton administration to get the treaty to the Senate as soon as possible (mid-summer to September), that hearings could occur in the fall, and that floor action could come in early 1998.

I believe that rallying the religious community for CTBT is essential to achieve ratification. This is a natural issue because most denominations that deal with public issues have long supported a comprehensive test ban. As part of our background material, I would like to develop a set of one-page summaries of denominational positions on letterhead of the denomination.

To get this started I have prepared the attached draft for the UMGBCS. It has a place to put information about earlier positions, perhaps from the 1960s or '70s. I'm hoping that you have old books of resolutions around or that Jaydee or Lee will recall previous UM statements on the test ban. I don't quote fully from the 1996 resolution because the language on the test ban is poorly written and suggests that only tests leaking radiation are the concern.

I would appreciate your assistance in getting such a statement on the GBCS letterhead, revised as you deem appropriate. I can use it as a model as I approach other denominations.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301 896-0013.

With best regards,

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May 8, 1997

To: Jerry Powers

Fax: 202 541-3190

No. of pages: 6

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: CTBT Ratification

Dear Jerry:

At a meeting of arms control and disarmament advocates yesterday at the Stimson Center, a consensus emerged to press ahead for Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. At the beginning of the meeting John Isaacs handed out the attached statement of reasons to push for a Senate vote in 1997. Many views were expressed, but most participants felt that it was desirable to move ahead. At the end of the meeting John handed out a pre-written action outline (attached). The main difference from this outline that emerged was a feeling that the most likely, best-realistic-case scenario would be presidential submission of the treaty by mid-summer or early September, hearings by three Senate committees in the fall, and floor action early in 1998.

For that to happen there will need to pressure on the Clinton administration to complete the submission documents, to so sound out possible supporters in the Senate, and to begin developing a grassroots campaign.

I offered the attached handouts on possible support from the religious community and a first cut of a swing list, showing denominational strength in the swing states. In many of them the Catholic Church has the greatest number of adherents. United Methodists are also prominent in many states. At the meeting several participants, mostly notably Tom Graham of ACDA, stressed the importance of religious support for ratification.

The structure for working together is still being shaped. Another meeting on this matter will take place at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 15 at a place to be announced. Participation is fluid. You would be welcome if you want to attend. Otherwise I and perhaps John Isaacs, too, will keep you informed.

With best regards,

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May 20, 1997

To: President William J. Clinton

Through: Mr. Samuel R. Berger

Fax: 202 456-2883

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

Dear Mr. President:

As of today, you have 44 months remaining in office to set the course for the global elimination of nuclear weapons. This is a goal you have mentioned a number of times. You have three years and eight months to lead us to the land of new promise, postulated in your second inaugural address, where “our children will sleep free from the threat of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.”

We would like to offer suggestions for a number of steps that should be taken in the immediate weeks and months ahead to move toward the goal of nuclear weapons abolition.

1. Nuclear Testing

Your administration successfully brought to conclusion many years of negotiation of the **Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty**. We hope that within the next month you will submit it to the U.S. Senate for ratification and then mount a vigorous campaign for Senate approval, as you did for the Chemical Weapons Convention. Because most major religious denominations have long supported a comprehensive test ban, I am certain there will be a wide outpouring of support from the U.S. religious community, including heavy concentration upon senators who might be considered swing votes on ratification. We look forward to working with the White House for CTBT ratification.

At the same we are serious disturbed by what is unfolding with the so-called “**stockpile stewardship management**” program. It seems to us that such endeavors as the “subcritical tests” planned for Nevada and the construction of the national ignition facility in California go to the extreme edge of what is allowable under CTBT. This sends a message to the rest of the world that the United States intends to keep improving its nuclear arsenal forever rather than moving toward global elimination of nuclear weapons. This undermines support for the CTBT and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. It is also a grievous waste of resources that could be better sent elsewhere. For instance, putting more funds into the Nunn-Lugar program would be a far better investment.

2. Strategic Disarmament

We are pleased that at your meeting with President Yeltsin in Helsinki you worked out a framework for **START III**. This is step in the right direction. However, we believe that the goal of 2,000 to 2,500 strategic warheads remaining after 2007 is far too modest. Neither side needs these weapons except to deter similar weapons from the other side. A much more sensible goal should be 500 or less on each side in START III. This would set the stage for a multilateral treaty involving the other nuclear weapons states to eliminate remaining nuclear weapons.

We also believe that much more attention should be given to **dismantlement** of all nuclear warheads that are taken out of service by START and other agreements.

3. Nuclear Weapons Convention

It is time for the United States to take seriously its commitment under Article VI of the NPT to complete nuclear disarmament. Of the three threats to children you mentioned at your second inaugural, we now have global treaties dealing with chemical and biological weapons (although the latter needs strengthening). This should be rounded out by negotiating a Nuclear Weapons Convention comparable to the Chemical Weapons Convention. Unfortunately the United States has been unwilling to consider this approach.

We urge you to establish a working group within your administration to study options and produce a working document for a Nuclear Weapons Convention. A worthy point of departure is a "Model Nuclear Weapons Convention" developed under the auspices of the Lawyer's Committee on Nuclear Policy. Because this is matter of deep public concern, we suggest a series of public hearings on this matter, conducted a special commission of citizen representatives.

Furthermore, when the Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee reconvenes in April 1998 in Geneva, we hope that the United States will offer positive proposals for a time-bound schedule for global elimination of nuclear weapons.

4. Public Support

A recent poll conducted by Lake Sosin Snell & Associates revealed that 84 percent of the respondents said they would feel safer knowing that no country, including the United States, had nuclear weapons. Sixty-eight percent strongly agreed that the U.S. should negotiate an agreement to eliminate nuclear weapons, and another 19 percent somewhat agreed.

We hope that you use your remaining 44 months in office to establish an irreversible commitment for the elimination of all nuclear weapons from Earth.

With best regards,

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May 20, 1997

To: David Krieger

Fax: 805 568-0466

No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Episcopal Resolution

Dear David:

You will be interested in knowing that when the General Convention of the Episcopal Church meets this summer it will consider a resolution on "Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" that supports the Worldwide Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and urges Episcopalians to sign the Citizen's Pledge. Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning signed the pledge over a year ago and has made reference to it, for instance, in a letter to President Clinton.

A copy of the draft resolution is attached.

With best regards,

**American Friends Service Committee, Washington Office – Church of the Brethren,
Washington Office – Church Women United – The Episcopal Church – Episcopal Peace
Fellowship – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Office for Governmental Affairs –
Friends Committee on National Legislation – Maryknoll Justice and Peace Office –
Mennonite Central Committee, Washington Office – Methodists United for Peace with
Justice – NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby – National Council of the
Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. – Presbyterian Church (USA), Washington Office –
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, Washington Office for Faith in Action
– United Church of Christ Office for Church in Society, Washington Office – United
Methodist General Board of Church and Society – Union of American Hebrew
Congregations, Religious Action Center of Reformed Judaism**

June 20, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Last September when you used President John F. Kennedy's pen to become the first world leader to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, you pointed out that this treaty "will help to prevent the nuclear powers from developing more advanced and more dangerous weapons. It will limit the ability of other states to acquire such devices themselves. It points us toward a century in which the roles and risks of nuclear weapons can be further reduced, and ultimately eliminated."

We agree with your excellent summary of the importance of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Accordingly, we urge you to submit the agreement to the U.S. Senate for ratification as soon as possible, and certainly no later than the end of July. This will give the Senate time to conduct public hearings on the treaty in the fall and to vote on the treaty toward the end of 1997 or early in 1998.

Numerous religious denominations in the United States have long advocated a comprehensive ban on nuclear weapons testing. Therefore, you can be assured of widespread support from the U.S. religious community for this treaty.

Specifically the undersigned representatives of denominations and other religious associations intend to carry out vigorous educational and advocacy activities throughout the country in behalf of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. As national organizations, we will register our support with the U.S. Senate. We will urge tens of thousands of our members from every state in the nation to make their views known to their own senators. This will add weight to the support that will be generated by numerous other citizen organizations which support treaty ratification.

As we go about building support for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, we hope to work closely with personnel from your Administration as well as with treaty advocates in the U.S. Senate. We are already starting preparation for this task as we eagerly await your submission of the treaty to the Senate.

Sincerely yours,

James Matlack, Director, Washington Office
American Friends Service Committee

John Harvey, Director, Washington Office
Church of the Brethren

Nancy Chupp, Legislative Director
Church Women United

The Rev. Robert J. Brooks
Director of Governmental Relations
The Episcopal Church

Mary H. Miller, Executive Secretary
Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Rev. Russell O. Siler, Director
Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Joe Volk, Executive Secretary
Friends Committee on National Legislation

Terence W. Miller, Director
Maryknoll Justice and Peace Office

J. Daryl Byler, Director, Washington Office,
Mennonite Central Committee

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

Richelle Friedman, PBVM
NETWORK: A National Catholic Social
Justice Lobby

Rev. Dr. Albert M. Pennybacker
Associate General Secretary
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the U.S.A.

Rev. Elenora Giddings Ivory
Director, Washington Office
Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Rev. Meg A. Riley, Director,
Washington Office for Faith in Action,
Unitarian Universalist Association of
Congregations

Rev. Jay Lintner
Director, Washington Office
United Church of Christ Office for
Church in Society

Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett
General Secretary
United Methodist General Board
of Church and Society

Rabbi David Saperstein, Director
Religious Action Center of Reformed
Judaism, Union of American Hebrew
Congregations

Reply may be addressed to Comprehensive Test Ban Advocates, 1500 16th Street, NW,
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June 4, 1997

To: Robin Ringle

Fax: 202 488-5619

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Propose letter to President Clinton on CBTB

Dear Robin:

It appears that President Clinton can use a nudge to submit the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the Senate this summer. His prompt action is necessary so that the Senate can conduct hearings in the fall and bring it to the floor toward the end of 1997 or early in 1998.

Therefore, I have drafted the attached letter for signing by representatives of denominational offices in Washington and elsewhere, and also peace fellowships and other religious denominations. The first paragraph quotes back to Clinton his speech at the United Nations last September when he signed the treaty.

Would it be possible for Thom Fassett to be an initial signer prior to wider circulation within the religious community? I'm also asking Joe Volk and Barbara Green.

If so, do you have any suggestions for changes in this draft? Please call me or write me to offer your ideas and to indicate your willingness to be an initial signer. If there are changes, I'll show you the revised letter before wider circulation.

With best regards,

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June 5, 1997

To: Robin Rngler

Fax: 202 488-5619

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: CTB Letter to President

Dear Robin:

I found three errors in the draft letter to President Clinton on the CTB. Attached is a corrected draft.

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June 10, 1997

To: Kathy Crandall

Fax: 202 898-0172

No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Contacts in Religious Community

Dear Kathy:

Here is list of contacts in the religious community who may be interested in your START Talking package. You probably are already in touch with most of them.

Title	FirstName	LastName	WorkPhone
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Title	FirstName	LastName	Company	WorkPhone
	Curtis	Ramsey-Lucas	American Baptist Churches USA	202 544-0277
	Jim	Matlack	American Friends Service Committee	202 232-3197
	John	Harvey	Church of the Brethren	202 544-5852
	Ann	Delorey	Church Women United	202 543-1297
	Daryl	Byler	Mennonite Central Committee	202 544-2820
	Richelle	Friedman	NETWOR K	202 547-5510
	Jesuit Social Ministries			202 462-7009
Rabbi	David	Saperstein	Religious Action Center	202 667-9070
	Meg	Riley	Unitarian Universalist Association	202 296-4673
Rev.	Jay	Lintner	United Church of Christ	202 543-5994
	Clayton	Ramey	Fellowship of Reconciliation	914 358-4924
	Jerry	Powers	U.S. Catholic Conference	202 541-3339
	John	Stoner	New Call to Peacemaking	717 859-1958
	Lisa	Wright	National Council of	202 543-1297

Title	FirstName	LastName	Company	WorkPhone
	Robert	Brooks	Churches Episcopal Church, Washingto n Office	202547-4457
	William	Hobgood	Disciples Advocacy Washingto n Network	202 797-0111
	Terrance	Miller	Maryknoll Mission Society	202 832-5195
	Anna	Rhee	UM General Board of Global Ministries	202 488-5681
	David	Robinson	Pax Christi USA	814 452-4784
	Mary	Miller	Episcopal Peace Fellowship	202 393-3695
	William	Yolton	Presbyteria n Peace Fellowship	
	Mark	Brown	Lutheran Office of Governme ntal Affairs	202 783-7502

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June 13 , 1997

To: «Title» «FirstName» «LastName»
«Company»

Fax: «WorkPhone»

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear «FirstName»:

These days there are positive indications that President Clinton is interested in submitting the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the U.S. Senate for ratification. To reinforce his inclination, I have drafted the enclosed sign-on letter for circulation mostly among Washington offices of religious organizations which work on peace issues. We invite the head of your office or some other appropriate representative to sign the letter. Signing deadline is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, 1997.

Assuming that President Clinton submits the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty before the end of the summer, hearings by the Senate are likely to occur in the fall with floor action after the first of the year. Therefore, now is the time to begin thinking about the kind of grassroots activities needed to develop support for the treaty, especially in states represented by senators considered to be swing votes. With that in mind, a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 26 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 3 of the Methodist Building (100 Maryland Avenue, NE). At this meeting we will review relevant experience of grassroots activities in support of the Chemical Weapons Convention and will discuss how religious and other citizen organizations can work together in building grassroots support for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We invite a representative of the «Company» to participate in this meeting.

If you have any questions about these two requests, please call me at 301 396-0013,

Cordially yours,

Howard W. Hallman

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June 13, 1997

To: Curtis Ramsey-Lucas
American Baptist Churches USA

Fax: 202 544-0277

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

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June 13, 1997

To: Jim Matlack
American Friends Service Committee

Fax: 202 232-3197

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

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June 13, 1997

To: John Harvey
Church of the Brethren

Fax: 202 544-5852

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

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June 13, 1997

To: Ann Delorey
Church Women United

Fax: 202 543-1297

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Ann:

These days there are positive indications that President Clinton is interested in submitting the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the U.S. Senate for ratification. To reinforce his inclination, I have drafted the enclosed sign-on letter for circulation mostly among Washington offices of religious organizations which work on peace issues. We invite the head of your office or some other appropriate representative to sign the letter. Signing deadline is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, 1997.

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If you have any questions about these two requests, please call me at 301 396-0013,

Cordially yours,

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June 13 1997

To: Daryl Byler
Mennonite Central Committee

Fax: 202 544-2820

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Daryl:

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If you have any questions about these two requests, please call me at 301 396-0013,

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June 13, 1997

To: Richelle Friedman
NETWORK

Fax: 202 547-5510

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Richelle:

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June 13 1997

To: Jesuit Social Ministries

Fax: 202 462-7009

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Jesuit Social Ministries:

These days there are positive indications that President Clinton is interested in submitting the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the U.S. Senate for ratification. To reinforce his inclination, I have drafted the enclosed sign-on letter for circulation mostly among Washington offices of religious organizations which work on peace issues. We invite the head of your office or some other appropriate representative to sign the letter. Signing deadline is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, 1997.

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June 13, 1997

To: Rabbi David Saperstein
Religious Action Center

Fax: 202 667-9070

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Rabbi Saperstein:

These days there are positive indications that President Clinton is interested in submitting the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the U.S. Senate for ratification. To reinforce his inclination, I have drafted the enclosed sign-on letter for circulation mostly among Washington offices of religious organizations which work on peace issues. We invite the head of your office or some other appropriate representative to sign the letter. Signing deadline is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, 1997.

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June 13, 1997

To: Meg Riley
Unitarian Universalist Association

Fax: 202 296-4673

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Meg:

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June 13, 1997

To: Rev. Jay Lintner
United Church of Christ

Fax: 202 543-5994

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Jay:

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Cordially yours,

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June 13, 1997

To: Clayton Ramey
Fellowship of Reconciliation

Fax: 914 358-4924

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Clayton:

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June 13, 1997

To: Jerry Powers
U.S. Catholic Conference

Fax: 202 541-3339

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Jerry:

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June 13, 1997

To: John Stoner
New Call to Peacemaking

Fax: 717 859-1958

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear John:

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June 13, 1997

To: Lisa Wright
National Council of Churches

Fax: 202 543-1297

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Lisa:

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June 13, 1997

To: Robert Brooks
Episcopal Church, Washington Office

Fax: 202547-4457

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Robert:

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June 13, 1997

To: William Hobgood
Disciples Advocacy Washington Network

Fax: 202 797-0111

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Mr. Hobgood:

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June 13, 1997

To: Terrance Miller
Maryknoll Mission Society

Fax: 202 832-5195

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Terrance:

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June 13, 1997

To: Anna Rhee
UM General Board of Global Ministries

Fax: 202 488-5681

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Anna:

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Cordially yours,

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June 13, 1997

To: David Robinson
Pax Christi USA

Fax: 814 452-4784

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear David:

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June 13, 1997

To: Mary Miller
Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Fax: 202 393-3695

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Mary:

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June 13, 1997

To: William Yolton
Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

Fax: No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Bill:

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June 13, 1997

To: Mark Brown
Lutheran Office of Governmental Affairs

Fax: 202 783-7502

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Mark:

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June 13, 1997

To: Barbara Green
Presbyterian Church (USA), Washington Office

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From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: A letter and a meeting on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Dear Barbara:

I am going ahead with the sign-on letter to President Clinton on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. I had hoped that Elenora Giddings Ivory would be an initial signer, but since I haven't heard from you, I am proceeding to circulate the letter for sign-ons. I still hope that Ms. Ivory will sign. Signing deadline is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, 1997.

As I mentioned at the last meeting of the Monday Lobby, I have made arrangements for a meeting to discuss the kind of grassroots activities needed to develop support for the treaty, especially in states represented by senators considered to be swing votes. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 3 of the Methodist Building (100 Maryland Avenue, NE). At this meeting we will review relevant experience of grassroots activities in support of the Chemical Weapons Convention and will discuss how religious and other citizen organizations can work together in building grassroots support for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. I hope that you or another representative of your office can participate in this meeting.

If you have any questions about these two requests, please call me at 301 396-0013,

Cordially yours,

Howard W. Hallman

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To: Jerry Powers
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From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Sign on Letter to President Clinton on CTB

Dear Jerry:

I'm keeping this letter to President Clinton open through Monday morning, July 23 with the hope that you or Father Drew will sign it. This will round out the strong evidence of support within the religious community for ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. However, if you decide not to sign this group letter, I hope that you'll write your own letter to the president or his top staff (and send me a copy).

We are expecting a strong turn out for a meeting to prepare for grassroots mobilization in behalf of CTB ratification. It will take place on Thursday afternoon, June 26 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Methodist Building, Room 3. I hope that you or your representative can attend.

With best regards,

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**From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
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Re:

Dear

HOWARD W. HALLMAN

Howard Hallman, president of the Civic Action Institute, Bethesda, Maryland, has dedicated over forty years to working on matters of citizen participation, neighborhood self-help activities, community development, and metropolitan governance. He is a well-published author and experienced practitioner in these fields. His consulting experience includes U.S. and international clients.

He is a graduate of the University of Kansas in Lawrence, where he earned B.A. and M.A. degrees and worked for the Bureau of Government Research.

Hallman worked in Philadelphia from 1952 to 1958, first for the Philadelphia Housing Association, an advocacy organization, and then as a consultant to citizen organizations. His focus was on housing and urban renewal policy, suburban planning, and metropolitan development.

From 1959 to 1965 he worked in New Haven, Connecticut, for three years as director of the city's neighborhood improvement program and for another three years as deputy director of Community Progress, Inc., a private nonprofit corporation set up to run community action and anti-poverty programs. Toward the end of this period he was on loan part time to the War on Poverty Task Force in Washington, D.C.

Hallman moved to Washington in 1965 and served as a consultant to city governments and community action agencies around the country, helping them set up employment training and community action programs. In 1967 he directed a study of the Poverty Program for a U.S. Senate subcommittee.

In 1969 Hallman organized the Center for Governmental Studies, later renamed Civic Action Institute. For the next seven years the Center conducted studies of municipal decentralization, citizen participation, and employment and training programs and conducted workshops for local officials and citizen leaders. In 1971 Hallman presented a paper on citizen participation at an international conference in Zagreb, Yugoslavia in 1971, and he was elected a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration in 1973. In 1976 he was the principal founder of Neighborhoods, USA, a national association of neighborhood leaders and local officials. Hallman served as a full-time consultant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on citizen participation policies in 1977. From 1978 to 1983 the Civic Action Institute under his leadership provided training and technical assistance to local officials and citizen leaders on citizen participation and neighborhood action.

In 1984 Hallman switched his primary attention to public advocacy on peace and justice issues. In 1987 he was an organizer of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, an advocacy organization, served as executive director for a while and is now chair of the board of directors. He also performed occasional consulting on matters of citizen participation and neighborhood organizing through the Civic Action Institute. In 1992 he hosted a Polish delegation to the United States in a study of citizen participation practices. In 1994 he spent a week in Turkey speaking to local officials and citizen organization leaders on democratic participation. In May 1996 he presented a paper on citizen participation at an international conference in Tokyo. He has conducted studies in Sweden, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Israel and is available as an international consultant on citizen participation and related matters.

Hallman is author of more than 250 articles, pamphlets, and reports and nine books, including

*The Organization and Operation of Neighborhood Councils, Small and Large Together:
Governing the Metropolis, and Neighborhoods: Their Place in Urban Life.*

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT ACTIVITIES OF HOWARD W. HALLMAN 1984 to present

Howard W. Hallman of Bethesda, Maryland, U.S.A. serves as chair of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, a national association of laity and clergy. He is active in the newly formed U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network and is a member of its organizing committee. He is also a participant in the Monday Lobby, a coalition of peace and arms control organizations functioning in Washington, D.C.

Hallman has long experience working for world peace. While in college he became a Christian pacifist. He requested selective service classification as a conscientious objector and performed alternative civilian service during the Korean War. Subsequently he engaged in a variety of peace activities as a volunteer, mostly through the Fellowship of Reconciliation and local churches. His professional career has focused on efforts to improve living conditions in the United States through cooperative public and private activities, with particular emphasis upon ways to achieve democratic participation. For many years he has served as president of the Civic Action Institute, a private, nonprofit corporation that provides technical assistance and training to public officials and citizen leaders.

In 1984 Hallman decided to focus his attention on the need for nuclear disarmament. This started from an insight that nuclear deterrence is a meaningless though dangerous policy because the only thing it deters is other nuclear weapons. Moreover, nuclear weapons have no practical military usage in wartime, as American policy makers concluded in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. So the world should get rid of them. As he worked out his ideas along these lines, he produced three versions of a book on nuclear disarmament but never got it published. However, he derived a number of articles, position papers, and strategy proposals from this work.

In the process of becoming better informed, Hallman got acquainted with various national peace organizations and fed in ideas. He became active in the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign of Montgomery County, Maryland, where he lives, and as a volunteer served as coordinator for three years. He was a delegate to two national Freeze conventions and the first convention of the merged SANE/FREEZE (now known as Peace Action). In the late 1980s he chaired a county-wide Interfaith Forum for Peace in Justice, which conducted a public forums and all-day conferences, including several with Russian participants.

In 1986 Hallman drafted, circulated, revised, and got signatures from a wide range of people for "A Citizens' Declaration on Worldwide Nuclear Disarmament: Starting Now, Finishing Before the Year 2000". He staged a public signing ceremony in September 1986.

In 1987 Hallman helped establish Methodists United for Peace with Justice, which organized in response to the United Methodist bishops call for greater prayer and action for peace, set forth in their pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. Since then he has filled several offices: issues chair, treasurer, executive director, and now chair of the board of directors. At his initiative Methodists United was able to get peace and justice resolutions adopted by the 1988, 1992, and 1996 United

Methodist General Conferences, including one on "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option" in 1992 and an updated resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" in 1996.

In November 1989 through Methodists United for Peace with Justice Hallman got religious leaders from a number of denominations to sign a letter to President George Bush and President Mikhail Gorbachev, calling for general disarmament in Europe, global nuclear disarmament, and economic conversion.

In May 1991 Hallman had an insight that nuclear disarmament could come in two stages: first, deactivate the nuclear arsenal by bringing strategic submarines into port and removing their missiles, taking warheads off ICBMs, and removing nuclear weapons from strategic bombers; second, dismantlement of these weapons through balanced stages. This idea was incorporated into a policy statement of Methodists United for Peace with Justice in October 1991 and sent to political leaders in the United States, Soviet Union, and Russian Federation and to arms control advocates in the United States. With a few changes this statement became the "Zero Option" resolution adopted by the 1992 United Methodist General Conference. In February 1992 Hallman got representatives more than 30 national peace and arms control organizations in the United States to recommend the deactivation approach to President Bush and President Boris Yeltsin.

For a number of years Hallman has been active in the Monday Lobby of peace and arms control organizations as the representative of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. In 1990 he organized a monthly series of five forums on different issues of nuclear disarmament for Monday Lobby participants and Congressional staff. In November 1995 he convened a special seminar on zero global alert, an approach now favored by a number of arms control experts and in the same vein as the deactivation proposal of Methodists United.

In the summer of 1995 Hallman began exploring ways to mobilize the religious community in the United States to work together in a renewed push for nuclear abolition. He is working to link the religious community with the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, which began forming in September 1995. Hallman has circulated among U.S. religious leaders a Citizen's Pledge to work for nuclear abolition, which the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation initiated in 1995 and gained signatures from 34 Nobel laureates, including 11 Nobel peace laureates. He lined up signers from the religious community for a Citizens Signing Ceremony on September 24, 1996, commemorating the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and pledging to work for nuclear abolition. In December 1996 and January 1997 he gathered letters from heads of religious communions to President Clinton, urging him to make global elimination of nuclear weapons a major focus of his second term in office. Hallman is now working with others to establish a Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition as a component of the broader nuclear abolition movement.

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