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February 9, 1977

The President Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply moved by your determination to achieve a significant measure of arms control and your vision of a world in which nuclear weapons will be eliminated as a threat to the very survival of humankind. We are gratified that you have raised this paramount moral issue and have applied it to issues of foreign policy as well as to the crucial issues of arms control.

In this connection, we strongly welcome your appointment of Paul Warnke as director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and we pledge to do all within our power to support your nomination of this brilliant and creative public servant and to make our views known to the members of the United States Senate. The hope and need for sensible disarmament must not be thwarted by those of narrow vision who see American security only in weaponry and in the false security of military superiority.

Kindest greetings.

Sincerely,

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Ad Hoc Working Group for Disarmament

Dear Friend:

Enclosed is a copy of an Appeal to President Jimmy Carter. It is designed to generate renewed public support for major arms reduction at the outset of a new Administration that appears interested in pursuing that goal. The Appeal stresses independent initiatives by the United States, the importance of converting the arms industry to civilian activities, and the need to see national security within the context of urgent global problems.

The Appeal is being sent to leading Americans in the hope of presenting it to the Administration with at least 100 signatures. Once the Appeal is released with these signatures, we plan to circulate it locally as an educational and organizing tool and seek additional endorsements by opinion leaders.

We hope the chief officer of many national organizations and institutions will sign the Appeal and that they will be joined by many prominent individuals. We would appreciate it if you would send us your signature on the coupon below, or, if appropriate, forward this mailing to your organization's chief officer. Also, please send us the names and addresses of other nationally-known Americans who should sign this Appeal. We would like to present the Appeal to President Carter early in his Administration, so time is of the essence.

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APPEAL TO PRESIDENT CARTER

There is no security in the arms race. Despite staggering expenditures on "defense", the United States and the Soviet Union are less secure than they were at the end of World War II.

Their nuclear arsenals possess the power to kill people by the scores of millions. They hold the means of blighting future generations with genetic damage and shattering the world's ecology. They could inflict this devastation on each other, and others, regardless of which one were to initiate an attack. The American and Soviet military build-up fuels inflation, undermines living standards, and depletes supplies of raw materials. This example and the export of weapons encourage poorer nations to squander their limited resources on regional arms races.

Security will remain an illusion so long as the nations of the world spend over \$300 billion a year on swollen military establishments, while failing to address global problems that have no military solutions.

Among these global problems are the spread of nuclear weapons, a burgeoning supply of plutonium, shortages of natural resources and energy, hunger (an estimated 10 million people died of starvation in 1974-75), population pressures, the growing income gap between rich and poor nations, worldwide inflation, pollution and terrorism. These problems do not stop at borders. They require new forms of international cooperation.

The time has come to seek security by other means. We support a worldwide attack on our common problems; major arms reductions, leading in stages to general and complete disarmament; planning for the conversion of military facilities to civilian uses; and strengthened international peace-keeping institutions, associated with the United Nations.

We are encouraged by President Carter's commitment to the goal of "zero nuclear weapons" in all nations. His Administration can help turn the world toward the development of a new system of security. Renewed efforts should be made for stopping and reversing the arms race by international agreements and by the U.S. leading the way through independent initiatives. Since arms agreements must be carefully negotiated, weapons development often races ahead of the bargaining process. The United States can reinforce and speed negotiations through independent acts. As the most powerful and influential single nation, the United States is best qualified to make such moves.

We call upon our government to undertake a continuing series of highlypublicized acts of restraint and to invite the Soviet Union to reciprocate them. Such initiatives might include a cessation of underground nuclear tests, a ban on some or all missile firings, a moratorium on the export of nuclear technology which can make it easier to acquire nuclear bombs, a halt to the production of nuclear weapons, and a major cut in arms sales abroad.

In 1963-64, before the build-up for the Vietnam War undermined these initiatives, the United States and the Soviet Union reduced their troop levels in Europe and cut back the production of fissionable material for nuclear bombs by "mutual example". We propose a resumption of this promising approach.

In the presence of massive nuclear overkill, the risks of such a policy would be minimal. These acts of restraint would in no way reduce the destructive power of an arsenal which has long since exceeded any rational military purpose. Such acts would have little or no military significance, but they could have enormous political meaning by changing the negotiating climate. If the policy of public restraint were to bring forth a positive response from the Soviet Union, it could lead to the first agreed reductions in offensive weapons since the nuclear era began.

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