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Summary:

This letter describes the recent efforts of the United States Comprehensive Test Ban Coalition to pressure negotiations about nuclear test bans occurring in January 1991. The letter ends with a request for donations.

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Matthew Evagelista
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Dear Matthew,

Greetings from the U.S. CTB Coalition office! I was so pleased to see you in Kazakhstan. I hope your transition home has gone well.

So much has happened in the last few weeks. Our efforts for a CTB have developed into a full-fledged campaign:

- * The international effort to amend the 1963 Partial Test Ban Treaty is on schedule: 118 countries will meet in New York, January 7-18, to consider a CTB amendment.
- * The U.S. Conference of Mayors will convene a special meeting of mayors on the topic, "The Budget, CTB, and the Cities," for early December in New York. Their goal: to get Bush to not say NO in January (e.g. - to allow the Conference to call for a second session late in 1991).
- * Special delegations of mayors and religious leaders are being organized to request meetings with Bush.
- * The U.S. Coalition now involves 69 national organizations; local CTB coalitions are active in 25 cities.
- * Over 3,000 telegrams and letters were sent to UN Ambassador Pickering in June, including five letters from governors!
- * Two pieces of legislation are being offered in Congress, a joint Senate-House resolution, and a House bill to cut funds for testing.
- * An "Open Letter" to Bush, Thatcher, and Gorbachev is being organized by parliamentarians and religious leaders around the world, and in the U.S., by local and state elected officials, for delivery by parliamentarians in November.
- * Accompanying the "Open Letter" will be signatures of over 5,000 elected officials, over 500,000 petitions, and a list of the 223 state and local jurisdictions that have passed CTB resolutions.

* We have developed a full media campaign for the fall: signature ads, op-eds, talk shows, TV and radio spots, billboards, and much more.

* The message of radio and TV spots: Our leaders are addicted to nuclear weapons. Let's break the habit.

* Signature ads will run on October 10th, in the Trenton Times, the San Francisco edition of the New York Times, the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and all 27 New England papers. And there will be dozens more.

* Over 6,000 grandmothers will be urged to send personal letters and photos to Barbara Bush in support of a CTB.

* Greenpeace is planning a major direct action tour, to culminate in New York in January.

* The American Public Health Association will hold a series of events on the test ban in New York at the end of September.

There is much more to tell, and new components are being added every week. Our goal is to get the Bush administration to negotiate in good faith at the January Conference.

The campaign "airplane" is in the air! Now we need sufficient fuel to keep it going. I am faced with a choice: I can either spend my time coordinating the campaign. Or I can spend my time raising money.

We need \$100,000.00 to see the campaign through January, to support our three-person office, mail to our network of 2,000 activists, create campaign materials, hold regional strategy meetings, and pay media costs. Please send whatever you can. You may write tax deductible checks to Peace Development Fund, 44 N. Prospect, P.O. Box 270, Amherst, MA, 01004, designated for the U.S. CTB Coalition.

A CTB is within our reach. Thank you for helping us to achieve our goal!

Sincerely,



Carolyn Cottom
Director