



STATEN ISLAND COUNCIL FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

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Dear Friend,

These are times of great danger. But these are also times of great promise. The dangers are too obvious to belabor. Suffice it to say that the biggest arms build-up in history threatens to overtake us, even as our cities begin to resemble the ruins of war.

But the promise of these times is rarely mentioned on the nation's news media. Yet, even as the doomsday clock keeps ticking, the largest, most powerful peace movement in history is growing all over the world. Here, in the United States, the Administration's attempt to "put Vietnam behind us" and intervene in El Salvador earlier this year met with a response the scope of which took several years to build during Vietnam. The relationship between the arms budget and the cuts in social services is becoming a major issue--and could become the major issue--among working people and the poor. And the movement against the arms race itself holds promise in our country of matching the mass movement that characterizes the bulk of public opinion in Europe and Japan.

This is the essence of the Call to the U.S. Peace Council's Second National Conference, a copy of which we have enclosed. The Conference, to be held this November in New York City, will bring together several hundred trade unionists, state and local elected officials, clergy and non-believers, and community activists who make up the base for perhaps the only truly multiracial, multinational peace organization in the country. But this will be more than an organizational conference. It will be, in the first place, a conference to mobilize for mass action against the present dangers.

Your endorsement of the Call will be a powerful statement for sanity in these times when madness is official policy. We ask you to read the enclosed text and add your voice to ours by sending back the signature card. Thank you for joining with us. We need each other.

_____ Please add my name as an endorser of the Call to the 2nd National Conference of the US Peace Council.

_____ Please add my name to your mailing list.

_____ Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ toward the success of the 2nd National Conference.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Organization _____
(for identification only)

Sincerely,

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Co-Chairman
Executive Committee