

Translation

August 29, 2006

His Excellency the President of
the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC
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Dear Mr. President,

Abolition of nuclear weapons and realization of eternal peace is the earnest wish of the people of Japan, the only nation in the world suffered from the atomic bombings. It is also a sincere wish of 8.8 million citizens of Kanagawa Prefecture.

In May 2000, the parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons agreed in the 2000 NPT Review Conference that “there should be an unequivocal undertaking to accomplish the total elimination of the nuclear arsenals.” The international society expected that such a movement would mark a new era toward the total abolition of the nuclear weapons.

It is extremely regretful that, against such a movement, your country is going to carry out the subcritical test again. Although the subcritical test does not accompany a nuclear explosion, it will deprive the essence of the CTBT. It will also run counter to the expectation of the international society toward nuclear disarmament, and neglect the nuclear states’ responsibility of fulfilling that goal. Thus, we feel strong indignation about such a subcritical test.

In order to achieve nuclear disarmament and everlasting peace of the world, Kanagawa Prefecture and all municipalities within the prefecture hereby express our opposition against all forms of nuclear tests by any country. We strongly

request that your country, as a responsible nuclear state, stop all nuclear testing in the future including the scheduled one.

Sincerely yours,

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