An Appeal to the People of the United States

Our government's policies in Central America and southern Africa are morally wrong and violate our nation's democratic ideals.

In Central America our government is:

- Escalating its terrorism and war against the people and government of Nicaragua through CIA-directed Contra forces.
- Providing massive economic and military aid to a government in El Salvador that is bombing its own people, repressing the church and human rights workers, and protecting those guilty of gross violations of human rights.
- Transforming impoverished Honduras into a gigantic military base for use by U.S., Contra, and other foreign forces.
- Granting military aid to the Guatemalan army that is responsible for widespread massacres, the use of strategic hamlets for population control, and the highest rate of disappearances in the Western Hemisphere.
- Rejecting opportunities to end the conflicts through political settlements providing security for all.
- Implicating us all in the killing of innocent men, women, and children.

In southern Africa, our government is:

- Continuing to support the South African apartheid government through a sanctions policy that contains major loopholes that among other things allow U.S. companies to reinvest their profits and make short-term extensions of credit.
- Persisting in intelligence cooperation with South Africa's military and security forces even as those forces repress and torture people, including church, trade union, United Democratic Front, and student leaders.
- Supporting South Africa's economic strangulation of its neighbors by refusing to provide those neighboring countries major economic support and by cutting off aid to Zimbabwe because of its criticism of U.S. policy.
- Refusing to push South Africa to end its illegal occupation of Namibia.
- Allying itself with South Africa in its war against Angola by providing covert aid to the rebel group UNITA.
- Supporting repression against legitimate representatives of the people of South Africa and Namibia.

These policies are morally wrong. They violate fundamental rights to self-determination, liberty, and justice. They betray our own democratic ideals. They risk deeper U.S. involvement in bloody and costly foreign wars while the needs of our unemployed, homeless, farmers, and children go unmet. They reflect a militarization of our foreign policy that increases the risk of nuclear war. These policies must be changed! But these policies will be changed only if our policy makers in Washington know the depth of our opposition to them.

So we must show them. Nonviolently. Forcefully. With passion. Together. In a united witness by tens of thousands of citizens.

Join us in a

Mobilization for Justice & Peace in Central America & Southern Africa
Washington, D.C.

Saturday, April 25, 1987
March and Rally

Sunday, April 26, 1987
Interfaith Worship Service and Training in Non-violence

Monday, April 27, 1987
An Event in Which Some Will Engage in Non-violent Civil Disobedience

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