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Dear Friend:

As this letter is written, Father Michael Scott is flying from New York to Accra in Ghana to join other members -- English, French, American, African -- of a team gathering there and planning very soon to start on a journey into the Sahara desert. They will attempt to reach the site where the French government has announced it will shortly test an A-bomb. The object of this project is, in Michael Scott's words, to "appeal to the conscience of the French people and their leaders not to set in motion, at the very moment when the nuclear powers seem seriously to be trying to put an end to testing, a train of events which will mean that one new nation after another acquires an arsenal of extermination."

Bayard Rustin was sent to London and on to Accra by CNVA in response to the urgent call for help from the British Direct Action Committee which sponsored the Aldermaston march. He is helping to organize the project, and is also conferring with African leaders, among whom he has a wide acquaintance, about protests all over the African continent in support of the Sahara project.

It is of the utmost importance that France should feel the full impact of world opinion at this critical moment. There has in fact already been a remarkable amount of protest against the Sahara test in the United Nations. France may give up this deplorable attempt if enough opinion is promptly developed.

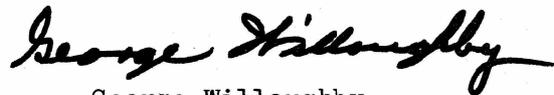
The Sahara project and accompanying actions may stir the whole African continent and enlist its peoples in the world struggle against nuclear war. We must provide them with the utmost U.S. support in their protest against the threatened desecration of their continent by what they call "the new nuclear imperialism."

The African project is at a critical stage. Help from here to supplement African support is urgently needed as the team girds for the beginning of the journey. To send Bayard to Africa and to help with project expenses we must raise \$5,000. Will you send as generous a contribution as you possibly can at once? Make checks payable to Committee for Non-Violent Action.

Sincerely,



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