

Mayors for Peace

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His Excellency Mr. Barack Obama President The United States of America

Letter of Protest

We have just learned that the U.S. conducted another nuclear test on the Z-Machine this August, following a similar one tested sometime between this April and June.

These repeated tests compel us to believe that the U.S. intends to cling to its nuclear stockpile indefinitely. Such actions are completely unacceptable, and on behalf of the members of Mayors for Peace, I once again vehemently protest.

We urge you to stop betraying our expectations. Please contemplate the agonizing experience of the survivors who witnessed the bombing, understand their sincere wish for peace, and strive for the earliest possible realization of a world free from nuclear weapons.

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