



## **Mayors for Peace**

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

### **Letter of Protest**

Your country has announced that two tests involving plutonium were conducted on the Z-Machine sometime between October and December of last year at a research facility in New Mexico.

The tests were the same type conducted last May and August. Moreover, last December you implemented a subcritical nuclear test. These repeated nuclear tests compel us to believe that the U.S. intends to cling to its nuclear stockpile indefinitely. While arousing suspicion regarding your intentions, they have betrayed the hopes of the *hibakusha* and the millions of others who seek a nuclear-weapon-free world. Such actions are completely unacceptable, and on behalf of the A-bombed city of Hiroshima and over 5,500 member cities of Mayors for Peace, I vehemently protest.

We have been sending similar protest letters to your country for each nuclear test. I cannot help feeling indignation at the fact that you ignore our wish for peace and continue this nuclear testing. I urge you to stop betraying our hopes. 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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