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Dear friend of peace,

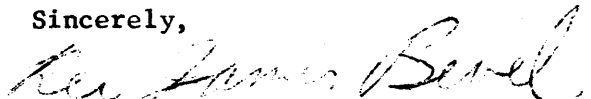
The April 15th marches and rallies with over 400,000 persons in New York and 75,000 persons in San Francisco marked the official beginning of the SPRING MOBILIZATION TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM. These were most significant marches and rallies not only because they constituted the largest demonstration ever held in the United States, but also because they signaled a new era of co-operation between the peace and civil rights movements. We are confident that the fervor and experience of the civil rights movement combined with the knowledge and resources of the peace movement have created a strong and viable alliance, which has the potential of bringing the senseless slaughter in Vietnam to an end.

However, because our voices cried out on April 15th only to fall on deafened and insensitive ears, it is now imperative that we go to Washington in order to insure that our voices are heard. It must be made clear that if the President is not prepared to end his program of genocide against a nonwhite nation, we are then prepared to take the steps necessary to stop it.

Therefore, on Wednesday, May 17th a delegation from the SPRING MOBILIZATION and their friends will go to the White House to see the President. The delegation will consist primarily of the officers of the MOBILIZATION and the speakers from the April 15th east and west coast rallies. The friends of the MOBILIZATION should include you and/or at least two representatives from every group and community that was at the April 15th rally along with everyone that doesn't believe mass murder and militarism are ways of solving social problems. We feel this matter to be of such dire importance that if we are unable to see him on the 17th, we will continue daily to try to see him.

The date of May 17th was chosen not only because it is the 13th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark school desegregation decision, but because the officers felt that if we wait longer than 30 days before our next move, we would suffer a serious loss of momentum. Please note the enclosed leaflet for details on housing, offices in Washington, etc. Also note the memo concerning the May 20-21 conference in Washington. A short note to our New York office outlining your area's or group's plans for the 17th will be appreciated.

Sincerely,


Rev. James Bevel, National Director
SPRING MOBILIZATION