

Honorable Lisa Godbey Wood
U.S. District Court
Southern District of Georgia
801 Gloucester Street
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Your Honor, Dear Judge Wood,

At 90 symbolic seconds before the dreadful hour of midnight the world awaits the sentencing of all but one of the Kings Bay Ploughshares. The countdown of the ticking atomic clock accompanies their dramatic protest alerting a silent world, to the dangers of nuclear weapons. Silent, because we don't yet have the human resources to deal with such nightmares. Silent even in light of intelligence contained in the Russell-Einstein Manifesto, the Erice Statement by Paul Dirac, Piotr Kapitza, and Antonino Zichichi signed by Mikhail Gorbachev, Ronald Reagan and Deng Xiaoping and other world leaders as well as more than 90,000 scientists and a recent Nobel Peace Prize for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) all of which called attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons. Now we have **Button** (William J Perry and Tom Z Collina) a book advocated by President Clinton with a cover telling us that the President has the power to end the world. Right now no one can stop him. In such an event evolution will unravel and human consciousness and culture will disintegrate.

To a background of horrendous threat to life on earth the illegal act of trespass into a restricted area by the Ploughshares is easily seen as a most courageous act, a noble gesture and a responsible action in the service of mankind. In their trespass where lethal force is authorized they risked life and limb. Greater nobility has no-man or no-woman than to risk death and sacrifice freedom to turn back the symbolic atomic clock. Imagine an olive branch with no symbolism, think of no olive branch. Again, my simple request is that any decision you hand down will return them to the sunshine of the sunset of their days. A charitable and thoughtful act on the 75 anniversary of two atomic bombs dropped on Japan for which several physicists protested in advance will register one great act for humanity. It will be one small legal step and one gigantic step for American exceptionalism. it will demonstrate wisdom and become a catalytic step to a lot safer world To a background of COVID a divider of nations and an accelerator of

all bad things,. The Manifesto of 1955 said *we appeal as human beings to human beings: remember your humanity, and forget the rest.*

Respectfully yours,

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Follow up (7/26/2020) to my mailed Letter of 6/20/2020, Athens, Greece
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