

**STOP THE B-1 Bomber:
NATIONAL PEACE
CONVERSION CAMPAIGN**

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Dear Steve,

For some time now you've been getting Southern Strategy, our regional newsletter.

Right now our regional campaign is in trouble, and I'm writing to ask for your help. If you've been reading your newsletter you know that for the past several months we've been talking about the desperate financial condition of the campaign. But perhaps you don't realize just how serious the situation is.

Our budget is \$275 a month. That doesn't sound like much. Compared with the enormous sums the military and the corporations are spending to promote the B-1, it's a pittance. And as a person who's trying to organize and coordinate activities in the nine Southern states, I can assure you that the budget is quite austere.

But we're not a corporation or a government agency, obviously. \$275 a month turns out to be hard to come by: our total resources at the moment are under \$200. We've recently gotten a commitment from national Clergy and Laity Concerned for \$125 a month. The other \$150 has to come from people like you: from your own pocket, your peace organization, your church or social concerns committee. \$150 every month.

Why, when we're all having trouble making ends meet and you're getting besieged from all sides by requests for contributions, should you support this campaign? Again, if you've been reading the newsletter, I hope you already know.

We in the South have both unique problems and unique opportunities. Because we're blessed (?) with so many military bases and defense contracting industries we are peculiarly the hostages of the military establishment. The answer to this economic dependency which enslaves our elected representatives and so many of our fellow Southerners is peace conversion. It is right here, in our backyards, that the struggle is being waged. It's no accident that a disproportionate share of the members of key defense committees in Congress are Southerners. It's no fluke that Edward Hebert, John Stennis, Strom Thurmond, and company are all from the South.

Rather, it's a cycle. These men get power, they bring in military bases and military contractors, those both solidify their power and increase the region's dependency on the military. But it's a cycle that can be broken, and that's what peace conversion, in its broadest sense is all about.

Unfortunately, the South, where this kind of work so desperately needs to be done, is also where support for peace work is hardest to come by. Which brings us back to the money problem.

Enclosed with this letter is a self-addressed envelope. Won't you send in your contribution today? If you can't do that, put the envelope with your unpaid bills, so you won't forget about it entirely. If you'd like to send in a monthly or quarterly pledge in addition to your check, that will help us think about the future with more confidence. We'll be glad to send you a supply of addressed envelopes on request, to help you keep up with your pledge.

To be tax-deductible, checks should be made payable to AFSC- B-1 Bomber Campaign. Please remember that both AFSC and CALC are also carrying on other important projects. Your contribution should not replace any regular contribution you may make to either organization. If you'd rather give directly to the campaign, instead of through AFSC, make your check payable to Peace Conversion Campaign. Such contributions are NOT tax-deductible.

When you mail in your check, please also let us know of any other people in your area who may want to receive the newsletter. We'd also like comment & suggestions about Southern Strategy or about the campaign as a whole. Finally, if you're interested in using the B-1 slide show or having a resource person visit your community let us know.

Thanks for your interest. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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