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Dear Nobel Committee:

It is my pleasure to nominate for the Nobel Peace Prize David Krieger and the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. Dr. Krieger founded NAPF in 1982 and has led it up to the present.

Before giving reasons for awarding the honor to NAPF and Dr. Krieger, let me review my qualifications for making the nomination. As the attached vita explains, I am a Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Missouri - Columbia, where I taught for 40 years. For about 25 of these years, plus the 10 since my retirement I have been active in the UMC's Peace Studies Program, regularly offering a course in Philosophies of War and Peace and publishing two books arguing the need for abolition of nuclear weapons. In my years involved with peace studies, I have worked with faculty of different disciplines who were dedicated to the pursuit of world peace. Among my colleagues has been Dr. Bill Wickersham, who returned to the university to serve as adjunct professor in Peace Studies after a career in both academic and non-government organizations dedicated to the pursuit of world peace. Dr. Wickersham has participated in conferences and initiatives at the NAPF center in Santa Barbara, California and has been very helpful in gathering information about the organization and Dr. Krieger's work in it.

I first met Dr. Krieger some years ago when he was invited by the Peace Studies Program to the UMC campus to talk about the mission of his foundation. I was impressed by his presentation and moved to investigate further NAPF's contributions to the world-wide effort to control and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons. I have followed Dr. Krieger's work and that of others recruited by NAPF as they were reported in its Sunflower Monthly Newsletter. This was supplemented by other information on the NAPF website <www.wagingpeace.org>. As a result I have read many of Dr. Krieger's publications and learned about many other activities reported on the web.

From these sources I have learned that Dr. Krieger's lifelong concern for world peace was triggered by a visit to Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1963 when he was 21 years old. The destruction and suffering inflicted by the atom bomb on these cities affected him deeply and triggered a lifelong dedication to the search for a way to protect the human race from nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction. In 1982, after stints as an academic in two universities (Hawaii and San Francisco State) and fellowships in two research organizations (Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions and Foundation for Reshaping International Order), Dr. Krieger helped found NAPF. He has served as its leader ever since. NAPF's effectiveness under his leadership in its thirty-five years of existence is reflected in its present membership of something like 80,000 people across the world and a staff of fourteen at its home base in Santa Barbara, California.

As reported in the attached résumé of Dr. Krieger's career which I obtained from NAPF's website, he has published a large number of books and magazine articles and participated in many conferences, organizations and initiatives dedicated to his cause. Here I shall emphasize what NAPF has accomplished through his leadership, much of which is described on the foundation's website. These accomplishments are spelled out in detail in the foundation's archive of books, booklets, reports and annual lectures by noteworthy activists, all published by the organization. These activities have focused on controlling, reducing and eventually eliminating nuclear weapons. In the process NAPF has contributed to steps that need to be taken for the development of a world order ruled by international laws and peace-making and peace-maintaining organizations, a process that is still in its adolescence.

Here is a list of some of the activities of the foundation that have made substantial contributions to world peace:

- An international Peace Leadership Program that provides tools and training for community leaders to effect social change that promotes peace. (In 2015, for example, this program reached about 5000 people.)
- An Intern Program to introduce young people to fields of peace and security, including the study of non-profit management, careers of conscience, and global interconnectedness in working to eliminate nuclear weapons and help to make the world a better place.
- The annual Frank K. Kelly Lecture on Humanity's Future and accompanying discussions of those in the audience with the prominent peace advocates that deliver it. The lecturers have included Robert Jay Lifton (2005), Mariad Maguire (2006), Daniel Ellsberg (2012), Noam Chomsky (2014), and Helen Caldicott (2015).

- Dr. Krieger's participation in other organizations that promote peace and nuclear disarmament: He was the co-founder of Abolition 2000 and principle drafter of its Founding Statement; founder of the International Network for Global Responsibility and service as chair of its Executive Committee; founder of the Middle Powers Initiative and service as chair of its Executive Committee; and councilor on the World Future Council and co-chair of its Peace and Disarmament Commission.
- The impact of the efforts of Dr. Krieger and NAPF earned Krieger a consultative status for the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. NAPF is now recognized by the UN as a Peace Messenger, a status that is reflected by the inclusion on its own Advisory Council of five Nobel Peace Laureates, Mairead Corrigan Maguire (1976), Desmond Tutu (1984), the Dalai Lama (Lhamo Thondup/Fenzin Gyatso, 1989), Shirin Ebadi (2003), plus John Polanyi (Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1986).
- Dr. Krieger and others of his staff have worked with many organizations throughout the world on different causes. One recent one aimed not only at the elimination of nuclear weapons but a contribution to the global rule of law. The Republic of the Marshall Islands, with NAPF as consultant, filed "the Nuclear Zero lawsuits" in the International Court of Justice. (Unhappily the Court refused to try the case, but it attracted the attention of the world and furthered the cause of international law).
- As a consultant of the Marshallese, NAPF supported the call lawsuits to the nine nations that possess nuclear weapons to eliminate them as stipulated in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The foundation built a consortium of nearly one hundred organizations in the world that agreed to do likewise.

World peace still eludes us humans and nuclear weapons still threaten us. But at least we are conscious of the danger, and it is people like David Krieger that make us aware of it and, more importantly, teach us what needs to be done to escape it. He has dedicated his entire life to the cause and displayed the intelligence, moral character and practical sense to advance that cause in significant ways. His principal instrument, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, has proven to be a dynamic and effective organization.

It is for these reasons that I nominate David and NAPF for the Nobel Peace Prize. I am sure many in the world who recognize Nuclear Zero as one of the most urgent causes of our time will welcome it if it succeeds.

Sincerely,

John Kultgen

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