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WALTER CRONKITE SENDS A MESSAGE
FOR A WORLD FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

*What kind of world do you want our children,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren to inherit?*

*If you are like me, you want them to inherit a peaceful
planet earth. Imagine a world free of nuclear weapons. Imagine
a world where the United States led a Coalition of the Willing
not to invade another country, but to respond to pressing
concerns like climate change, poverty and sustainable
development. — Walter Cronkite*



That's a passage from a new letter written by the widely respected news anchor and journalist Walter Cronkite to support the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and its work towards a world free of nuclear weapons. (see full text of letter below.)

Probably America's best-known television journalist of the 20th century, Walter Cronkite has life experience few others can match. He explains his background in the letter:

"I have spent a lifetime chronicling world events: The Invasion of Normandy, the Nuremberg Trials, the Korean Conflict, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam and Watergate to name a few. As a journalist for more than 70 years, I have tried to get to the essence of things – observing closely, trying to report fairly and always asking the hard questions. Now, I have a few hard questions for you:

· Do you want to leave a legacy of never-ending war to future generations?"

"Few people know how hard Walter Cronkite has worked for peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons since his retirement," said Steven Crandell, Director of Public Affairs for the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. "As a journalist, he had to stay objective. Now he is free to give us his guidance based on all his experience observing world affairs. We respect his insight and wisdom and deeply appreciate his support for our work."

The Cronkite letter, which is part of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's annual appeal, coincides with the release of a new DVD by the Foundation called "Nuclear Weapons and the Human Future." The 20-minute DVD, written and narrated by Foundation President David Krieger and produced by Director of Programs, Rick Wayman, shows how the world will benefit by the multi-lateral, phased, verifiable and irreversible disarmament of



nuclear weapons. The new DVD has already been snapped up for distribution in more than 100 countries by the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

“We believe the first step to abolishing nuclear weapons is changing the way people think about them,” said Crandell. “This DVD is a wake-up call about the growing threat from nuclear weapons. It also provides a common sense explanation of what can be done to make the world a safer place and how we all can make a difference. Getting rid of nuclear weapons is, after all, disaster prevention.”

Walter Cronkite received the 2004 Distinguished Peace Leadership Award from the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. Other recipients over the 24 years the award have been given include: the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Helen Caldicott, Jody Williams, Jacques-Yves Cousteau, Carl Sagan, Ted Turner and Peter, Paul & Mary.

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WALTER CRONKITE LETTER

November 30, 2007

Dear Friends,

I have spent a lifetime chronicling world events: The Invasion of Normandy, the Nuremberg Trials, the Korean Conflict, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam and Watergate to name a few. As a journalist for more than 70 years, I have tried to get to the essence of things – observing closely, trying to report fairly and always asking the hard questions.

Now, I have a few hard questions for you:

- Do you want to leave a legacy of never-ending war to future generations?
- Do you want to leave Americans vulnerable to the anger of other nations (and terrorists) because we have a policy of threatening and launching preemptive attacks?
- What kind of world do you want our children and grandchildren to inherit?

If you are like me, you want them to inherit a peaceful planet earth. Imagine a world free of nuclear weapons. Imagine a world where the United States led a Coalition of the Willing not to invade another country, but to respond to

pressing concerns like climate change, poverty and sustainable development. Imagine a President who worked hard to resolve conflicts, rather than start them, and an administration that used international understanding and diplomacy to get at the root of terrorism, rather than pursue war without end. Imagine a US government with a cabinet-level Department of Peace. Imagine an educational system where peace studies were part of the curriculum for every student.

For almost 25 years, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation has been focused on goals such as these. I heartily support their work, and I ask you to consider doing the same. Peace is a difficult goal, but we cannot sit idly when faced with the prospect of perpetual war. The future depends upon what we do now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Cronkite". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Walter Cronkite

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The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation -- The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation initiates and supports worldwide efforts to abolish nuclear weapons, to strengthen international law and institutions, and to inspire and empower a new generation of peace leaders. Founded in 1982, the Foundation is comprised of individuals and organizations worldwide who realize the imperative for peace in the Nuclear Age. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan international education and advocacy organization. It has consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and is recognized by the UN as a Peace Messenger Organization.

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