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New Video Dismantles Myth of Nuclear Deterrence *Sophisticated Animation by 18-Year-Old Filmmaker*

Santa Barbara, CA – The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation has collaborated with a remarkable teenage filmmaker to create a new video that debunks the Cold War theory that nuclear weapons make us secure.

Called “The Myth of Deterrence,” the five-minute video challenges the dangerous idea that has been at the heart of U.S. foreign policy and nuclear strategy for many decades.

The video can be viewed at the Foundation website <http://www.wagingpeace.org/>. It was scripted by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation President David Krieger and Director of Programs Rick Wayman, together with filmmaker Erik Choquette.

“The major point of this short video is that deterrence is a theory, and its reliability is a myth,” said Dr. Krieger. “Deterrence cannot be relied upon for protection. It can fail at any moment, and the consequences of failure would be catastrophic. A true understanding of the limits of deterrence provides a powerful argument for eliminating nuclear weapons globally.”

The inventive and sophisticated animation in the video was created by 18-year-old Choquette – as a summer project *before* he heads off to film school at New York University.

Choquette had won the Foundation’s video contest two years running, in 2008 and 2009, and so was commissioned to create “The Myth of Deterrence.”

Co-writer Rick Wayman says the project sought to expose the truth about nuclear weapons policy. “The concept of nuclear deterrence is something that I was taught from a young age is indispensable to national and global security,” Wayman said. “This video turns the myth of nuclear deterrence on its head and shows that not only is it based on a number of shaky assumptions, but it also makes the world a much more dangerous place.

“This new five-minute animated video will encourage people to think critically about nuclear deterrence and inspire them to act to create a peaceful world without nuclear weapons.”

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