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A call to

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Board Meeting - August 11, 1991 - 11am  
Pam Chamberlain's apartment  
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Dear board member,

In case you were wondering what happened to the Central America movement, it seems that it's still alive. Please note that we have 15 proposals from C.A. groups on the agenda.

Since we have 48 proposals on the agenda for this meeting, the board/staff lunch meeting on July 25th will discuss if we should either postpone some to the next meeting in September or postpone some to an interim meeting at the end of August. If we decide to suggest either of these options, we will also decide on which proposals to postpone. In that case, I'll send you a list of the suggested postponed proposals.

As usual, you'll find the business items for the meeting at the end of the grants agenda portion of this letter.

If you have any comments and can't come to the meeting, please send in your feedback as well as your proxy.

## AGENDA

\*\* Any last minute items of information by staff which are important to meeting.

## GRANT REQUESTS

### Community/Anti-Racist

1) "Do the Right Thing" Festival (Brooklyn, NY) - Requesting \$600 for general expenses for their second annual event on September 16th.

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

7) Rochester CDBG Coalition (NY) - \$500 requested for ongoing outreach expenses.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

8) Chelsea's Commission on Hispanic Affairs (MA) - They're asking for \$600 toward salaries of organizers for their Voter Education project.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

#### Central and Latin America

9) Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (Washington, DC) - Request of \$600 for production of a new organizational brochure.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

10) Ecumenical Program on Central America and the Caribbean (Washington, DC) - They're asking for \$600 to print their publications catalogue.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

11) Alliance for Solidarity with Latin America & the Caribbean (Old Bridge, NJ) - Asking for \$2,250 (??) toward the expenses of a state-wide conference in the Fall.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

12) The Border Fund (Ithaca, NY) - \$500 requested for expenses of producing a brochure.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

13) Casa Ricardo Chacon, Inc. (Ft. Worth, TX) - They're asking for \$600: \$300 for operating expenses, and \$300 for their capital fund to purchase a building for a shelter for Central American refugees.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

14) Maine Coalition on Central America (Augusta) - \$600 asked for production of their newsletter, "Central America Report."

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

15) Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA (Washington, DC) - Request of \$600 for ads in publications, soliciting subscriptions to their "Information Bulletin" and Human Rights Updates.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

16) Central America Resource Center (St. Paul, MN) - Requesting \$600 toward purchase of computer equipment for their Labor Education & Outreach Project.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

17) Rio Grande Defense Committee (<sup>Harlingen,</sup> ~~Austin~~, TX) - \$600 asked to produce two issues of their bi-monthly newsletter.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

18) Northwest Regional CISPES (San Francisco, CA) - Request of \$579 for a fax machine.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

19) Peace Brigades International (San Francisco, CA) - Requesting \$600 toward expenses of their six-day Nonviolence Training in September.  
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20) NJ Central America Network (Morristown) - Request of \$600 toward the expenses of their "Revive to Resist Campaign."  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

21) Wisconsin Interfaith Committee on Central America (Madison) - \$550 asked toward the purchase of a computer and printer.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

22) Springfield Area Central America Project (MA) - Request of \$600 to purchase a photo copying machine.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

23) Bay Area Pledge of Resistance (Oakland, CA) - Requesting \$600 for production of materials for organizing and for phone banking.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

#### Peace/Anti-Militarism

24) The Anti-WARrior (Berkeley, CA) - They're asking for \$300

for production of Edition #2 of this newsletter.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

25) Veterans' Peace Action Teams (San Francisco, CA) - \$600 requested for printing and distribution of their newsletter.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

26) Coalition Against US Military Intervention in the Middle East (Portland, OR) - We turned down a request from them at the June meeting, didn't like the project, encouraged them to send in another project. Here it is! They're asking for \$400 for expenses of a community educational forum in late September.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

27) Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention (San Francisco, CA) - Request of \$600 to produce a 20 page pamphlet about military service, recruitment and the draft for lesbian/gay youth.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

28) Richmond Peace Education Center (VA) - Asking for \$500 for expenses of their "Camp LeJune Listening Project."

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

29) National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (Monroe, ME) - \$600 asked toward the purchase of a computer and printer.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

30) Museum of World Solutions (Oakland, CA) - Request of \$500 for the expenses of an 11-city cross-country tour of the exhibit.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

## Women

31) Syracuse Women's Information Center (NY) - \$600 asked toward the purchase of a laser printer.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

32) Berkeley Clearinghouse on FEMICIDE (CA) - They're asking for a total of \$600: \$150 for an outreach and fund raising leaflet, and \$450 for printing and mailing costs of their newsletter.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

33) Indigenous Women's Network (Lake Elm0, MN) - A request of \$600 for Distribution costs for their magazine, "Indigenous Woman." Since it's somewhat long, I'll ask a board member to review the magazine.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

34) Cape Cod Women's Agenda (Brewster, MA) - Request of \$600: \$500 to print their brochure for their campaign to end violence against women; and \$100 to purchase an answering machine.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

## Environmental

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

36) Bucks People United to Restore the Environment (Fairless Hills, PA) - A grant of \$600 is asked for expenses (including the purchase of a copying machine) for a health study.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

41) Progressive Youth & Student Networking Project/MIT Coalition Against Apartheid (Cambridge, MA) - Request of \$600 for mailing costs of their planned newsletter. I asked them for an outline or a copy of the NL. They said they didn't have either.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

#### Miscellaneous

42) TN Crackerbarrel Boycott Coalition/Lesbian/Gay Community Center (Nashville, TN) - They're asking for a total of \$600: an emergency grant of \$150 for outreach (we approved this request on July 18); and a regular grant of \$450 for expenses of organizing for boycott actions on Aug. 10-11.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

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Israel and Occupied Palestine from the Inside Out, on Sept. 15.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

#### BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

\* Board Search Committee - Report.

\* Office - Finances and other miscellaneous items.

\* Next board meeting - We'll need a volunteer to host the next meeting. It is scheduled for September 22nd.

I'll be sending you any additional info on any of the above  
when I receive it.

For peace and justice,

*Nancy*

Nancy Moniz  
Resist staff

Resist Board Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 1991

Board members present: Ken Hale, Nancy Moniz, Pam Chamberlain, Louis Kampf, Tatiana Schreiber. Minutes: Tatiana.

**GRANT REQUESTS**

We gave out \$17,100 to 33 groups.

**Community/Anti-Racist**

- 1) NO GRANT. "Do the Right Thing" Festival (Brooklyn, NY) - \$600 requested for general expenses for their second annual event on September 16th. Positive about the work, but felt they had enough community, political support to raise the money locally.
- 2) YES. Montana Human Rights Network (Helena) - \$500, as requested to help defray the costs of printing their newsletter.
- 3) SOME. Action for Community Empowerment (New York, NY) - \$200 for production of a slide show and for a slide projector. Supportive, but budget high.
- 4) NO GRANT. Hospitality House, Inc. (Hinckley, ME) - \$600 requested: \$400 for a public awareness project, and \$200 for a legal project. We wouldn't fund the service and legal fees aspect, and the plan for work on constitutional rights was unclear.
- 5) YES. Asociacion de Pequeños Agricultores de Rabanal (Cidra, PR) - \$600, as requested, for a typewriter, desk and chair. Possible newsletter article on some aspect of their work.
- 6) YES. Community Survival Center (Baltimore, MD) - \$600, out of \$828 requested, to purchase T-shirts and bumper stickers for their project, "Remington Organization Against Racism." Ask about "Youth in Action." What is it, send more information. (Some board members felt it might be a sectarian group, wanted more info).
- 7) SOME. Rochester CDBG Coalition (NY) - \$200 for ongoing outreach expenses. Give them a chance, unclear on effectiveness of their organizing work. suggest other sources of funding.
- 8) NO GRANT. Chelsea's Commission on Hispanic Affairs (MA) - They asked for \$600 toward salaries of organizers for their Voter Education project. They have been great on developing, identifying issues, but this project not for us. Ask for another project.

**Central and Latin America**

- 9) YES. Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (Washington, DC) - \$600, as requested, for production of a new organizational brochure. Suggest newsletter article on environmental issues in Guatemala, toxics, pesticides.
- 10) YES. Ecumenical Program on Central America and the Caribbean (Washington, DC) - \$600, as requested to print their publications catalogue.
- 11) POSTPONE. Alliance for Solidarity with Latin America & the Caribbean (Old Bridge, NJ) - Asking for \$2,250 (??) toward the expenses of a state-wide conference in the Fall. We couldn't

take action on this as they didn't fill out our application, unclear on goals of conference, relationship to NJCAN. They must submit everything by next deadline.

12) YES. The Border Fund (Ithaca, NY) - \$500, as requested, for expenses of producing a brochure. We want to support educational work around INS/government policies. Hope they will use funds for this purpose.

13) NO GRANT. Casa Ricardo Chacon, Inc. (Ft. Worth, TX) - They asked for \$600: \$300 for operating expenses, and \$300 for their capital fund to purchase a building for a shelter for Central American refugees. Prefer a more political project such as speaker's bureau.

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16) YES. Central America Resource Center (St. Paul, MN) - \$600, as requested, toward purchase of computer equipment for their Labor Education & Outreach Project. Possible newsletter article on alliances building around free trade deal.

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20) YES. NJ Central America Network (Morristown) - \$600, as requested, toward the expenses of their "Revive to Resist Campaign." Good Luck.

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### **Peace/Anti-Militarism**

24) NO GRANT. The Anti-WARrior (Berkeley, CA) - They asked for \$300 for production of Edition #2 of this newsletter. Newsletter seemed rhetorical, inappropriate to audience, not sure it can be effective in persuading people to support resisters, although there was some good info on status of resisters in the military. Could use more information and resources to assist resisters.

25) YES. Veterans' Peace Action Teams (San Francisco, CA) - \$600 as requested for printing and distribution of their newsletter.

26) YES. Coalition Against US Military Intervention in the Middle East (Portland, OR) - \$400 as requested. We turned down a request from them at the June meeting, didn't like the project, encouraged them to send in another project. Now they asked for \$400 for expenses of a community educational forum in late September. Board members were supportive but were highly dubious of Ramsey Clark as speaker, his position on Iraq. Also, group's points of unity lacked any criticism of Hussein. We liked their focus on high school students.

27) YES. Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention (San Francisco, CA) - \$600, as requested, to produce a 20 page pamphlet about military service, recruitment and the draft for lesbian/gay youth. Possible newsletter article about their counter-recruitment work with gay youth. Also, ask if they want info about other counter-recruitment groups.

28) YES. Richmond Peace Education Center (VA) - \$500, as requested, for expenses of their "Camp LeJune Listening Project." Board members want to know what they are planning to do with the results of listening project.

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30) NO GRANT. Museum of World Solutions (Oakland, CA) - Request of \$500 for the expenses of an 11-city cross-country tour of the exhibit. We funded them before, people not enthusiastic enough about the project to want to continue supporting them. They're on their own now.

### **Women**

31) NO GRANT. Syracuse Women's Information Center (NY) - \$600 asked toward the purchase of a laser printer. Unclear on what kind of political organizing they are doing. Encourage them to come back with a specific organizing project.

32) SOME. Berkeley Clearinghouse on FEMICIDE (CA) - \$200 of a requested total of \$600: \$150 for an outreach and fund raising leaflet, and \$450 for printing and mailing costs of their newsletter. We want to support the work and help them strengthen organization. Seemed like a one-woman project. Want them/her to use the money for outreach to increase membership rather than fundraising.

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### **Environmental**

35) NO GRANT. Cold Mountain, Cold River (Missoula, MT) - \$600 requested for office rent, supplies and postage. Unclear about the strength of the organization and its programs. Agenda seems overly ambitious given the state of the organization. Need to strengthen local organizing including relationship with labor. Get in touch with A Territory Resource for help.

36) SOME. Bucks People United to Restore the Environment (Fairless Hills, PA) - \$200, of \$600 requested, for expenses (including the purchase of a copying machine) for a health study. How are they going to use results of study? Are they going to do political organizing around it?

37) NO GRANT. Water & Environment Life Line (Tomball, TX) - \$600 was requested for non-profit status fee, postage and filing cabinets. Seems not to have a larger political perspective examining historical social/political roots of toxic contamination and attempting to bring these issues into public debate to mobilize people to action.

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39) NO. Center for Environment, Commerce & Energy (Washington, DC) - \$600 asked for stipends to do a survey in D.C. Existence of group seems important but they have large budget and major sources of funding including Dept. of Energy, other utilities.

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46) YES. Rethinking Schools (Milwaukee, WI) - \$600 as requested toward costs of publishing a 50-60 page pamphlet for their Rethinking Columbus Project. Surprised at difficulty expressed in finding articles on gay and lesbian issues and anti-sexist teaching. We know that at least one member of group, Stan Karp, is on board of Radical Teacher, could advise on soliciting these articles.

47) NO GRANT. Curbstone Press (Willimantic, CT) - A request for \$300 for promotional materials and postage to publicize their authors' tours. Supportive of their work but this does not seem to be a political organizing project.

48) SOME. Burma Review Committee (Elmhurst, NY) - \$200, of a total of \$600 requested: an emergency grant of \$150 to replace stolen office equipment; and the balance toward purchase of a computer. Doubts about strength of organization, would like to know more about political goals and strategies and outreach efforts for influencing U.S. public opinion on Burmese issues.

#### BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

\* Board Search Committee - No progress to report.

\* Office - Finances and other miscellaneous items.

CTC	\$24,206.33
WA Money Funds	\$79,095.60
Calvert Money Fund	\$50,065.43 (new account)
Calvert Bond Fund	\$102,332.33
1st Trade Union CD	\$53,213.57

#### Restricted Funds

WA Cohen Endow	\$10,635.51
WA Loan Fund	\$5,457.40
Resist Endow	\$10,741.02 (Calvert)

Total \$335,747.19

\* Next board meeting - Scheduled for September 22nd at Nancy Wechsler's house in Somerville.

\* New York City meeting - It seems that more non-Boston board members will be able to attend a board meeting in NYC on December 15th, so we set that as the date.

August 9, 1991

REFERENCES for the August, 11, 1991 Resist Board meeting:

1) Do the Right Thing Festival - I talked with Norm Fruchter. He knows of both the Festival and BRABRV. He said that the group is very good, has done useful things, have good links across black and Latino communities, have good events and demos on neighborhood issues. This groups work with a lot of key groups in Brooklyn, the core people are long-time neighborhood and city-wide radicals who are committed to fighting racism. As far as the Festival itself, Norm went last year and thought it was quite good, a wide variety of black, Latino and white components to Festival, a lot of people went to it. He thinks this is a good event.

2) Montana Human Rights Network - Not having many contacts in Montana, I called the foundation for that area, A Territory Resource. Terese Ogle, the grants person there had met with this group and MHRN will be seeking a grant from them next cycle. She in fact had heard about them for some time and thinks they're great, doing good work, and have a lot of credibility in MT. The group "has a great reputation in MT." They are getting technical assistance from the Center for Democratic Renewal in Georgia. I asked Terese about the fact that this group doesn't have a position on repro rights. She said that she's not surprised since they focus on constituencies (i.e. Native Americans, gay and lesbian) which are blatantly under attack by hate crimes and racist groups. She recommended this Network.

3) ACE - We gave them a grant in 1989 under their previous name. At that time I talked with Betsy Kapatanakis of the North Star Fund. She said that they're an excellent group, good politically, unique organization, excellent organizers, impressive work. Large budget, good fund raising, previously volunteer but now have (needed) staff which is a good part of their budget. I also talked with Merble Reagon then. Merble talked with the Funding Exchange which had funded the group. They said this is an organization run by women of color, a unique project, very good work.

This time I asked Merble to check on them again. Her contact, Shana Kurland of DARE "ranted and raved about them; very impressed by their leadership and particularly their leadership development program." ACE's leadership summer camp is "groundbreaking." Shana feels that this is a "rare group." It really is by and for low income women of color, "a commendable and viable group." Highly recommended.

4) Hospitality House - This has come to us a few times in the past and been rejected. I had previously talked with a Haymarket Maine board member for a reference and this time talked with the current Maine coordinator for Maine Haymarket, Glen Frankenfield. Both the past and present opinions are the same: HH had come to them a couple of times also in the past years and weren't funded. They did site visits. Felt proposals were very unclear and it was difficult to find out what she meant or was doing or wanted to do. From the site visits, Haymarket found out that the organization is mostly Jan Lightfoot, there is a board of a few people who didn't know what was going on. Glen said that, as far as they could see, there is no grass roots support for this, no political work (or other) work being done.

5) APARI - I had met the contact person for this group several months ago at Oxfam. Oxfam set up a meeting for foundations to hear the representatives of 6 groups from Puerto Rico. I was very impressed with what this group had to say: their politics and projects. I encouraged them to apply to Resist.

For a reference I called Prof. Tom Reeves of Roxbury Community College, the Caribbean Department. He's been to see their project twice, both times before the hurricane which he knows "knocked them for a loop." He said that they are very political, definitely independentista, but couch their language in a non-strident manner. Tom has talked with a lot of people in Puerto Rico

who respect them a lot. He has watched them work with groups there, excellent teachers of independence and non-dependency, "a real model group." He said that they are a genuinely radical group working at the grass roots level; he saw "really thriving and exciting economic work in their projects.... they have helped to spawn coop farms which are independent of their own group." He feels that it is "quite extraordinary" how the contact person is an openly gay man and how this has been dispelling myths about gay people with the groups with which APARI works. The group is strong on women's issues and has good youth involvement. He felt that the request was reasonable. He highly recommends funding.

6) Community Survival Center - Everyone I called in Baltimore seemed to be out of time, so I called Dan Lewis of the SW Organizing Project. They've worked with them in a national network involving the Methodist Volunteers Service for some time. Dan had recently visited CSC and feels that it is a very important organization, "This is a rare truly white working class organization with an excellent perspective on racism." They're in a "dirt poor community with few resources", the organization itself is multi-racial. "Their work on anti-racism is fantastic... an incredible campaign by youth against the Klan in Baltimore." Their alternative school is run by youth for drop-outs, develop youth politically and in leadership skills...very impressive." He mentioned that CSC had a program funded by the city and made a decision to pull back from this in order not to be compromised. CSC definitely has progressive politics and amazing projects, use interesting angles to develop resources. Dan said this really is a grass roots community organization with deep roots in the community. He has talked with them about looking for progressive foundations so as not to rely on institutional funding. He said that they could really use our support this year. Highly recommended and enthused about by him.

7) Rochester CDBG Coalition - I talked with Jack Bradigan-Spula of the Rochester Peace & Justice Coalition who knows of the Coalition itself and some of the member groups also. The Center has worked with some of the groups on issues such as racism and police violence. It's a fairly diverse coalition of responsible groups. He said that Rochester is "a small town..... CDBG is a bread and butter issue.... mainstream issue... the Coalition is more of a political center grouping than the Peace & Justice Center... but there are solid community organizers involved... there is a real situation here of the misuse of block grant funds."

8) Chelsea's Commission - I talked with Tito Meza of the Comite Hondureno who actually is one the Commission himself. He said he feels that it's doing pretty good. He cited the election of Marta Rosa to the city government, and the fact that they have the only bi-lingual newspaper in the city. When I mentioned the project for which the Commission is asking a grant, Tito said that it would seem that there would be other funders which would fund the Voter Ed project. He didn't know why they didn't ask for a grant for a more radical project.

9) NISGUA - We've always gotten glowing references for them in the past. This time I talked with Lisa Fithian of the Washington Peace Center. She said that the Center has good relations with NISGUA. The Center has worked with NISGUA in the past. She said that "Guatemala is the last country C.A. activists work on so NISGUA has suffered financially more than other country specific organizations." Lisa said their work is excellent, dedicated, very valuable for networking and resources. Their politics are very good. Admires them for keeping on "hanging in there."

10) EPICA - When I was talking with Lisa Fithian of the Washington Peace Center about NISGUA, I asked her opinion of EPICA also. She said the Center has also worked with them in the past on a variety of projects, especially in their ground-breaking work on Sanctuary in mid-'80s. They are basically research and resources oriented but are great about supporting and working in Coalitions. Very good publications which are excellent for resources and education. Highly recommended.

11) Alliance for Solidarity with L.A. & Caribbean - I called Gordon Clark of NJ Sane/Freeze. He said that this is a relatively new organization. He said that S/F has worked with them on El Salvador work and he found them to be solid organizers. He feels that they will be able to pull off a state-wide conference because they have good connections around the state, especially in northern NJ which has a strong C.A. solidarity network. He knows of the conference and feels that it looks good. Sane/Freeze will probably sponsor and organize for the event once they have been officially contacted.

12) Border Fund - I talked with Ann Peters of CUSLAR in Ithaca. She said that CUSLAR has done a lot of work with this group. It's a small group of committed people who came out of the Sanctuary movement. They're very strong on raising support for the refugee shelters on the Texas-Mexican border but their work of bringing minors to Ithaca has had its "ups and downs.... not enough preparation work done with foster families about the problems involved... they brought one youth to Ithaca who had severe needs for more support than the foster family (which didn't speak Spanish) or support system could provide...severe psychological problems which they couldn't deal with... a very bad situation occurred (the young man is 18 now and in jail, not necessarily because of anything Border Fund did or didn't do, but because his problems were so very extreme. She's not sure anything could have helped. She also said that the Fund continues to support him in jail.) Ann feels that the group did learn a lot from the experience, but she's not sure that their preparation work will improve in the future. Ann said that they do integrate U.S. foreign policy into their work, especially written material. She also said that in their fund raising and foster family work they have down played the politics of the issue for tactical reasons.

13) Casa Ricardo Chacon - Susan Lee of the Dallas Peace Center told me that the Casa does both political organizing and direct service work. A lot of activism on C.A. war. Some of them went to jail for sitting-in at Bentzen's office which led to a big trial and a lot of media. This is a very good group. They sponsor C.A. events and were involved in Gulf War protests in Ft. Worth. (Note: Fort Worth doesn't have a lot of centralized left political activity.) I asked her about their positions on repro and gay & lesbian rights: she said that she'd be very surprised if they're not supportive on g & l rights, knowing them, but is not sure on how out front they are on repro rights because of that part of their support which is Catholic. She does know one of the priests involved and knows that he is very progressive. In general, she said that they are doing tremendous work, real important. She feels that they are "the nexus of an incipient peace & justice center in Ft. Worth (which is needed there but doesn't exist yet)."

14) MeCCA - I'd been wondering why I'd been having such a hard time getting a reference for this group (I'd called around) until I talked with Mike Prokasch at NECAN. He said that they'd been around a long time and were the oldest state network that NECAN had helped to start, but they're not doing much now. Some of the local groups (about 3 or 4) are still active. But MeCCA hasn't exactly adjusted to an implosion of the movement in Maine; they don't do a lot of local organizing and need to re-evaluate their purpose. They've been suffering from not having successes lately. Mike didn't recommend or not recommend. I guess that it's up to us if we think a newsletter is what they need to re-activate the Network.

15) Guate. Human Rights Commission - I talked with people at NISGUA which has worked with them. They feel GHRC has very good info and resources; they're dedicated and committed people. Highly recommended.

16) C.A. Resource Center - I'd gotten a reference on them the last time from Paula Rabinowitz. She thought that this is a "terrific organization." They do programs in the schools on C.A. and global politics. They were under attack by national right wing groups. They have a terrific newsletter, mostly C.A. stuff but with a perspective of connecting that with lots of other issues. They work well with other issue groups, co-sponsor a lot of other things including Middle East. She

highly recommended them, "...the best group in the political scene in Minneapolis-St. Paul."

17) Rio Grande Defense Committee - I called Rogelio Nunez of Proyecto Libertad in Harlingen. He said that these are good folks. The group began in 1984 during the Sanctuary trials as a defense committee for people on trial. Since 1988 they've taken a different course and provide resources, education, sponsor delegations from all around the US to go there for 4-6 days to visit refugee sites, participate in educationals on US Central America policy. The group also does education on other boarder issues, such as the maquiladoras and other types of issues. Rogelio feels that they are "very well versed in the region.... doing a heck of a job." They work closely with Proyecto (whose work is 85% legal work in the courtroom), utilize Proyecto as a resource in their delegations educational work. He highly recommends the group.

18) NW Regional CISPES - Rene Valle feels they're doing "really good in the whole region but are having some problems in raising funds." They worked also on the Middle East War. Rene feels that this is one of the strongest regions in the US on El Salvador work. They're working on a major campaign for the Fall, a work-a-thon, to build links between local communities and El Salvador. He felt that this is a good group to fund.

19) Peace Brigades - I first talked with Linda Lucero of Vanguard. She said that they're on Vanguard's current docket. They're a big budget organization; were turned down last cycle because their board felt that PBI was not a diverse enough organization for their standards.

I also called Michael Llais of NISGUA about PBI. He said that NISGUA "feels that PBI is a necessary complement to what NISGUA does.... in Guatemala they can have an open, visible presence which NISGUA can't.... they bring international support for the persons they accompany." NISGUA's only criticism is that they have no real structure for grass roots work in the US. They do internal education for volunteers and develop them into eventual solidarity activists but that's it. NISGUA hopes to work more closely with them in the future. Michael said that this is generally good organization.

20) NJ CAN - Gordon Clark of NJ Sane/Freeze said that he knows the group's staff person to be a solid activist, heard good stuff about his organizing abilities. Gordon did have questions about if there is support for such a network in the state, questions if there is in fact a functioning network now. There is a lot of C.A. interest and active groups in NJ, but he's not sure about how well a state-wide coordinating effort there is at this point. When I told him what their request was, he said that the project is worthy, much needed, at least to give it a try.

21) WICOCA - Steve Starkey of the Wisconsin Community Fund said that this is one of the best known C.A. groups in Madison. They do good work, work well in coalitions and are well respected. Recommends them.

22) SACAP - Margaret Collins of the Peace Development Fund said that this is a small group which is doing quite a few significant projects. They're effective, professional, have good organizing strategies, are successful in carrying out their programs. They've shown good progress in their connections with the African American community in Springfield. They do well in focusing attention on C.A. They work also in Chicopee and other small towns in the area. There's not much else happening there on the issue. Highly recommended.

23) Bay Area Pledge - I called Bill Hoffman of the Palestine Solidarity Committee in S.F. He said that the Pledge was "very, very, very active" in Gulf War protests. If he had to pick two key groups in the area it would be this and CISPES. They sponsored a lot of actions including big CDs. Very supportive of Middle East work now. PSC didn't have much contact with them before the War, since most of the Pledge work previously had been on Central America, but since has done a lot on the Middle East. He feels that they're politically sympathetic with Palestine. Bill said that

they're "....really in the forefront of non-party organizing in the Bay Area." Recommended.

24) The Anti-WARrior - I talked with Todd Ensign of Citizen Soldier. He knew of the newspaper and wasn't very impressed with the first issue: "preaching to the converted, repetitive, doesn't find other areas of resistance, no graphics, dull,...can't imagine young people looking at it." His analysis was not only esthetics but also political, he said. The paper made assumptions, didn't bother to explain things. He felt that it wouldn't be likely to attract much readership, especially among youth. He did also say that he felt that it should be given a chance to see if they can improve for their second issue. I also asked Todd about Citizen Soldier being one of the endorsers of the National Campaign for Amnesty. He said that they had endorsed but hadn't seen the final demands. Basically he feels that the issue of amnesty at this point in time is a little ultra-left. I asked him about the involvement of the ultra-left in the Campaign and with Jeff Paterson himself. Todd said that Jeff's lawyer is "RCP all the way" and that many of the groups in the Campaign are RCP, but, since Jeff was the first resister and a "very courageous guy", CS endorsed, they felt it was something they couldn't not endorse. Todd has real questions if the Campaign becomes RCP dominated if it will go anywhere. He was extremely strong in his denunciations about VVAW-AI and other groups in the NYC area.

25) Veterans Peace Action Teams - I called Rebecca Gordon in San Francisco. She said they do good work and felt that a request for funding their newsletter was quite reasonable. She knows a bunch of people in VPAT. Very good in coalitions, don great work on Nicaragua (delegations, work brigades, organizing here. Recently they worked with CCCO, did referrals for counseling during Gulf War; do anti-draft stuff in high schools; have had some success in this depending on specific h.s. principals. A couple of years ago they did a great project of giving out free alternative book covers to students which included various issues' slogans and a list of resource groups. She said they do work in the US as well as solidarity work and that the group is mostly men but does include some women. She likes this group.

26) Coalition Against US Mil. Inter. in M.E. - I called Linda Reymers of McKenzie River Gathering. She said that Portland had some of the largest mobilizations and turnouts to rallies in the US during the Gulf War. This coalition was key to that. She feels that they've done an excellent job. Although there were some sectarian groups involved in the coalition, it was so broad, there were only minimal problems and didn't get in the way of organizing. This coalition is still very visible in Portland.

27) LGAI - I had talked with Rebecca Gordon about them in the past. Basically she said that this in a "wonderful group.... one of the first gay groups to get involved in Central America work in the Bay area... non-sectarian.... committed to opposing racism in US as well as anti-intervention.... newsletter is very interesting.... also done AIDS work and lesbian rights stuff... good at making connections with many issues.... have a sister Latina group (Amaranto) working on issues in Latina community.... decision on part of both groups."

I talked with Rene Valle this time. He said he knows of the group, has heard they do good work, hard working, committed.

28) Richmond Peace Ed. Center - We've funded them three times in the past. Hank Rosemont had checked on them: he felt that they were "a first rate group, the center of activity for anyone doing in the area...work in coalitions..... work well with the black community....around a long time and will stay around...pretty good on everything but no voice (?) on pro-choice because of some of the church folk involved, but don't take a stand against.... (group) very good, very thorough on Mid East and other issues." Hank recommended funding them. Other people I'd talked with in past years (such as Peace Development Fund and Charlotte Peace Center) had recommended this group highly.

29) National War Tax Resistance CC - I thought it might be good to find out how local war tax committees felt about this organization so I called Lynn Weiss of NE War Tax Resistance. She said that the National is very important as a coordinating body. They refer people to the various committees, have a newsletter which helps local groups know what's happening elsewhere in the US, have brochures which the locals use (such as one on the phone tax). The National has a new staff person who Lynn has met. She and others she's talked with are quite impressed with the staff person. She's organized, efficient, and realistic about her duties and capacities. Lynn recommends funding.

30) Museum of World Solutions - I talked with Linda Lucero of Vanguard Foundation. She said that this is basically a one person operation. He is a good person, persistent, but doesn't have a real developed interpretation of economics and the environment. It's an interesting idea but needs to get a broader group of people working with him who have more developed politics. Vanguard did not fund this for these reasons. They felt that once the above occurs "this will get off the ground."

31) Syracuse Women's Info Center - Barbara Cobritz of the Syracuse Cultural Workers said "...Oooh, such a good group." She knows they have a computer but no printer and could really use one. The Center has a new director who is moving them in new directions such as instituting Women & AIDS and battered women's support groups, diversity and young women's events. The Center is more into service stuff (crisis situations, referrals) but do some political stuff (the local ACT UP meets at the Center.) The '80s were difficult for them with less visibility and fewer volunteers but they seem to be coming back. Barbara said that the Center is "an important part of Syracuse, not big but makes day to day life easier" for women there.

32) Berkeley Clearinghouse on Femicide - I asked Linda Lucero of Vanguard about this group also. She said this was on the Vanguard docket but was turned down. She said this is definitely a one person effort; she's doing great work on getting the issue of Femicide out, but, from a personal interview with the person, they felt that she was burning out and needs to have more people involved. A positive thing happened recently. The Clearinghouse received a grant from the Women's Center for organizational development. Linda felt that this might help with making this into a true group effort. Since VGF felt that this is an important issue, they encouraged the organization to come back for another try at a grant once it does become a real group.

33) Indigenous Women's Network - We've funded this group in the past and always gotten good references (from Tony Gonzalez of the International Indian Treaty Council, and Ed Nakawatasi of National AFSC.) Their organizers are tops, and they're doing important work.

34) Cape Cod Women's Agenda - NECAN referred me to Peggy and David Lilienthal on the Cape. They're activists in the movement there. David said that CCWA is a very strong group; done a lot; their Clothesline Project is spreading beyond the Cape with a lot of dedication by people; this group's done a lot of good things. He said that the Cape's women's organizations, including this one, are very strong, very good at networking and "the strongest nucleus of the peace and justice work on the Cape." He highly recommends funding their request.

35) Cold Mountain, Cold Rivers - Therese Ogle of A Territory Resource recommended I talk with her prime contact in Missoula, Secky Sassione of the Montana Organizing Project. Secky is a union organizer. She said that she knows a little about the group; knows the contact person Greg Bechle. She doesn't feel that Greg "is a very good or skilled organizer or is at all well received in the community." She says that she knows that "he has not approached labor so far and is definitely not the person to do that... He doesn't involve other people in his projects, not a good team player." She would not recommend funding this.

36) Couldn't get a reference for this one.

37) Same as #36.

38) Rusk County Citizen Action - Steve Starkey of the Wisconsin Community Fund said WSC made grant to them. He said that this is "....a really good group... doing anti-mining work for years.... real instrumental in keeping the mines out of the area in the past, but recently new companies have been trying to move in.... these folks are great activist/organizers." There are some Native Americans involved also, group is a coalition of white and Native American people. He recommends funding them.

39) Center for Environment - I checked with Jack Beckford of the Fund for Southern Communities which had given a grant to this group's Atlanta office. Jack said that FSC funded them early on because they felt that it was an important issue, but since that time FSC has become less and less enthusiastic. They're are not impressed with CECE presence in Atlanta, confused as to their relationship to the national office, feel it is very loosely linked and with no funding from the national. He's directly asked them this and other questions about FSC concerns and has gotten very vague responses. He is "99% sure it's (Atlanta office) not functioning now." As far as the national office, he didn't know too much but feels that they're pretty mainstream with mainstream funding, for example the Ford Foundation grant for \$50,000. I also asked Jackie Shad of Crossroads about the Chicago office. As far as she knew, one wasn't functioning yet.

40) Bill of Rights Foundation - Jackie Shad of Crossroads Fund said they've funded the group in the past....do good work... "real neat manual on CIA recruiting... started by old left activists.... do tough stuff no one else does, like civil liberties stuff, but way to the left of the ACLU." Jackie said that this project has a good chance of taking off since there are a lot of active student groups in the area.

41) PYSNP - Louis Kampf knows a little about this, feels the staff person is a good guy, one of the most active people at MIT on divestment. Louis checked with one of his contacts who felt that this project mattered. Their staff person is the one person who knows key people on campuses all over the city and it would be good to have his knowledge institutionalized. A newsletter would be good to share information among the various groups so as not to "re-invent the wheel."

42) TN Cracker Barrel Boycott - I called Mandy Carter of WRL-SE. She said that she is familiar with both the boycott and the TN group. She wasn't sure how extensive this is in NC since her Triangle area doesn't have a Cracker Barrel. Mandy said that this is a good issue, a Southern issue, since CB is all over the South. CB is being put on the line. She had some questions about the boycott's previous tactics, as far as their irritating/not being sensitive to workers and customers, until I read her some of the recent material on how-to-sit-in. She then said that it seems really good that they've developed more sensitivity. Mandy said, "Great! Go for it!" (Mandy did also say that she has some problems with Queer Nation; she comes from a background of non violence and feels that sometimes QN does not think ahead, is non-disciplined, doesn't listen well to others, not sensitive. She feels that the usual QN strategy not good for her part of the country.)

43) Feminist Jews for Justice - Donna Finn of the Dorchester Women's Committee said she knows of this group because one of the Dorch. committee's members is involved with FJJ and keeps the DWC informed about what they're doing. Donna said that the group sprung up during the Gulf War because they felt a Jewish feminist presence was needed in the movement. They've done a lot of stuff, especially with Palestinian women. Donna feels that this group will be an ongoing one; good activists involved. She's been impressed with them since most everything else in the Gulf War movement has fallen apart since, but they didn't. They meet on a regular basis and have taken on new members since the War. She said that they had a wonderful petitioning afternoon in Brookline (which she thought was gutsy), good information and talk about the Middle East, and had a good

response.

44) UAW New Directions/Local 422 - I talked with Rand Wilson of Jobs with Justice and also on the Haymarket Board. He said that Haymarket had give them a grant even though they felt that there were some organizing weaknesses in their plans, pieces didn't quite fit. They did see this as an important union democracy initiative nationally. He also feels that this was a good group with a lot of integrity. He recommended funding.

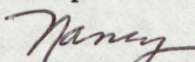
45) Prisoners Legal News - Mike Riegle knows of this and thinks it's "a great publication.... very good information... lefty politics... do some articles on prison life an attitudes.... Paul Wright is very good, very progressive thinker... the News is connected with a lot of different groups." It's connected with a couple of families of prisoners groups and is trying to get other groups organized to watch-dog the systems in their areas. Mike feels they're very deserving of funding.

46) Rethinking Schools - Steve Starkey of the Wisconsin Community Fund said that this is one of WCF's favorite grantees. They've been extremely impressed with them. The group's done a "fabulous job... gotten a lot of attention in their work... a lot of bang for the buck.... get a lot done... everything I've heard about them has been glowing." They're well known and respected in Milwaukee and a solid group.

47) Curbstone Press - We funded them a couple of years ago. I remember Hans Koning giving them a positive reference then, though I can't find my record of that. I asked Hans to check on them again this time. He sent a card which said "green light all around - from bookstore friend, from political friends, and from our correspondence."

48) Burma Review - This one is (almost) impossible to get a reference for. I called Frank Brodhead, National AFSC, the Asia Resource Center, Walden Bello at Food First. No one had ever heard of them. I then talked with the group, asking them for organizations they'd worked with. All that they could come up with was Greenpeace and Congressional aides. Finally I talked with Gene Stoltzus of Synapses. He didn't know too much except that the Review is an attempt to summarize the news; the Burma question is ignored but important. He thought that they did fairly good work, important contribution. He said that the human rights abuses in Burma are enormous. He was supportive of this.

For peace and justice,

  
Nancy Moniz  
Resist staff

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO

Dear Board,

I am sorry to miss this board meeting, though glad to be on vacation. As the fundraiser, this is my "slow" time of year, so it's best to take a good chunk of time off now.

I had a few thoughts on the board/search effort. I talked to Larry Goldsmith, as requested, about whether or not he was still interested in the Resist board. I explained how often we met, a little about our process, etc. I let him know that if he was interested, there would be an interview process set up, probably in the Fall. After thinking about it for a few days he called back to say he was interested. I sent him our guidelines and March newsletter with our year end wrap up for 1990.

I have some personal concerns about Larry that I did not raise at the last meeting, as I wasn't sure I could articulate them, and everyone else seemed enthusiastic about him. With the recent financial and personnel crisis at GCN, I have had more conversations with Larry and have a better grasp of my concerns. I think it is still possible Larry would make a good board member, but think the committee that interviews him should take these concerns into account. One concern Larry raised to me was the fact that he had been away from Boston recently and away from activism. He felt he could overcome this and reconnect to what was happening in town. I'm sure he, and the board, will raise this at an interview. One of Larry's strong points is that he is very responsible, and if he says he will do something, he will. He is a good writer (and editor), and we might be able to get him to write for the newsletter. We should ask him if that interests him. A concern of mine is that Larry can be politically rigid, and a purist. (Writing editorials with him at GCN was quite a task. He fretted over each word. While I admired his perfectionism and striving for just the right wording, I felt at some point you had to say the piece was good enough, and just print it.) I discussed my own process of being on the Resist board with Larry, and how I now argue to give money to groups I would probably not have when I first joined the board. I cautioned that one has to evaluate proposals not based so much on an ideal of what you would like to see happening (would we fund any group?) but on the realities of the movement and the grant applications. This is the area I think he needs to be questioned on. Larry could be good for the board, and the board process could be good for Larry, but I am a bit nervous about whether or not it will work out. He is quite bitter and disgruntled with GCN, and that has been a downer recently as some of us work to try to help the paper survive. Many of us have criticisms of the paper (particularly since Jenny and Stephanie left), but we hope the paper survives so that we can raise those criticisms and disagreements.

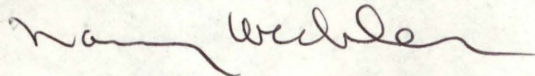
I took the liberty of asking Gordon Gottlieb, another GCNer with whom I work, if he was at all interested in the Resist Board. (I told him we had primarily been looking for people of color, but recently had opened it up to white people who had expressed interest in the past. I told him I hadn't suggested him to the board, but was just checking whether or not I should even bring his name up.) He said that he didn't have time now for another commitment, but if GCN folded, he might then have time. He mentioned some other gay men that he knows that are political and come out of doing work

around Central America. I could get their names and numbers if people are interested. I think Gordon would be an asset to our board, if we ever had room, and he had time. He's a nice guy, with a good sense of humor. Over the years I have seen him move to the left, when the pressures have all been to move to the right.

One other person I would like the board to consider talking to is Cheryl Smith. She is a friend of my partner, Julie Matthaei. Cheryl is an economist who works with Franklin Companies and does socially responsible investing. Julie thinks highly of her personally and politically. I have met Cheryl and she seems quite nice. I have no idea if the Resist board would interest her, or if she would have time, but if we actually do want someone on the board who is political and knows about money--Cheryl might be a good choice. Let me know if you want me to talk to her.

I think that's it. Since Larry is a friend of mine, I hope people will keep this letter confidential. I will probably raise some of these concerns directly with him in the Fall.

Nancy Wechsler

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August 9, 1991

REFERENCES for the August, 11, 1991 Resist Board meeting:

1) Do the Right Thing Festival - I talked with Norm Fruchter. He knows of both the Festival and BRABRV. He said that the group is very good, has done useful things, have good links across black and Latino communities, have good events and demos on neighborhood issues. This groups work with a lot of key groups in Brooklyn, the core people are long-time neighborhood and city-wide radicals who are committed to fighting racism. As far as the Festival itself, Norm went last year and thought it was quite good, a wide variety of black, Latino and white components to Festival, a lot of people went to it. He thinks this is a good event.

2) Montana Human Rights Network - Not having many contacts in Montana, I called the foundation for that area, A Territory Resource. Terese Ogle, the grants person there had met with this group and MHRN will be seeking a grant from them next cycle. She in fact had heard about them for some time and thinks they're great, doing good work, and have a lot of credibility in MT. The group "has a great reputation in MT." They are getting technical assistance from the Center for Democratic Renewal in Georgia. I asked Terese about the fact that this group doesn't have a position on repro rights. She said that she's not surprised since they focus on constituencies (i.e. Native Americans, gay and lesbian) which are blatantly under attack by hate crimes and racist groups. She recommended this Network.

\*\* 3) ACE - We gave them a grant in 1989 under their previous name. At that time I talked with Betsy Kapatanakis of the North Star Fund. She said that they're an excellent group, good politically, unique organization, excellent organizers, impressive work. Large budget, good fund raising, previously volunteer but now have (needed) staff which is a good part of their budget. I also talked with Merble Reagon then. Merble talked with the Funding Exchange which had funded the group. They said this is an organization rund by women of color, a unique project, very good work.

This time I asked Merble to check on them again. Her contact, Shana Kurland of DARE "ranted and raved about them; very impressed by their leadership and particulary their leadership development program." ACE's leadership summer camp is "groundbreaking." Shana feels that this is a "rare group." It really is by and for low income women of color, "a commendable and viable group." Highly recommended.

4) Hospitality House - This has come to us a few times in the past and been rejected. I had previously talked with a Haymarket Maine board member for a reference and this time talked with the current Maine coordinator for Maine Haymarket, Glen Frankenfield. Both the past and present opinions are the same: HH had come to them a couple of times also in the past years and weren't funded. They did site visits. Felt proposals were very unclear and it was difficult to find out what she meant or was doing or wanted to do. From the site visits, Haymarket found out that the organization is mostly Jan Lightfoot, there is a board of a few people who didn't know what was going on. Glen said that, as far as they could see, there is no grass roots support for this, no political

work (or other) work being done.

5) APARI - I had met the contact person for this group several months ago at Oxfam. Oxfam set up a meeting for foundations to hear the representatives of 6 groups from Puerto Rico. I was very impressed with what this group had to say: their politics and projects. I encouraged them to apply to Resist.

For a reference I called Prof. Tom Reeves of Roxbury Community College, the Caribbean Department. He's been to see their project twice, both times before the hurricane which he knows "knocked them for a loop." He said that they are very political, definitely independentista, but couch their language in a non-strident manner. Tom has talked with a lot of people in Puerto Rico who respect them a lot. He has watched them work with groups there, excellent teachers of independence and non-dependency, "a real model group." He said that they are a genuinely radical group working at the grass roots level; he saw "really thriving and exciting economic work in their projects.... they have helped to spawn coop farms which are independent of their own group." He feels that it is "quite extraordinary" how the contact person is an openly gay man and how this has been dispelling myths about gay people with the groups with which APARI works. The group is strong on women's issues and has good youth involvement. He felt that the request was reasonable. He highly recommends funding.

6) Community Survival Center - Everyone I called in Baltimore seemed to be out of time, so I called Dan Lewis of the SW Organizing Project. They've worked with them in a national network involving the Methodist Volunteers Service for some time. Dan had recently visited CSC and feels that it is a very important organization, "This is a rare truly white working class organization with an excellent perspective on racism." They're in a "dirt poor community with few resources", the organization itself is multi-racial. "Their work on anti-racism is fantastic... an incredible campaign by youth against the Klan in Baltimore." Their alternative school is run by youth for drop-outs, develop youth politically and in leadership skills...very impressive." He mentioned that CSC had a program funded by the city and made a decision to pull back from this in order not to be compromised. CSC definitely has progressive politics and amazing projects, use interesting angles to develop resources. Dan said this really is a grass roots community organization with deep roots in the community. He has talked with them about looking for progressive foundations so as not to rely on institutional funding. He said that they could really use our support this year. Highly recommended and enthused about by him.

7) Rochester CDBG Coalition - I talked with Jack Bradigan-Spula of the Rochester Peace & Justice Coalition who knows of the Coalition itself and some of the member groups also. The Center has worked with some of the groups on issues such as racism and police violence. It's a fairly diverse coalition of responsible groups. He said that Rochester is "a small town..... CDBG is a bread and butter issue.... mainstream issue... the Coalition is more of a political center grouping than the Peace & Justice Center... but there are solid community organizers involved... there is a real situation here of the misuse of block grant funds."

8) Chelsea's Commission - I talked with Tito Meza of the Comite Hondureno who actually is one the Commission himself. He said he feels that it's doing pretty good. He cited the election of Marta Rosa to the city government, and the fact that they have the only bi-lingual newspaper in the city. When I mentioned the project for which the Commission is asking a grant, Tito said that it would seem that there would be other funders which would fund the Voter Ed project. He didn't know why they didn't ask for a grant for a more radical project.

9) NISGUA - We've always gotten glowing references for them in the past. This time I talked with Lisa Fithian of the Washington Peace Center. She said that the Center has good relations with NISGUA. The Center has worked with NISGUA in the past. She said that "Guatemala is the last country C.A. activists work on so NISGUA has suffered financially more than other country specific organizations." Lisa said there work is excellent, dedicated, very valuable for networking and resources. Their politics are very good. Admires them for keeping on "hanging in there."

10) EPICA - When I was talking with Lisa Fithian of the Washington Peace Center about NISGUA, I asked her opinion of EPICA also. She said the Center has also worked with them in the past on a variety of projects, especially in their ground-breaking work on Sanctuary in mid-'80s. They are basically research and resources oriented but are great about supporting and working in Coalitions. Very good publications which are excellent for resources and education. Highly recommended.

11) Alliance for Solidarity with L.A. & Caribbean - I called Gordon Clark of NJ Sane/Freeze. He said that this is a relatively new organization. He said that S/F has worked with them on El Salvador work and he found them to be solid organizers. He feels that they will be able to pull off a state-wide conference because they have good connections around the state, especially in northern NJ which has a strong C.A. solidarity network. He knows of the conference and feels that it looks good. Sane/Freeze will probably sponsor and organize for the event once they have been officially contacted.

12) Border Fund - I talked with Ann Peters of CUSLAR in Ithaca. She said that CUSLAR has done a lot of work with this group. It's a small group of committed people who came out of the Sanctuary movement. They're very strong on raising support for the refugee shelters on the Texas-Mexican border but their work of bringing minors to Ithaca has had its "ups and downs.... not enough preparation work done with foster families about the problems involved... they brought one youth to Ithaca who had severe needs for more support than the foster family (which didn't speak Spanish) or support system could provide...severe psychological problems which they couldn't deal with... a very bad situation occurred (the young man is 18 now and in jail, not necessarily because of anything Border Fund did or didn't do, but because his problems were so very extreme. She's not sure anything could have helped. She also said that the Fund continues to support him in jail.) Ann feels that the group did learn a lot from the experience, but she's not sure that their preparation work will improve in the future. Ann said that they do integrate U.S. foreign policy into their work, especially written material. She also said that in their fund raising and foster family work they have down played the

politics of the issue for tactical reasons.

3) Casa Ricardo Chacon - Susan Lee of the Dallas Peace Center told me that the Casa does both political organizing and direct service work. A lot of activism on C.A. war. Some of them went to jail for sitting-in at Bentzen's office which led to a big trial and a lot of media. This is a very good group. They sponsor C.A. events and were involved in Gulf War protests in Ft. Worth. (Note: Fort Worth doesn't have a lot of centralized left political activity.) I asked her about their positions on repro and gay & lesbian rights: she said that she'd be very surprised if they're not supportive on g & l rights, knowing them, but is not sure on how out front they are on repro rights because of that part of their support which is Catholic. She does know one of the priests involved and knows that he is very progressive. In general, she said that they are doing tremendous work, real important. She feels that they are "the nexus of an incipient peace & justice center in Ft. Worth (which is needed there but doesn't exist yet)."

\*\* 14) MeCCA - I'd been wondering why I'd been having such a hard time getting a reference for this group (I'd called around) until I talked with Mike Prokasch at NECAN. He said that they'd been around a long time and were the oldest state network that NECAN had helped to start, but they're not doing much now. Some of the local groups (about 3 or 4) are still active. But MeCCA hasn't exactly adjusted to an implosion of the movement in Maine; they don't do a lot of local organizing and need to re-evaluate their purpose. They've been suffering from not having successes lately. Mike didn't recommend or not recommend. I guess that it's up to us if we think a newsletter is what they need to re-activate the Network.

15) Guate. Human Rights Commission - I talked with people at NISGUA which has worked with them. They feel GHRC has very good info and resources; they're dedicated and committed people. Highly recommended.

16) C.A. Resource Center - I'd gotten a reference on them the last time from Paula Rabinowitz. She thought that this is a "terrific organization." They do programs in the schools on C.A. and global politics. They were under attack by national right wing groups. They have a terrific newsletter, mostly C.A. stuff but with a perspective of connecting that with lots of other issues. They work well with other issue groups, co-sponsor a lot of other things including Middle East. She highly recommended them, "...the best group in the political scene in Minneapolis-St. Paul."

17) Rio Grande Defense Committee - I called Rogelio Nunez of Proyecto Libertad in Harlingen. He said that these are good folks. The group began in 1984 during the Sanctuary trials as a defense committee for people on trial. Since 1988 they've taken a different course and provide resources, education, sponsor delegations from all around the US to go there for 4-6 days to visit refugee sites, participate in educationals on US Central America policy. The group also does education on other boarder issues, such as the maquiladoras and other types of issues. Rogelio feels that they are "very well versed in the region.... doing a heck of a job." They work closely with Proyecto (whose work is 85% legal work in the courtroom), utilize Proyecto as a resource in their delegations

educational work. He highly recommends the group.

18) NW Regional CISPES - Rene Valle feels they're doing "really good in the whole region but are having some problems in raising funds." They worked also on the Middle East War. Rene feels that this is one of the strongest regions in the US on El Salvador work. They're working on a major campaign for the Fall, a work-a-thon, to build links between local communities and El Salvador. He felt that this is a good group to fund.

19) Peace Brigades - I first talked with Linda Lucero of Vanguard. She said that they're on Vanguard's current docket. They're a big budget organization; were turned down last cycle because their board felt that PBI was not a diverse enough organization for their standards.

I also called Michael Llais of NISGUA about PBI. He said that NISGUA "feels that PBI is a necessary complement to what NISGUA does.... in Guatemala they can have an open, visible presence which NISGUA can't.... they bring international support for the persons they accompany." NISGUA's only criticism is that they have no real structure for grass roots work in the US. They do internal education for volunteers and develop them into eventual solidarity activists but that's it. NISGUA hopes to work more closely with them in the future. Michael said that this is generally good organization.

20) NJ CAN - Gordon Clark of NJ Sane/Freeze said that he knows the group's staff person to be a solid activist, heard good stuff about his organizing abilities. Gordon did have questions about if there is support for such a network in the state, questions if there is in fact a functioning network now. There is a lot of C.A. interest and active groups in NJ, but he's not sure about how well a state-wide coordinating effort there is at this point. When I told him what their request was, he said that the project is worthy, much needed, at least to give it a try.

21) WICOCA - Steve Starkey of the Wisconsin Community Fund said that this is one of the best known C.A. groups in Madison. They do good work, work well in coalitions and are well respected. Recommends them.

22) SACAP - Margaret Collins of the Peace Development Fund said that this is a small group which is doing quite a few significant projects. They're effective, professional, have good organizing strategies, are successful in carrying out their programs. They've shown good progress in their connections with the African American community in Springfield. They do well in focusing attention on C.A. They work also in Chicopee and other small towns in the area. There's not much else happening there on the issue. Highly recommended.

23) Bay Area Pledge - I called Bill Hoffman of the Palestine Solidarity Committee in S.F. He said that the Pledge was "very, very, very active" in Gulf War protests. If he had to pick two key groups in the area it would be this and CISPES. They sponsored a lot of actions including big CDs. Very supportive of Middle East work now. PSC didn't have much contact with them before the War, since most of the Pledge work previously had been on Central America, but since has done a lot on the Middle East. He feels that they're politically sympathetic with Palestine. Bill said that they're "....really in the forefront of non-party organizing in the

Bay Area." Recommended.

24) The Anti-WARrior - I talked with Todd Ensign of Citizen Soldier. He knew of the newspaper and wasn't very impressed with the first issue: "preaching to the converted, repetitive, doesn't find other areas of resistance, no graphics, dull,...can't imagine young people looking at it." His analysis was not only esthetics but also political, he said. The paper made assumptions, didn't bother to explain things. He felt that it wouldn't be likely to attract much readership, especially among youth. He did also say that he felt that it should be given a chance to see if they can improve for their second issue. I also asked Todd about Citizen Soldier being one of the endorsers of the National Campaign for Amnesty. He said that they had endorsed but hadn't seen the final demands. Basically he feels that the issue of amnesty at this point in time is a little ultra-left. I asked him about the involvement of the ultra-left in the Campaign and with Jeff Paterson himself. Todd said that Jeff's lawyer is "RCP all the way" and that many of the groups in the Campaign are RCP, but, since Jeff was the first resister and a "very courageous guy", CS endorsed, they felt it was something they couldn't not endorse. Todd has real questions if the Campaign becomes RCP dominated if it will go anywhere. He was extremely strong in his denunciations about VVAW-AI and other groups in the NYC area.

25) Veterans Peace Action Teams - I called Rebecca Gordon in San Francisco. She said they do good work and felt that a request for funding their newsletter was quite reasonable. She knows a bunch of people in VPAT. Very good in coalitions, don great work on Nicaragua (delegations, work brigades, organizing here. Recently they worked with CCCO, did referrals for counseling during Gulf War; do anti-draft stuff in high schools; have had some success in this depending on specific h.s. principals. A couple of years ago they did a great project of giving out free alternative book covers to students which included various issues' slogans and a list of resource groups. She said they do work in the US as well as solidarity work and that the group is mostly men but does include some women. She likes this group.

26) Coalition Against US Mil. Inter. in M.E. - I called Linda Reymers of McKenzie River Gathering. She said that Portland had some of the largest mobilizations and turnouts to rallies in the US during the Gulf War. This coalition was key to that. She feels that they've done an excellent job. Although there were some sectarian groups involved in the coalition, it was so broad, there were only minimal problems and didn't get in the way of organizing. This coalition is still very visible in Portland.

27) LGAI - I had talked with Rebecca Gordon about them in the past. Basically she said that this in a "wonderful group.... one of the first gay groups to get involved in Central America work in the Bay area... non-sectarian.... committed to opposing racism in US as well as anti-intervention.... newsletter is very interesting.... also done AIDS work and lesbian rights stuff... good at making connections with many issues.... have a sister Latina group (Amaranto) working on issues in Latina community.... decision on part of both groups."

I talked with Rene Valle this time. He said he knows of the group, has heard they do good work, hard working, committed.

28) Richmond Peace Ed. Center - We've funded them three times in the past. Hank Rosemont had checked on them: he felt that they were "a first rate group, the center of activity for anyone doing in the area...work in coalitions..... work well with the black community....around a long time and will stay around...pretty good on everything but no voice (?) on pro-choice because of some of the church folk involved, but don't take a stand against.... (group) very good, very thorough on Mid East and other issues." Hank recommended funding them. Other people I'd talked with in past years (such as Peace Development Fund and Charlotte Peace Center) had recommended this group highly.

29) National War Tax Resistance CC - I thought it might be good to find out how local war tax committees felt about this organization so I called Lynn Weiss of NE War Tax Resistance. She said that the National is very important as a coordinating body. They refer people to the various committees, have a newsletter which helps local groups know what's happening elsewhere in the US, have brochures which the locals use (such as one on the phone tax). The National has a new staff person who Lynn has met. She and others she's talked with are quite impressed with the staff person. She's organized, efficient, and realistic about her duties and capacities. Lynn recommends funding.

30) Museum of World Solutions - I talked with Linda Lucero of Vanguard Foundation. She said that this is basically a one person operation. He is a good person, persistent, but doesn't have a real developed interpretation of economics and the environment. It's an interesting idea but needs to get a broader group of people working with him who have more developed politics. Vanguard did not fund this for these reasons. They felt that once the above occurs "this will get off the ground."

31) Syracuse Women's Info Center - Barbara Cobritz of the Syracuse Cultural Workers said "...Oooh, such a good group." She knows they have a computer but no printer and could really use one. The Center has a new director who is moving them in new directions such as instituting Women & AIDS and battered women's support groups, diversity and young women's events. The Center is more into service stuff (crisis situations, referrals) but do some political stuff (the local ACT UP meets at the Center.) The '80s were difficult for them with less visibility and fewer volunteers but they seem to be coming back. Barbara said that the Center is "an important part of Syracuse, not big but makes day to day life easier" for women there.

32) Berkeley Clearinghouse on Femicide - I asked Linda Lucero of Vanguard about this group also. She said this was on the Vanguard docket but was turned down. She said this is definitely a one person effort; she's doing great work on getting the issue of Femicide out, but, from a personal interview with the person, they felt that she was burning out and needs to have more people involved. A positive thing happened recently. The Clearinghouse received a grant from the Women's Center for organizational development. Linda felt that this might help with making this into a true group effort. Since VGF felt that this is an important issue, they encouraged the organization to come back for another try at a grant once it does become a real group.

33) Indigenous Women's Network - We've funded this group in the past and always gotten good references (from Tony Gonzalez of the International Indian Treaty Council, and Ed Nakawatasi of National AFSC.) Their organizers are tops, and they're doing important work.

34) Cape Cod Women's Agenda - NECAN referred me to Peggy and David Lilienthal on the Cape. They're activists in the movement there. David said that CCWA is a very strong group; done a lot; their Clothesline Project is spreading beyond the Cape with a lot of dedication by people; this group's done a lot of good things. He said that the Cape's women's organizations, including this one, are very strong, very good at networking and "the strongest nucleus of the peace and justice work on the Cape." He highly recommends funding their request.

35) Cold Mountain, Cold Rivers - Therese Ogle of A Territory Resource recommended I talk with her prime contact in Missoula, Secky Sassione of the Montana Organizing Project. Secky is a union organizer. She said that she knows a little about the group; knows the contact person Greg Bechle. She doesn't feel that Greg "is a very good or skilled organizer or is at all well received in the community." She says that she knows that "he has not approached labor so far and is definitely not the person to do that... He doesn't involve other people in his projects, not a good team player." She would not recommend funding this.

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38) Rusk County Citizen Action - Steve Starkey of the Wisconsin Community Fund said WSC made grant to them. He said that this is "....a really good group... doing anti-mining work for years.... real instrumental in keeping the mines out of the area in the past, but recently new companies have been trying to move in.... these folks are great activist/organizers." There are some Native Americans involved also, group is a coalition of white and Native American people. He recommends funding them.

39) Center for Environment - I checked with Jack Beckford of the Fund for Southern Communities which had given a grant to this group's Atlanta office. Jack said that FSC funded them early on because they felt that it was an important issue, but since that time FSC has become less and less enthusiastic. They're are not impressed with CECE presence in Atlanta, confused as to their relationship to the national office, feel it is very loosely linked and with no funding from the national. He's directly asked them this and other questions about FSC concerns and has gotten very vague responses. He is "99% sure it's (Atlanta office) not functioning now." As far as the national office, he didn't know too much but feels that they're pretty mainstream with mainstream funding, for example the Ford Foundation grant for \$50,000. I also asked Jackie Shad of Crossroads about the Chicago office. As far as she knew, one wasn't functioning yet.

40) Bill of Rights Foundation - Jackie Shad of Crossroads Fund said they've funded the group in the past....do good work... "real neat manual on CIA recruiting... started by old left activists.... do tough stuff no

one else does, like civil liberties stuff, but way to the left of the ACLU." Jackie said that this project has a good chance of taking off since there are a lot of active student groups in the area.

41) PYSNP - Louis Kampf knows a little about this, feels the staff person is a good guy, one of the most active people at MIT on divestment. Louis checked with one of his contacts who felt that this project mattered. Their staff person is the one person who knows key people on campuses all over the city and it would be good to have his knowledge institutionalized. A newsletter would be good to share information among the various groups so as not to "re-invent the wheel."

42) TN Cracker Barrel Boycott - I called Mandy Carter of WRL-SE. She said that she is familiar with both the boycott and the TN group. She wasn't sure how extensive this is in NC since her Triangle area doesn't have a Cracker Barrel. Mandy said that this is a good issue, a Southern issue, since CB is all over the South. CB is being put on the line. She had some questions about the boycott's previous tactics, as far as their irritating/not being sensitive to workers and customers, until I read her some of the recent material on how-to-sit-in. She then said that it seems really good that they've developed more sensitivity. Mandy said, "Great! Go for it!" (Mandy did also say that she has some problems with Queer Nation; she comes from a background of non violence and feels that sometimes QN does not think ahead, is non-disciplined, doesn't listen well to others, not sensitive. She feels that the usual QN strategy not good for her part of the country.)

43) Feminist Jews for Justice - Donna Finn of the Dorchester Women's Committee said she knows of this group because one of the Dorch. committee's members is involved with FJJ and keeps the DWC informed about what they're doing. Donna said that the group sprung up during the Gulf War because they felt a Jewish feminist presence was needed in the movement. They've done a lot of stuff, especially with Palestinian women. Donna feels that this group will be an ongoing one; good activists involved. She's been impressed with them since most everything else in the Gulf War movement has fallen apart since, but they didn't. They meet on a regular basis and have taken on new members since the War. She said that they had a wonderful petitioning afternoon in Brookline (which she thought was gutsy), good information and talk about the Middle East, and had a good response.

44) UAW New Directions/Local 422 - I talked with Rand Wilson of Jobs with Justice and also on the Haymarket Board. He said that Haymarket had give them a grant even though they felt that there were some organizing weaknesses in their plans, pieces didn't quite fit. They did see this as an important union democracy initiative nationally. He also feels that this was a good group with a lot of integrity. He recommended funding.

45) Prisoners Legal News - Mike Riegle knows of this and thinks it's "a great publication.... very good information... lefty politics... do some articles on prison life an attitudes.... Paul Wright is very good, very progressive thinker... the News is connected with a lot of different groups." It's connected with a couple of families of prisoners groups and is trying to get other groups organized to watch-dog the systems in their

areas. Mike feels they're very deserving of funding.

46) Rethinking Schools - Steve Starkey of the Wisconsin Community Fund said that this is one of WCF's favorite grantees. They've been extremely impressed with them. The group's done a "fabulous job... gotten a lot of attention in their work... a lot of bang for the buck.... get a lot done... everything I've heard about them has been glowing." They're well known and respected in Milwaukee and a solid group.

\*\* 47) Curbstone Press - We funded them a couple of years ago. I remember Hans Koning giving them a positive reference then, though I can't find my record of that. I asked Hans to check on them again this time. He sent a card which said "green light all around - from bookstore friend, from political friends, and from our correspondence."

48) Burma Review - This one is (almost) impossible to get a reference for. I called Frank Brodhead, National AFSC, the Asia Resource Center, Walden Bello at Food First. No one had ever heard of them. I then talked with the group, asking them for organizations they'd worked with. All that they could come up with was Greenpeace and Congressional aides. Finally I talked with Gene Stoltz of Synapses. He didn't know too much except that the Review is an attempt to summarize the news; the Burma question is ignored but important. He thought that they did fairly good work, important contribution. He said that the human rights abuses in Burma are enormous. He was supportive of this.

That's it for now.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Moniz  
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\*\* References read at board meeting.