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Letter from a Supporter in New Zealand to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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Papakura
Auckland
NEW ZEALAND

21 September 1984

Ms G Ferraro
House of Representatives
WASHINGTON DC

Dear Ms Ferraro,

Attached is a letter I have written to several American newspapers. It is a small cry against escalating nuclear armaments, from one person in a distant corner of the world.

I would ask you as a prospective Vice President of the United States:

Is it not possible for your country to disam nuclear weapons for the sake of mankind, and in doing so, ask the Soviet Union to do likewise? What is there to lose other than the awful accelerating threat we live with now?

Although I am not clear as to what your nuclear policies are, I do feel that the Reagan administration is dangerous. Therefore I wish you well in the forthcoming elections as I believe that your success would be a step towards a safer world.

Peace be with you,

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6 August 1984

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Papakura
Auckland
NEW ZEALAND

Dear Sir,

I am writing from the city of Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand. As a mother of three I am angry and afraid for my children and all children because of the rapidly increasing risk to their future due to the US and Russian governments' evergrowing nuclear armaments.

Hopefully this letter will encourage others on your side of the world, who feel as I do that although they are only one individual, they do have the power to work towards a world of trust, tolerance and love for our fellowman rather than fear, suspicion and hate.

Papakura has one of over 300 peace groups in our country of 3 million population which are working to attain such a world. 80% of our country's local body councils have declared their areas nuclear free zones. We are opposed to the immorality of the risk to our planet and the financial cost of nuclear arms which could aid the suffering people. At times the work against nuclear arms seems an impossible task but often the progress that is being made by the various workers for peace world-wide is very encouraging and even exciting.

In NZ we have a newly elected government of three weeks which is about to ban all nuclear powered and armed ships from our waters. We find it totally unacceptable that the present American administration is attempting to pressurise our government into changing their policy on this issue. It is felt here that this moral stand must be taken by us which may lead to countries in the South Pacific making a similar decision against what is humanly, environmentally and economically insane.

PLEASE INSERT THIS LETTER IN YOUR EDITOR'S PAGE. THANK YOU.