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Letter from Members of the Hiroshima YMCA to Geraldine Ferraro

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October 1, 1984

The Hon. Geraldine A. Ferraro
Candidate for Vice President
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
USA

Dear Representative Ferraro:

We are American citizens residing in Hiroshima who are very concerned about nuclear war, and we ask you to respond publicly to the following question during the current election campaign: At your earliest convenience, the next time you are in Japan, would you be willing to visit the Atomic Bomb Museum in Hiroshima?

Respectfully yours,

[Signatures]

[Names and titles]

Copies to: The President
The Vice President
Former Vice President Walter Mondale
October 3, 1984

Carol Baer  
Chairperson  
Debate Committee  
League of Women Voters  
Strawbridge & Clothier Bldg.  
8th and Market Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  19105  
USA

Dear Ms. Baer:

Last night I placed a call to the League’s Philadelphia office and spoke to Janet Kahler. I hope that she conveyed my message to you.

If you do not yet have every minute of the upcoming debate between the Vice Presidential candidates planned, a number of Americans in Hiroshima, myself included, are hoping that you will include the following question in the program: “At your earliest convenience, the next time you are in Japan, would you be willing to visit the Atomic Bomb Museum in Hiroshima?”

Vice President Bush recently wrote me an encouraging reply to this question, and I think both he and Representative Ferraro might be willing to say some relevant and heartening things about the meaning of Hiroshima to Americans in the 1980's and 1990's.

Thank you for your part in bringing about the debates this month.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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House of Representatives  
Candidate for Vice President