

# Not In Our Name



A statement of conscience

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing you to request an opportunity to speak with you before any irrevocable decision is made to launch a war on Iraq.

We are signers and members of the Advisory Board of the Not In Our Name statement of conscience. This statement has now been signed by over 50,000 Americans, including many prominent artists, public intellectuals, and local elected officials, and has been published in over 45 newspapers.

As we say in our statement, “We believe that peoples and nations have the right to determine their own destiny, free from military coercion by great powers. We believe that all persons detained or prosecuted by the United States government should have the same rights of due process.” And “we believe that people of conscience must take responsibility for what their own governments do.”

We hope that you would agree that this is in the best tradition of public awareness and debate on crucial issues facing our country. We think it would be important for you to hear and explore the reasons for the deep concern felt across the country before you commit the country to the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians.

We would be available to meet you at the White House or elsewhere at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Jeremy M. Glick  
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