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Mrs. Georgia Carpenter
National Co-ordinator
Youth Nuclear Disarmament Tour
610 Victoria Avenue
Montreal, Quebec, H3Y 2R9.

Dear Mrs. Carpenter:

As members of a local sponsoring committee recently involved with the tour, we felt it might be helpful to pass along our experiences to you - and it is such a pleasure to do so.

When we were first approached we had several reservations, even though we were impressed by the creativity and selflessness of the four students. Finding time for another project was, as always, a factor. Of greater concern, though, as parents of high school students, was the question of whether these young people could handle such a depressing subject and end on the necessary note of optimism.

After reading the letters of recommendation and noting the members of the Advisory Board, we decided that this was a very important initiative and we would support it fully.

We feel that their visit was a real gift to this community and a complete success. It was remarkable to see how the S.A.G.E. students assessed the mood and the needs of an assembly and altered their talk accordingly. They held the attention of students and staff and were able to involve their audiences in discussion.

The nuclear threat was handled thoroughly but without simplistic answers. It was more a challenge to become actively involved in their future and in government decision-making.

Their visit inspired the sponsoring committee as well as the many thousands of students and adults reached in assemblies, meetings, and through media coverage. Our city now has an active high school peace network as a result of the tour and adults who feel an added impetus to do our part for this common goal.

We found Alison, Desiree, Max and Seth to be warm, typical teenagers, as well as articulate representatives of the Canadian peace movement. We strongly urge every locale to welcome them. They will be helping themselves immensely by doing so.

With our warmest wishes for continued success,

Yours sincerely,

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