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Dear friends of AFSC:

You will be glad to know that Marta and Bruce really did get off on vacation, something which they both very much needed. They asked me to write to you about two important events in which you may want to participate.

- 1) Cesar Chavez, President of United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, and one of the leading exponents and practitioners of nonviolence in these times, will be in Connecticut on July 31 and August 1. He will be speaking in Waterbury at 12:15 p.m. on the 31st, at a rally on the Green. That evening he will appear in Bridgeport at 8:00 p.m. (call Bridgeport phone number 366-5685 for location of meeting).

On Thursday, August 1, Cesar will be the guest of honor at a luncheon hosted by Bishop Joseph Donnelly, to take place at 12:00 noon in the Alumni Hall of Quinnipiac College, Mount Carmel Avenue in Hamden. The donation is \$5.00 per person or \$30.00 for a table of six. Please make checks payable to "Farmworkers Luncheon" and send them to 1915 Park Street, Hartford 06106 by July 24, or call 527-5064 for reservations.

At 8:00 that evening, Cesar will speak at a concert and rally at the Horace Bushnell Congregational Church, on the corner of Albany and Vine Streets in Hartford. There is no admission, but contributions will be accepted at the door.

- 2) Enclosed is the latest newsletter from the Tiger Cage Vigil and Fast in Washington. This summer-long project at the Capitol started the week of June 23, with a group of New Englanders initiating the witness. Each week since then, groups from various parts of the country have been taking a week, sitting in the cage, leafleting and talking with the thousands of tourists, and making Congressional visitations. This is a most important action at a period when Congress is considering and voting on military and economic aid bills.

A second New England week will occur August 3-10. Please plan to come down for the week if at all possible. If that week is not good for you, come some other week before the project ends on August 23, when Congress is expected to recess. The week beginning July 28 is especially short on volunteers. Call Kathy Knight at the Cambridge AFSC office, 617-864-3150, for more information and to volunteer.

Both the Tiger Cage Vigil and Fast and the United Farm Workers are very much in need of financial support. Will you see if you can find some funds in your summer budget to send either or both a contribution? Vacation time may be here, but for the Vietnamese people and the farm workers, there is no vacation. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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