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Dear Friend,

The is a follow-up letter to the one I sent on January 18 (see enclosure) on the GI/Civilian Easter antiwar actions. In that letter I suggested a tentative date for the liaison-coordinating committee on February 2 in Chicago. On the basis of the response, however, it appears that February 9 is the preferred date. So the meeting will be SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 at 1:30 PM. Sid Lens is arranging the place. His address and phone number are: 5436 Hyde Park, Chicago. Phone: (312) NO 7-5437.

The discussion will include: progress and plans for the regional centers of the actions; GI involvement; defense of GIs who may be harassed for working on or participating in the actions; discussion with the National Mobe and other groups for broadening the action; further coordination.

The inaugural antiwar demonstrations in Washington D.C. were larger than anyone had anticipated - between 12 and 15 thousand marching January 19 and three to four thousand at the "movement presence" on the inaugural route. This in spite of the mid-winter weather and other problems.

It certainly shows that the desire is there to proceed with mass actions. GIs led the march, and one GI, wounded recently in Vietnam, heard about the demonstration over the radio and got out of his hospital bed to appear at the GI workshop and speak at the rally demanding an end to the war.

The projected Easter mass actions involving significant numbers of GIs can be a success if we move ahead quickly and involve the entire coalition of all forces against the war. Let's proceed to shake the "new" war administration up and really put on the pressure to **get** the GIs out of Vietnam now.

Let us know if you plan to attend.

Sincerely,



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