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**INTERFAITH LEADERS TO GATHER AT DOWNTOWN
FEDERAL BUILDING TO PROTEST VIOLATIONS OF
GENEVA CONVENTION AT GUANTANAMO BAY**

WHAT:

**PUBLIC WITNESS AND PRESS CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS AND
STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTION**

WHO:

**BLASE BONPANE, OFFICE OF THE AMERICAS; EDITH DEL CARMEN PENATE,
FUNDACION ISLAMICA PARA CENTRO AMERICA; REV CHRIS PONNET, ST CAMILLUS
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH; TONI VINCENT, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH;
REV NIRVANA GAYLE, AGAPE INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUAL CENTER;
STEPHEN ROHDE, CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER.**

WHEN:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2002 12:30 - 2:00PM

WHERE:

LOS ANGELES FEDERAL BUILDING SIDEWALK, 300 N. LOS ANGELES STREET

Alarmed by the sight of human beings held in cages, in hood and goggles, at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, and shocked by President Bush's refusal to abide by the Geneva Convention, a broad coalition of clergy, lay religious leaders and civil rights advocates will gather together to speak out in favor of human rights and respect for international law.

Despite the fact that President Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld claim that the Guantanamo Bay detainees are not prisoners of war, the Geneva Convention clearly provides that members of the armed forces captured by the enemy are presumptively prisoners of war unless and until a "competent tribunal" rules otherwise. No such tribunal has been convened.

Prisoners of war may not be interrogated, yet that is what is happening at Guantanamo Bay, in direct violation of the Geneva Convention.

This protest is sponsored by Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace, a broad coalition of Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Native Americans and others.

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