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Subject Iraq Labor Tour video preview now available

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Dear Friends and Colleagues

I am pleased to report that the trailer/preview for the documentary video *Meeting Face to Face: Iraqi Labor Leaders Tour the U.S. - June 2005* is now complete and available. Please click: Meeting Face to Face to view the Web page for the documentary and see the trailer (7 minutes 17 seconds).

In June 2005 six senior Iraqi trade union leaders toured the United States hosted by U.S. Labor Against the War, visiting 25 cities and speaking to several thousand unionists, peace activists, and others. This documentary captures the energy and emotions of the tour while expressing the important substantive message Iraqi workers want to convey to all Americans:

end the occupation of Iraq;

oppose the privatization of Iraqi national resources;

and support the right of all Iraqi workers to organize free and independent trade unions.

The documentary takes the story beyond the tour to the AFL -CIO national convention in July 2005 where delegates voted to support the rapid withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq, for the first time in history opposing an on-going U.S. war.

Distribution: Once the documentary is complete (expected December 1, 2005) we will distribute it widely as a tool for education and organizing. We are working with United for Peace and Justice, Code Pink, U.S. Labor Against the War, Educators to Stop the War, and others to bring this resource to the widest network we can establish.

Please give financial support to complete the full 27-minute documentary so thousands more Americans can share the rich experiences of this tour.

Anyone contributing \$100 will receive a copy of the finished documentary as soon as it is complete. Any contribution of \$500 or more will receive on screen credit as well as the documentary (DVD unless VHS requested).

(The DVD will have quite a few features beyond the documentary, including complete footage of the July 2005 AFL-CIO convention debate leading to passage of an anti-war resolution, footage of the negotiations among the Iraqis and USLAW leaders hammering out the tour's final joint statement, and footage of the labor contingent in the September 24 anti-war march and rally in Washington DC.)

To contribute, make your check payable to "The Stony Brook Foundation" and indicate on it or in a cover letter that it is "for Meeting Face to Face." Send to

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All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

If you would like a free DVD or VHS copy of the trailer to use in a fundraising event for *Meeting Face to Face*, send an email request with the following information:

the audience and type of event you will organize (union meeting, house party, peace group, etc.);

the approximate date of the event;

the name and address to which the DVD or video should be sent. We will send a DVD unless you specify VHS format.

Send request to address above or to <michael.zweig@stonybrook.edu>

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