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Geneve Gil
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Dear Geneve Gil:

I am writing on behalf of the Center for Women in Coalition at the University of California, Riverside, to invite you to participate in an international conference, *Frontline Feminisms: Women, War, and Resistance*, to be held on the Riverside campus, January 16-18, 1997.

This innovative international conference will bring together feminist activist and grass-roots organizers, scholars, policy-makers, and artists, to focus on the dramatic evolution of women's analytical and organizational responses to a range of militarized situations. A central goal is to make the projects and organizations involving themselves in this work visible beyond their particular contexts, and to call the attention of professional communities concerned with democratization, human rights, and the evolution of civil society to the advances being achieved through feminist initiatives. The gathering will provide a forum for the communication and discussion of theoretical and practical initiatives from around the world, many of which have evolved in isolation from each other and from mainstream academia and media.

We feel that your contribution to this unique event will be invaluable. We would be very pleased if you could accept our invitation.

We have also been invited to submit a book prospectus to a press and may soon have a contract with them to publish the conference proceedings. Meanwhile, we are investigating the possibilities of publishing simultaneously with several presses abroad. A video archive and a complete audio-tape record will be created, on which radio programming and possibly a video release will be based.

Most important, of course, will be the rich opportunities offered by the conference to meet, exchange experiences-information-histories, explore new perspectives-strategies, and build new coalitions. The conference will embrace a range of discourses and topics, combining scholarly work with position papers, background briefings, testimonial accounts, workshops, videos, and creative pieces. This purposely heterogeneous range of "languages" will appeal to the many

communities, within and beyond the academy, concerned with issues involving women and militarization.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to call, fax, write or email any of the organizers if you would like to discuss any aspect of the conference or your participation.

Sincerely,



Marguerite Waller
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