

## Suggested “Talking Points” for Letters to the Judge

1. The charges were unnecessarily severe and did not fit the crimes committed.
2. The potential punishment (10 plus years) does not fit the crimes committed.
3. The prosecution unjustly and unnecessarily inflated a simple case of trespass and vandalism into felonies.
4. Justice demands an adequate defense. But the Defendants were denied the right to adequately defend themselves by discussing *their motivations*, the nuclear weapons treaties broken by the U.S. and our nation’s violations of international law.
5. Justice requires distinguishing between peaceful acts of protest and terrorism. Peaceful protest is not sabotage. Civil disobedience is not terrorism.
6. Terrorism is use of force and violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce. Terrorism endangers human life.
7. The defendants actions were purely *symbolic*. They engaged in *nonviolent* civil disobedience. They did no significant damage to property or any “war” effort. No one was hurt, killed, or endangered.
8. Their *intent* was to awaken the national conscience and to inform the public by publicizing the waste, and illegality of nuclear weapons. They did not intend to harm the national defense.
9. There is no public safety need to incarcerate these aging peaceful protesters. They are not a threat to society.
10. Our civil liberties are in peril when non-violent, peaceful protesters, exercising their right to petition the government, are convicted of sabotage or when citizens are branded terrorists for opposing the government.
11. We should be thanking these protesters for highlighting the lax security at this very dangerous facility, rather than incarcerating them!

### Ask the judge for justice in the case by...

1. Using his discretion to issue lenient sentences that better fit the offences actually committed.
2. Using his authority to reduce the charges to fit the crimes committed.
3. Sentencing the defendants to community service since they are not violent, dangerous, or a threat to public safety.