

May 20, 2024

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

According to media reports, the United States of America carried out subcritical nuclear-weapons tests in western Nevada State on May 14, 2024. As the possibility of nuclear weapons use is increasing, with Russia having repeatedly hinted that such weapons could be employed since the military invasion of Ukraine, no end in sight to the fighting between Israel and the Islamist group Hamas, and North Korea making advancements in missile and nuclear weapons development, this is tantamount to trampling on the feeling of the survivors of the atomic bombing, who appeal for the abolishment of nuclear arms and for "Nagasaki to be the last atomic bombing site on earth."

The citizens of Nagasaki and the atomic bombing survivors who experienced the calamity that nuclear weapons wrought 79 years ago feel great anger and a deep sense of crisis with regard to this subcritical nuclear weapons test conducted in your country.

Here at the Nagasaki Foundation for the Promotion of Peace, an organization operated jointly by the government and citizens of the atomic-bombed city of Nagasaki that aims to bring about the elimination of nuclear weapons and the realization of eternal peace in the world, we vehemently protest these subcritical tests and would very much like to have you visit the atomic-bombed city of Nagasaki in order to learn what nuclear weapons did to humankind and reflect on the earnest feelings of those in the atomic-bombed city. We also strongly request that you to demonstrate leadership in bringing about a world free of nuclear weapons.

Yours sincerely,

Susumu Shirabe
Chairman of the Nagasaki Foundation
for the Promotion of Peace