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"I AM ADDICTED TO "RULES OF WAR."HELP CURE MY ILLNESS. TEACH ME YOUR ARTICLE 9 "RULES OF LAW."

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Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution

Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people
forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means
of settling international disputes.

In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as
well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will
not be recognized.

- Good (morning) (afternoon) (evening) my Japanese friends. I am Uncle Sam, the iconic
representation of the United States of America, which at this time in world affairs elicits
many feelings of anger, disgust, distrust, and frustration all over the globe. Some people
make effigies of me that they burn or hang.

- At the outset let me say that in spite of all the bad things you know and hear about me,
I do have a decent and a good side. Dr. Overby and millions of my citizens seek for me to
grow to follow this more hopeful path that is inherent in my birth over two centuries ago.
Unfortunately, I am not in control of myself. "Handlers" and "controllers run me. My handlers
and controllers are the governments that my people elect. As you know, some of the things
they have done in my name are not so very nice.

- As the title of my talk and the signs that I carry indicate, I have an addiction problem. I
am addicted to war and to the "rules of war." (See page 12 for the "signs" carried by Uncle
Sam.) My addiction is especially evident and horrendous at the moment with President

1 These remarks are by a kind of Uncle Sam that Dr. Overby and millions of his fellow US citizens seek for America.
This kind of Sam is different from the common current image of him. These words and views are Overby's alone, not
those of any organizations, past or present, with which he has or has had a connection.

2 I wish to recognize and honor Dr. Hiroshi Katsumori, (my deceased friend, colleague, Article 9 admirer, and founder
of the "A9S – Japan") – and his dear wife, Megumi and family. Hiroshi died on 9 June 2004.

Bush³ as my "Handler in Chief." You might find it somewhat incongruous to hear these
different views coming from me, Uncle Sam, in this talk. Bear with me and I think that you
will understand.

MY BRAND OF MILITARIANISM

- My speaking time is limited, so let me recommend that you see the following seven books
if you would like to better understand this path of violence, militarism, and war that is United
States history, a history about which most US citizens are generally quite ignorant. These
books are – [1] Michael Sherry⁴, *In The Shadow of War: The United States since the 1930s*;
[2] Chalmers Johnson⁵, *The Sorrows of Empire Militarism, Secrecy, and the End of the Republic*;
(See also Chalmers Johnson, "Blowback," *The Nation*, October 15, 2001, pages
13-15, for an excellent assessment of the reasons for tragic 9/11 – and *Blowback: The
Costs and Consequences of American Empire*; [3] Andrew Bacevich⁶, *The New American
Militarism: How Americans Are Seduced By War*; [4] Joel Andreas⁷, *Addicted to War: Why
the U.S. Can't Kick Militarism*. Andreas is an easy to read illustrated comic book edition
with a serious message. It is translated into Japanese; [5] Walter LaFeber⁸, *Inevitable
Revolutions: The United States in Central America*; [6] Howard Zinn⁹, *A People's History of
the United States: 1492 – Present*; and [7] James W. Loewen¹⁰, *Lies My Teacher Told Me*:

3 Some combat veterans like Dr. Overby and also many other Americans think of the Bush group as "chicken-hawk"
leaders who have led us into this awful Iraqi war, based on lies and half truths, a war that has also dragged your country
into it in ways that further violate Article 9 of your constitution. Many of my present handlers, including President Bush
himself, seem to love war so long as they personally do not have to put their little bodies in danger, by fighting it themselves.
The great irony is that this group of neocons and a variety of other types of ideologues in the Bush administration
specifically avoided their war – the Vietnam tragedy. President Bush received help from his then powerful Congressman
daddy, Bush the First, to get into the Texas Air National Guard (TANG). Everyone knew that TANG would never go to
Vietnam, thus it became a haven for multitudes of the children of the rich and powerful, leaving the horrors of Vietnam
to blacks, other minorities, the poor, and those who actually initially believed the lies about the Vietnam war.

4 Sherry, Michael S., *In The Shadow of War: The United States since the 1930s*, Yale University Press, New Haven
and London, 1995.

5 Johnson, Chalmers, *The Sorrows of Empire: Militarism, Secrecy, and the End of the Republic*, Metropolitan Books,
Henry Holt and Co., New York, 2004. See also "Blowback," *The Nation*, October 15, 2001, pages 13-15, for an excellent
assessment of the reasons for tragic 9/11. Also see, *Blowback: The Costs and Consequences of American Empire*, Henry
Holt and Co., New York, 2000.

6 Bacevich, Andrew, J., *The New American Militarism: How Americans Are Seduced By War*, Oxford University Press,
2005.

7 Andreas, Joel, *Addicted To War: Why the U.S. Can't Kick Militarism*, an illustrated (comic book) expose€, ISBN: 1
902593 57 X, 2002. Available at Frank Dorrel, www.addictedtowar.com, AK Press (US) www.akpress.org, and AK Press
(UK) www.akuk.com. I think this little book might be translated into Japanese and available in Japan.

8 LaFeber, Walter, *Inevitable Revolutions: The United States in Central America*, W.W. Norton Co. 1984.

9 Zinn, Howard, *A People's History of the United States: 1492 – Present*, Harper Collins, 1999.

10 James W. Loewen, *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong*. Touchstone
Books, Simon & Schuster 1995. This book is available in Japanese and is also unabridged in English on 12 CDs, at
www.recordedbooks.com.

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- To read the official versions of my current handlers policies, please see the following two policy statements [a] “The National Security Strategy of the United States of America,” 2002,¹¹ and [b] “The National Defense Strategy of The United States of America,” 2005¹². Typing their titles into your web browser should bring up both of these official documents.
- Sherry, *In The Shadow of War*, characterizes the USA, since before World War II, as a culture living in a state of “militarization” which he defines as – “... the contradictory and tense social process in which civil society organizes itself for the production of violence.” Dr. Overby says that he understands Sherry’s perception in that he is a product of that culture. Please see Overby’s brief vita on his Article 9 Society web site, www.article9society.org. Bacevich, a Vietnam veteran and West Point graduate with a Princeton history Ph.D., calls himself a political conservative who feels that America’s militarism is a violation of genuine conservative principles. And of course all of you known about Asian scholar, and former Vietnam War hawk, Chalmers Johnson who is a leading critic of America’s current path.

11 <http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nssall.html>. “The National Security Strategy of the United States of America” (NSS). This is a policy statement on US imperialism, “preemptive wars,” etc. etc – published in September 2002, but with origins going way back to the late 1980s and early 1990s. The chief father of this document is said to be Paul Wolfowitz, recently America’s chief weapons salesperson to Japan (missile defense systems boondoggle). Wolfowitz is presently the US’s choice to be the president of The World Bank. Wolfowitz and John Bolton, Bush’s choice for US ambassador to the United Nations, are or soon will be in positions so as to significantly dismantle planet Earth.

In the NSS document, there is no sign of “compassionate conservatism” or “creative diplomacy.” It is all about the massive use of all forms of US military force – with the implicit erroneous assumption that most all problems have a military solution. One section of this document defines “rogue states.” Following is a paragraph from Dr. Overby’s 2003 Japan paper, available at www.article9society.org comparing the NSS’s definition of “rogue states” with some of the US’s behavior – my conclusion, my goodness the NSS has defined the US itself as a rogue state.

“Chapter V, page 14, the NSS discusses more of the attributes of “rogue states” who wish to harm us – they are states who “... display no regard for international law, threaten their neighbors, and callously violate international treaties to which they are a party.” My goodness, this excerpt quite well defines the United States itself. Perhaps this is why some people like Noam Chomsky, *Rogue States: The Rule of Force in World Affairs*, South End Press, 2000; William Blum,

Rogue States: A Guide to the World’s Only Superpower, Common Courage Press, Monroe Maine, 2000; Clyde Prestowitz,

Rogue Nation: American Unilateralism and the Failure of Good Intentions, Basic Books, New York, 2003 – (and me) see the US as the world’s chief “rogue state.” To understand this let us list just a few of our most recent disregards of international law and treaties to which we are a party. [1] The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (the US has never ratified this treaty and is now planning to build “mini-nukes” for preemptive deep underground strikes – a destabilizing act that may well unleash a new round of nuclear testing); [2] The Mine Ban Treaty; [3] The Chemical Weapons Convention; [4] The Bioweapons Protocol; [5] The Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (Bush unilaterally withdrew the US from this treaty so as to push ahead with missile defense systems); [6] The Child Soldiers Protocol; [7] The International Criminal Court; [8] The Small Arms Action Plan; [9] The Kyoto Protocol; [10] The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) – Bush rejects parts of Article VI. What gross hypocrisy. Please see the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, “Center Spread,” July/August 2002, page 35 & 37, for details on each of these little demonstrations of United States “rogue statedness.”

12 http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/policy/dod/nds-usa_mar2005_iiib.htm. This web site is a March 2005 document that outlines the USA’s military perspective for the future. Just type its title into your web browser – “The

National Defense Strategy of The United States of America” (NDS). The NDS and “The National Security Strategy of the United States of America (NSS) should be viewed together.

My Addiction

- Dr. Overby, one of my seasoned war veteran citizen counselors and advisors, is trying to help me with my illness. He has encouraged me to come with him to Japan this time as a form of therapy for my addiction. He tells me that I might find some solace and ideas that could help lead to a cure, if I speak sincerely and frankly with you on these afflictions of mine – and most importantly if I listen with care while you tell me how my addiction to war and violence is hurting your lives, your country, and the world. I am especially hoping to learn more from you about your beautiful Article 9 wisdom.

Article 9’s Significance For All Humanity

- Dr. Overby sees Article 9 as metaphorically having risen like a phoenix out of the radioactive ashes of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the holocaust that was World War II. He sees it as not just Japan’s, but rather as all humanity’s cry for an end to that obscene brutal and dominantly masculine game called war. Overby sees Article 9 is a major waypoint on our steady but tottering path of growth, through reason, toward maturity, sanity, and responsibility in how we as a species organize ourselves. To illustrate, he speaks of three important waypoints on this road of hope – the United States Constitution born in 1787, and the United Nation Charter in June 1945, and Article 9 adopted in May 1947.

Three Waypoints On Our Species Path Of Hope

The United States Constitution, 1787

- At my birth as Uncle Sam I had a good side, now seemingly lost in my imperial ventures. My constitution, the US Constitution, was born out of a rich flux of ideas ideals and hopes that were creatively raging in Europe during the 17th and 18th centuries, a period that historians have come to call “The Enlightenment.” The Enlightenment was a philosophical movement that emphasized the use of “reason” to scrutinize previously accepted “doctrines,” “dogmas” and “traditions. Names connected to the ideas associated with my birth are – Jean Jacques Rousseau, Voltaire, Francis Bacon, John Locke, Adam Smith, Jeremy Bentham, Jonathan Swift, Thomas Jefferson, and Tom Payne etc. etc. to name but a few. The US Constitution contains ideas of representative democracy rather than monarchy or theocracy, separation of church and state, free speech rather than repression, reason rather than religious dogma etc. It thus became a significant model for humanity’s growth in how we organize ourselves. Granted that it was and continues to be a flawed document in that at its founding, Native Americans, black slaves, women, and property-less men were excluded. It nevertheless was a “waypoint” on our species journey of reason. Another document on that path is the United Nations Charter.

The United Nations Charter, June 26, 1945

- The United Nations Charter was signed in San Francisco in June 1945 and is another significant waypoint on the road of reason. It is humanity’s hope that never again would we engage in the holocaust barbarity that was World War II. The UN Charter was signed two months before nuclear weapons were unnecessarily unleashed on Japan.

Article 9 Of Japan's Constitution, May 3, 1947

- Overby says, that when he first heard about Japan's Article 9, he thought to himself – “My goodness this is such profound wisdom.” It seemed like the next major step in humankind's growth toward genuine maturity – on the same path as the US Constitution and the UN Charter. The supreme significant difference, however, is that Japan's Article 9 came after Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Article 9 therefore does reflect this new reality of potential nuclear and other kinds of technological annihilation of the species. The US Constitution and the UN Charter do not.

So What Does All Of This Mean For You In Japan?

- So what does all of this have to do with you in Japan? I am the most militarily and economically imperial power the Planet has ever seen. Thus you in Japan and the entire world are inexorably drawn into my behavioral vortex, a storm that some identify as “rogue-state” behavior.¹³ You in Japan are implicated in multitudes of ways – to mention only two, [1] your presence in Iraq, and [2] your being frightened by North Korean threats of having their own nuclear weapons. The Iraq connection is obvious, so in my limited time, let me say just a little about the relationship between US behavior toward North Korea and your fears in Japan.

The North Korean Fiasco

- When President Bush became my “Handler in Chief” in 2000; things were slowly working their way toward some kind of a non-violent resolution of that tragic 55 year-old Korean War for which there is still no peace treaty. President Bush's appointment of John W. Bolton as “Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs” ultimately helped to destabilize that hopeful diplomacy called the “Agreed Framework,” brokered by former President Carter. Bolton, with his right-wing non-diplomatic views and behavior, was a significant factor in exploding this “Agreed Framework”¹⁴ thus helping to stir North Korea's nuclear pot. This frightens you Japanese into spending billions on national missile defense systems that enrich US companies like Raytheon and other missile makers. Of course, my handlers like this because it also helps them launch me into militarizing space. Tragically and frighteningly, it also encourages Japan into thinking that perhaps it needs to possess its own nukes. The chief destabilizer in this problem, I am sorry to have to say, appears to be me, Uncle Sam.

13 See Dr. Overby's 2003 Japan paper on the National Security Strategy of the United States of America NSS where he writes about the NSS definition of “rogue state” and cites a multitude of Bush's US behaviors that identify me, Uncle Sam, as a rouge state.

14 See Dr. Overby's 2003 Japan paper, on our web site, www.article9society.org, the section on, “The Korean Problem.”

- President Bush now passionately seeks to have John W. Bolton be United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Bolton is a man who does not like the UN, and if the appointment is confirmed, he will probably work to further destroy our UN hope as he did to the Korean “Agreed Framework.”
- One small piece of good news that I bring to you is the fact that up to mid June, when I am preparing my remarks for you, the usually weak and timid Democratic Party along with a few very courageous Republicans have thus far denied President Bush a Congressional approval of Bolton's nomination to be our UN Ambassador.

Reason, Not Religious Dogma

- There are so many issues to touch upon, let me briefly address just one and then move on to some things I hope you might do for me that will help me end my addiction to war and violence.
- When I was born in 1776, Enlightenment thinkers wanted to replace “religious dogma” with “human reason” as a basis for organizing our lives. Today in America a significant proportion of our people, conservative fundamentalist Christians, seem to want to abandon “reason” and return to “dogma” and “faith” as means for coping with their problems and fears.
- As many of my citizens experience their existence in my culture, they are disturbed by a multitude of characteristics that they do not like, or really understand. I can identify with this perception because there are many unfulfilling dimensions to living in a culture whose dominant “god” is worshiped in the blind consumption of Earth's resources – generally with utter thoughtless disrespect for the health of dear Mother Earth herself. You in Japan have similar problems but in a different cultural milieu. Please see Overby, et al in their just republished book, *A Call For Peace*¹⁵, for many examples of “green technology by design” that offer several rational suggestions for a meaningful life for all, including Mother Earth.
- Dr. Overby and I feel that “reason” and “intellect” rather than “dogma” and “faith” are the basis for coping with our problems. The philosopher, Paul Kurtz,¹⁶ has put it so eloquently on page 107 in his recent little book, *Affirmations: Joyful and Creative Exuberance*. He says, “The Optimum way of solving political and social questions is to rely on ‘the method

15 Overby, Kunihiro, and Momoi, *A Call For Peace: The Implications of Japan's War-Renouncing Constitution*, originally published by Kodansha International, republished with an updated preface and additional features, by Tachibana Publishing Inc., Tokyo, 2005.

16 Kurtz, Paul, *Affirmations: Joyful and Creative Exuberance*, Prometheus Books, Amherst, NY, 2004.

of intelligence.' Though the content of our political programs and policies may vary, the methodology of critical intelligence is the most reliable guide for social action."

- To help you understand this in an American context, please see a book by *Michael Lerner, The Politics of Meaning: Restoring Hope and Possibility in an Age of Cynicism*.¹⁷ Lerner discusses the alienation, cynicism, selfishness, and materialism of contemporary American culture. He seeks to establish a different "politics of meaning" in America.

- Many of these upsetting features in America arise out of broad cultural difficulties that are obviously not solely my present handlers responsibility. However, many of my citizens are swayed by right-wing fundamentalist Christian Evangelical, millennialists, dominionists etc. etc. – who claim, on the basis of their "religious dogma," to hold "the truth" and to have "the answer."

- Dr. Overby and I, have no objection to citizens practicing whatever kind of religion they wish, if it helps them to live their lives in more wholesome ways, and so long as their religious practice does no harm. My constitution, as does Article 20 of your constitution, gives our citizens the right to worship as they please. We know that much hopeful and positive activity arises out of the world's numerous religions. What we object to is the idea of any one religious group's perceiving themselves as having a monopoly on "religious truth," and thus having god's blessing to establish a theocracy based on their belief and dogma. We do not like this whether it comes in a Muslim Taliban flavor, that of a fundamentalist Christian, fundamentalist Jew, or any other brand of religion. Democracy yes, theocracy no.

- In America a group of right-wing fundamentalist evangelical Christians who do desire to impose their brand of theocracy on all of us – constitute a significant percentage of my voters. They were instrumental in making President Bush my "Handler in Chief" in 2000 and 2004. They consider President Bush as "one of them," and he acknowledges this by referring to himself as a "born again Christian," and by actively showering them with political gifts that they favor – for example, Bush stupidly saying, "no to meaningful stem cell research."

- To know more about this phenomenon in my land, please see the entire May 2005 issue of *Harpers Magazine*;¹⁸ and the March 2005 "policy statement" of the National Association

17 Lerner, Michael, *The Politics of Meaning: Restoring Hope and Possibility in an Age of Cynicism*, Addison Wesley, 1996. Lerner discusses the alienation, cynicism, selfishness, and materialism of contemporary American culture. He seeks to establish a "politics of meaning" in America where institutions will be judged according to how well they tend to maximize ethical, loving, and caring relationships – and in which there is "community," and not just "individuality," important as that also is.

18 *Harpers Magazine*, May 2005 – Lewis Lapham, NOTEBOOK, "The wrath of the lamb"; Gordon Bigelow, "Let There Be Markets: The evangelical roots of economics;" and Chris Hedges, "Soldiers Of Christ."

of Evangelicals (NAE) on their web site.¹⁹ You might also just type into your web browser, the NEA name, or the words, "dominionist," "millennialist" to sense the flavor of these groups. Please also see Dr. Overby's Japan 2003 paper²⁰ on the Article 9 Society's web site for a long footnote discussion of what Overby refers to as the "Armageddon Crazies." Authors LeHay and Jenkins have produced several books, in the "Left Behind," series based on Biblical prophecy about the second coming of Christ. "Left behind" refers to all those who will not be taken up to heaven with Christ after Armageddon because they are not believers in Christ. In just a few years somewhere around 60,000,000 copies of these books have been sold in America.

Three Requests Of You

- There are a multitude of things that I might explore with you, but time is so limited. Let me conclude my remarks with three matters of great urgency for which I seek your help. [1] I urge you peace and justice groups all over Japan to find a way to work cooperatively together in "inclusiveness" rather than divisively fighting each other in a climate of "exclusiveness" as you seek to save your Article 9's integrity and ultimately to restore it to its pristine purity. [2] I urge you to work to have Japan take the lead in enforcing Articles VI and VII of the 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). [3] I urge you to help me get a constitutional amendment like your Article 9, read into my Congressional Record.

Japanese Peace Group Inclusiveness Rather Than Exclusiveness

- Article 9, as you know, is in grave danger at this time. Your government with the complete encouragement of my handlers, the Bush government, seeks to further demolish this rule of law in your constitution that forbids war for Japan. Unfortunately my handlers (the US government) have a mistaken vision that once they have been able to nudge your government into completely destroying Article 9 they can in perpetuity control your unleashed military, the SDF. Thus enabling me, Uncle Sam, to use Japanese youth as my surrogate army in "situations in areas surrounding Japan." "Situations in areas surrounding Japan." is an Orwellian phrase taken from the "The 1997 Guidelines For US—Japan Defense Cooperation."²¹

19 Please see http://www.nae.net/images/civic_responsibility2.pdf . This web-site is a March 2005 statement by the USA National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) titled, "For the Health of the Nation: An Evangelical Call to Civic Responsibility." You can get to this, their "policy statement," by typing its title into your web browser.

20 Overby, Charles, "Article 9: Humanity's Pleas For Rules-of-Law Rather Than Rules-of-War – Menaced by a Rogue State." A paper for presentation in Japan, October and November 2003.

21 Overby, Charles, "Save Article – 9 With Non-Military Japan-US Cooperation," paper for presentation in Japan, October and November 1998. In this paper, along with other things, I discuss some of the Orwellian words and language that meander through a document called, "The 1997 Guidelines For US—Japan Defense Cooperation." In discussing where Japanese SDF might be used, this piece of obfuscation says that they can be used in "situations in areas surrounding Japan." Shortly later in the document it reads, "The concept, situations in areas surrounding Japan, is not geographical but situational." My goodness, how grossly ludicrous a way to enable Japanese SDF to be used wherever the US wishes them to be used around the planet. It is better to have Japanese youth, rather than US youth, kill and be killed in our wars in "situations in areas surrounding Japan."

- In the summer of 2004, a wonderful new peace group that calls itself the Article 9 Association (A9A) was formed by nine respected Japanese intellectuals and cultural leaders. This group joined several other groups in Japan who are also working to save Article 9. The formation of this A9A group was such good news, in that it promised to bring out additional multitudes of Japanese people who thus far have not been too actively involved in the struggle to save Article 9.

- Unfortunately I hear that there seems to be an “exclusivity” problem within Japanese peace and justice groups. Apparently some people involved in running this new A9A group, and perhaps people with similar views in other groups – think that certain peace groups and persons, for one reason or another, are not worthy of being allowed to join in a broad massive non-violent effort across Japan to stop Article 9’s slaughter. These “exclusionary” ideas lead to Japanese peace groups fighting one another rather than cooperating in fighting our governments’ lust to completely destroy Article 9.

- It is most important for all Japanese peace and justice groups to put aside their individual idiosyncrasies and differences – and band together “inclusively” in a unified and cooperative massive effort to send a strong message to your and my governments that we want Article 9 to be restored to its full and beautiful pristine essence, rather than destroyed. I thus plead for all Japanese peace groups to come together in “inclusiveness” rather than to split asunder in “exclusiveness.”

- Our governments love to have peace and justice groups fight each other. It makes their job of killing Article 9 so much easier when internecine warfare exists between peace and justice groups. In the USA, my handlers not only enjoy seeing peace and justice groups fight each other – they finance and promote it. US peace and justice groups have been infiltrated and multitudes of “dirty tricks” have been used from within to disrupt their efforts and to promote divisiveness between groups. I have no “smoking gun” evidence, but I would not be surprised if this is happening here in Japan in these times. The literature on CIA, FBI and other US intelligence and security agencies involvements in these kinds of activities is massive. Allow me to share the titles of just a few – Halperin²², et al, *The Lawless State: The Crimes of the U.S. Intelligence Agencies*; Blackstone²³, *Cointelpro: The FBI’s Secret War on Political Freedom*; Marchetti and Marks²⁴, *The CIA: And The Cult of Intelligence*. See also Schaller²⁵, *Altered States: The United States And Japan Since The Occupation*, for interesting documentation on CIA contamination of your Japanese elections in the 1950s and 1960s.

22 Halperin, Morton, Berman, Jerry, Borosage, Robert, and Marwick, Christine, *The Lawless State: The Crimes of the U.S. Intelligence Agencies*, Penguin Books, 1977.

23 Blackstone, Nelson, *Cointelpro: The FBI’s Secret War on Political Freedom*, Vintage Books, 1976.

24 Marchetti, Victor, and Marks, John, *The CIA: And The Cult of Intelligence*, Dell Publishing, 1974.

25 Schaller, Michael, *Altered States: The United States And Japan Since The Occupation*, Oxford University Press, 1997.

I Nuked You – It is time for you to “De-Nuke Me”

- In 1945 my “Handler in Chief” at the time, President Truman, persuaded me to unnecessarily “nuke” you in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This gives you a supreme right to lead the world in the fulfillment of Articles VI and VII of the 1970 NPT (the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty). These Articles read as follows –

- Article VI – “Each of the parties to the Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control”

- Article VII – “Nothing in this Treaty affects the right of any group of States to conclude regional treaties in order to assure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories.”

- Zero results from the May 2005 New York City, United Nations; Review Conference on the NPT illustrates the magnitude of this urgent challenge for Japan.

- Massive non-violent efforts by you in these two domains would be so helpful to me in overcoming my addiction to war and violence. Check out New Zealand, David Lange’s, 1980s, successful efforts to declare New Zealand a nuclear free state, in line with Article VII. Also see efforts by Kochi Prefecture to have a nuclear free harbor.

An Article 9 Type of an Amendment to the US Constitution

- Finally, my Japanese friends, I ask your help in getting an Article 9 type of amendment read into my Congressional Record (CR). The CR is the Congress’s official document of record. Please note that all I am asking of you is your help in getting these few words below, read into the CR. Dr. Overby tells me that he has tried unsuccessfully many times to get some Member of Congress (MOC) to do this.

- Dr. Overby also tells me that Congressman, Dennis Kucinich has been invited to Hiroshima for the ceremony on the 60th anniversary of Hiroshima’s vaporization. Congressman Kucinich and Overby are both from the State of Ohio. I ask you Japanese Article 9 loving citizens all over Japan to find creative ways to ask Congressman Kucinich to read this proposed US constitutional amendment himself – and then to take it home to America and courageously stand on the floor of our House of Representatives, and read it into the Congressional Record.

- Overby assures me that he has no illusions about any serious action on this matter by the Congress. You should know, however, that during the 1920s and 1930s there were many Article 9 type war-renouncing amendments proposed and yes, significantly debated,

in the Congress. I think that this willingness came from the gross obscenity that was World War I. To understand my reason for calling World War I a “gross obscenity” please read Barbara Tuchman’s book, *The Guns Of August*, which I think is probably translated into Japanese.

- Note that Dr. Overby is also taking this proposed amendment to the US Veterans Fo Peace (VFP) annual convention in Dallas Texas, in early August 2005 and asking VFP’s help in getting it read into the Congressional Record. Here it is.

A Proposed Amendment To The United States Constitution

*For Congressman Dennis Kucinich In Hiroshima on August 6, 2005 and
For Veterans For Peace Consideration At Their 2005 VFP Annual Convention
Dallas Texas, August 4-7, 2005*

“Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, we the people of the United States forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes.

In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized.

Recognizing that conflict is part of the human condition, the United States, will henceforth work in cooperation with the United Nations, The World Court and all other relevant international institutions, and all other nations to resolve its international conflicts with non-violent means under international rules-of-law, as it does its domestic conflicts under national rules-of-law. The United States will abandon its addiction to “rules-of-war” in favor of “rules-of-law.”

Any provisions of the United States Constitution that are in conflict with this war-renunciation amendment are hereby rendered null and void.

The Congress shall have the power to enact appropriate legislation to give effect to this amendment.”

Submitted by Dr. Charles Overby, member of VFP, veteran of WW-II and Korea (combat pilot in Korea), Ohio University emeritus professor, internationalist, humanist, peace activist, engineering environmentalist, and the 1991 founder of the Article 9 Society.

Japanese friends – thank you for listening to me. I urge you all to cooperatively work together to save your wisdom, Article 9. Perhaps Dr. Overby may have a few things to say now that I am done.

Signs carried by Uncle Sam in July 2005 in Japan – printed in Japanese and English

I AM ADDICTED TO WAR. PLEASE CURE ME WITH ARTICLE 9.	I LOVE "RULES OF WAR." TEACH ME YOUR ARTICLE 9 "RULES OF LAW."	I AM SICK. I LOVE WAR. CURE ME WITH ARTICLE 9.
I NUKED YOU. IT IS TIME YOU PULLED MY NUCLEAR TEETH.	I NUKED YOU. DE-NUKE ME WITH A NUCLEAR FREE WORLD.	I NUKED YOU. IT IS TIME YOU DE-NUKED ME.

Signs carried by Uncle Sam at the Veterans For Peace (VFP) convention in Dallas, early August 2005.

I AM ADDICTED TO WAR. PLEASE HELP ME FIND A CURE WITH WAR-RENOUNCING ARTICLE 9.	I LOVE "RULES OF WAR." PLEASE TEACH ME ARTICLE 9'S WAR-RENOUNCING "RULES OF LAW."
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Uncle Sam
Portrayed by Performing Artist
Chuck Overby
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