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**3 MINUTES  
WORLD SILENCE**

**GARNAUT CLIMATE CHANGE REVIEW**

1st January

**Submission: 3 Minutes World Silence**

**By Mary Cassini**



**3 Minutes World Silence takes place every January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11.00 a.m., local time. The message of the World Silence is for every one of us to remember the future and to wish for peace.**

**The purpose of this time of silence is to reach the conscience of people everywhere over the course of 24 hours and to consider our inherent relationship to each other and to our earth.**

**I initiated this simple event late in 1983. The first World Silence was held on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1984.**

**In 1986 I travelled worldwide to publicise the event. It was officially accepted by the (then) Soviet Union as a positive way to join the western nations in forging new relationships.**

**Over the years the 3 Minutes World Silence has encompassed many different cultures and beliefs, and has been endorsed by world leaders. The Federal Parliament hosted an exhibition for the event 1989/90.**

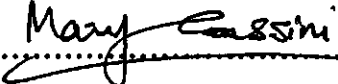
**As a global “thinking-time”, especially as people are awakening to the reality of climate change, this event helps to remind us all of our personal responsibility to each other and to our earth.**

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and to wish for peace

**Please see attached documents and website [www.worldsilence.com](http://www.worldsilence.com)**

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**1 April 2008**

(Signed).....

**Mary Cassini**

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### 3 MINUTES WORLD SILENCE

The 3 Minutes World Silence takes place each January 1st at 11 o'clock in the morning, local time.

Its message is for every one of us to remember the future and to wish for peace.

Founded in 1983 by Mary Cassini, a weaver and actor, the first World Silence took place in Pike's Brewery, Oakbank, South Australia, at the eleventh hour on January 1st, 1984.

To tell everyone about the World Silence, Mary wrote letters to many people worldwide. In 1986, with her husband, Peter Stapleton, she travelled around the world to tell people about the event. The journey included the USA, UK, Scandinavia, Europe, the former Soviet Union, Pakistan, India, and China. The idea was universally supported 'for our children and for the future of mankind.'

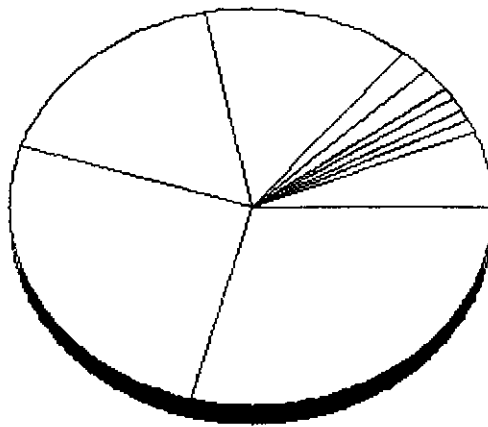
In 1987, Mary was invited by the International Theatre Institute in Russia to take part in Mikhail Gorbachev's "Moscow Forum for Human Survival," and in December, 1989, her initiative received front-page coverage in the Russian newspaper "Pravda."

Exhibitions mounted for the World Silence include a large blue fibreglass globe, lighting up the world's 36 time zones. Prepared by students of Birdwood High School, South Australia, this globe, accompanied by an historic "Book of Letters," has been displayed in many places, notably in Parliament House, Canberra, and in 1990/91 in Jewish and Arab areas in and around Jerusalem.

"Footsteps," a soundscape to celebrate the World Silence, was composed by Ros Bandt in 1991. Premiered on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's ABC FM station on 1st January, 1992, this composition has been broadcast on many radio stations worldwide.

Internet: [www.worldsilence.com](http://www.worldsilence.com)  
[www.sounddesign.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.sounddesign.unimelb.edu.au)

## Usage by Country for March 2008



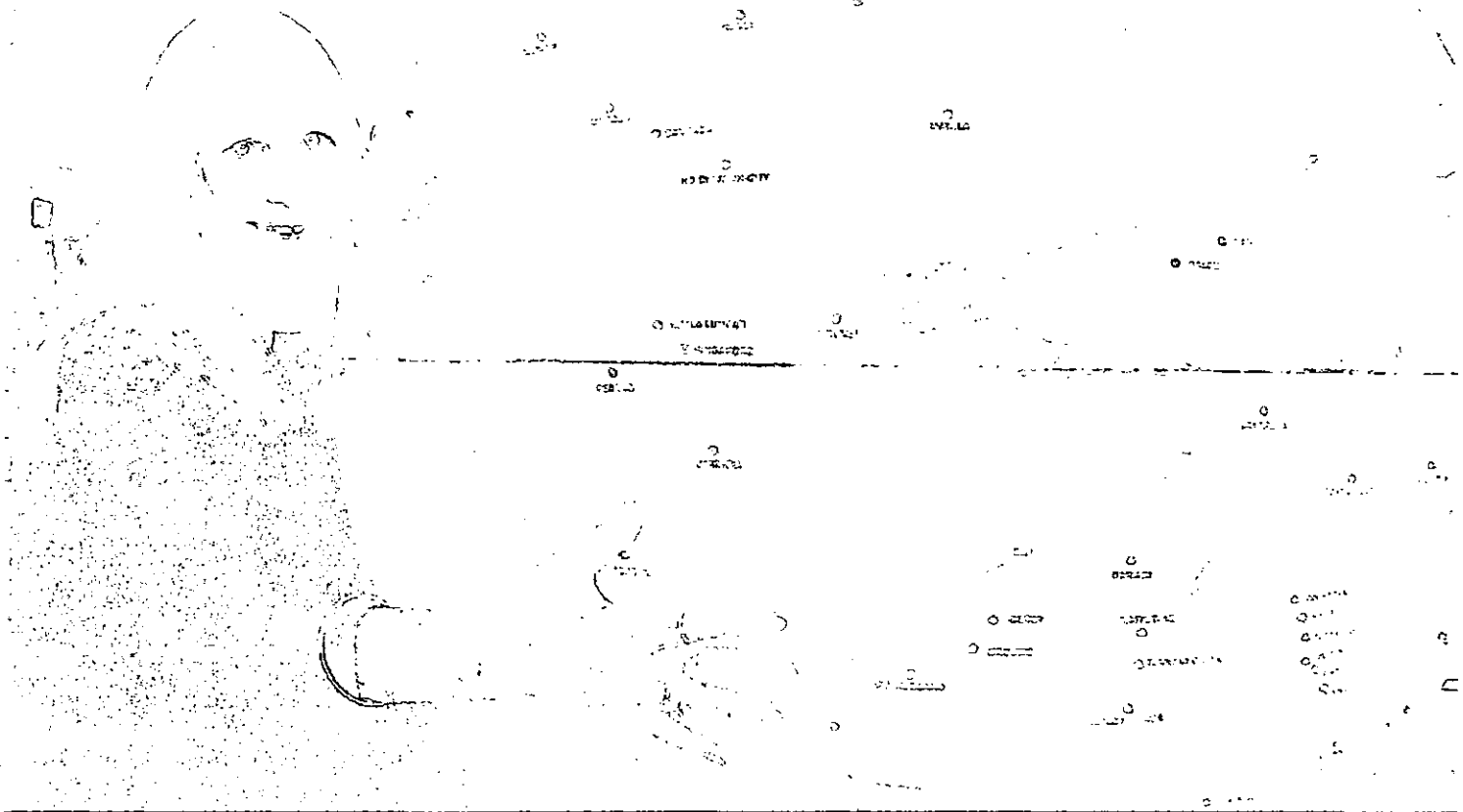
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 Singapore (1%)  
 Non-Profit Organization (1%)  
 Switzerland (1%)  
 Germany (1%)  
 Other (6%)

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6	12	12	28	China
7	7	4	43	Singapore
8	6	6	17	Non-Profit Organization
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16	4	2	14	Seychelles
17	3	3	8	India
18	3	3	5	Norway

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# Embracing world peace



Mary Cassini with her globe and its message of hope for peace around the world.

Nearly 25 years ago an Oakbank couple had the idea of a three-minute silence for world peace.

Now their idea has spread around the world, helping to raise awareness about the plight of people in regions ravaged by war or natural disaster.

It began in 1983 when Mary Cassini and her husband Peter Stapleton took part in a peace vigil in Victoria Square, Adelaide.

The vigil ended with the group holding hands as the town hall clock chimed 11am.

"I felt a powerful surge of positive energy through the linked hands," Ms Cassini said.

"I went home, and over the next few days developed the idea of a united silence for the world."

The couple held their first World Silence on January 1, 1984, then started to write to world leaders, asking them to hold a similar event in their countries.

In 1986 the couple travelled around

the world, including to the US, UK, Europe and Asia, to help spread the message.

"In East and West, the idea was universally supported for our children and for the future of mankind," Ms Cassini said.

The following year she was invited to attend the Moscow Forum for Human Survival.

### World without frontiers

In 1987 the couple had a large fibreglass globe made with the help of Birdwood High School students, to highlight the message more strongly.

It shows major cities and time zones, but not country boundaries.

Lights come on in sequence, as each time zone reaches 11am.

The globe has been displayed in many Australian venues, including Parliament House, Canberra, and also Jewish and Arab areas in and around Jerusalem.

"We're trying to get the whole world

together to join in understanding and hope," Ms Cassini said.

"Our website is visited by people from all over.

"The aim is to encourage more people to think of the future and wish for peace.

"We think it is making a difference, by raising awareness of troubles in other parts of the world."

Since starting the World Silence, Ms Cassini has had letters of support from two Popes, the late King Hussein of Jordan, the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, also the International Crisis Group representing 80 countries.

A 15-minute audio 'Footsteps' composed by Ros Bandt includes sounds from around the world has also been broadcast on many radio stations each January 1 - with the final sound being Adelaide's chimes.

Until early next year the globe will be on display in the visitor information centre at Mt Lofty Summit.



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

FIRST SECTION - GENERAL AFFAIRS

From the Vatican, 22 December 2005

Dear Miss Cassini,

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has received your letter and has asked me to thank you. He appreciates the sentiments which prompted you to write to him about your on-going work for peace.

The Holy Father will remember you in his prayers. He invokes upon you God's abundant blessings.

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

Monsignor Gabriele Caccia  
Assessor

Miss Mary Cassini  
Pike's Brewery  
9 Elizabeth Street  
Oakbank, SA 5243

20/12/2004

MRS. Mary Cassini  
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Dear Mrs. Cassini,

Thank you again for your letter concerning the 3- minute world silence .We are arranging to share this moment with the world hoping that the new year will bring something better for the humanity.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours truly,

Radwan Abu Ayyas  
Deputy Minister  
PBC Chairman



8 December 2003

international crisis group



Ms Mary Cassini  
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Dear Ms Cassini,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 10 October inviting the International Crisis Group to participate in your 3 Minutes World Silence on 1 January 2004.

As I promised last year, I will propose to my colleagues at the International Crisis Group to observe the three minutes of silence that you have advocated for over the last two decades.

Best of luck with your continuing and generous efforts for this noble cause.

Yours sincerely,

GARETH EVANS  
President

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From the Vatican, 3 February 2003

Dear Miss Cassini,

His Holiness Pope John Paul II has received your letter concerning your continuing work for peace, and he has directed me to express his gratitude and to assure you of his prayers.

His Holiness invokes upon you God's abundant blessings.

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

Monsignor Gabriele Caccia  
Assessor

Miss Mary Cassini  
Pike's Brewery  
9 Elizabeth Street  
Oakbank, SA 5243



THE PRIVATE OFFICE  
OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING

**The Royal Hashemite Court**

Amman

October 29th, 1996

Dear Ms Cassini,

His Majesty King Hussein I has commanded me to thank you very much indeed for your kind invitation to join people of all nations on January 1st, 1997 at 11:00am (local time) in observing "*3 Minutes World Silence*" for every one "*to remember the future and to wish for peace*".

Once again, on behalf of His Majesty, thank you for notifying His Majesty of this important event in aid of world peace.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier Ali Shukri  
Director

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AUSTRALIA POST

Journal

February 1992

**WORLD HEARS OUR CHIMES**

**T**HE clocktower bells of Adelaide GPO helped radio listeners in many countries to commune in thought on New Year's Day. The bells chimed through 36 time zones around the world.

It was part of a well established annual event. In 1983 Mary Cassini, of Oakbank, South Australia, initiated the concept of Three Minutes World Silence - a global union of thought focussed on the future, with a wish for peace.

The first World Silence was in 1984.

Mary's idea has since been acclaimed by leading individuals and notable organisations in a number of countries.

Melbourne composer Ros Bandt was commissioned by Mary to create a "sound-

scape" composition to complement and underline the concept for this year's broadcast. The work included fireworks from Spain, boats in Italy and France, bells from Munich, Germany, a human heartbeat and various contributions from Australia including - as a finale - the sound of the Adelaide GPO bells.

The latter correspond to the chimes of Great St Marys in Cambridge and the Houses of Parliament in London, both in Britain. These are said to ring out the words:-

"Lord in this hour, be thou my guide, Kept by thy power, no foot will slide."

Adelaide GPO clocktower (and bells) - helped radio listeners around the world to commune in thought.





ATTORNEY-GENERAL

5 December 1989

Miss Mary Cassini  
3 Minutes World Silence  
Pike's Brewery  
Oakbank  
South Australia 5243  
AUSTRALIA

Dear Mary Cassini

Thank you for your letter of 24 November 1989.

During my term as Prime Minister I was pleased and proud to support the 3 Minutes World Silence campaign. I will continue to support this worthy cause in the future.

The kind sentiments expressed in your letter were much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Lange', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

David Lange

serve the same support that the community and public hospitals throughout Australia presently get.

**Mr JOHN SCOTT (Hindmarsh)**—I would like to convey to the House, to you, Mr Speaker, and to the President of the Senate the sincere thanks of Mary Cassini for the assistance given in allowing her to present the three minutes world silence exhibition in the new Parliament House. Mary Cassini initiated the three minutes world silence in 1983 and was able, with the help of the Speaker, the President and others, including Senator Bolkus, Senator Jo Vallentine, Mr Alexander Downer and Mr Peter Duncan, to have the three minutes world silence exhibition held in Parliament House. Mary Cassini has asked me to convey her thanks, and says:

It is with deep thanks to this Parliament that I address this House. Thank you for your far-sightedness in allowing the '3 minutes world silence' exhibition to take place in Parliament House over the New Year. Over the three days nearly 16,000 people, visitors from many countries, saw the exhibition and noted its message. Some already knew of the World Silence. Others went away with hope for a better world.

**Mr BRADFORD (McPherson)**—I would like to inform the House that the

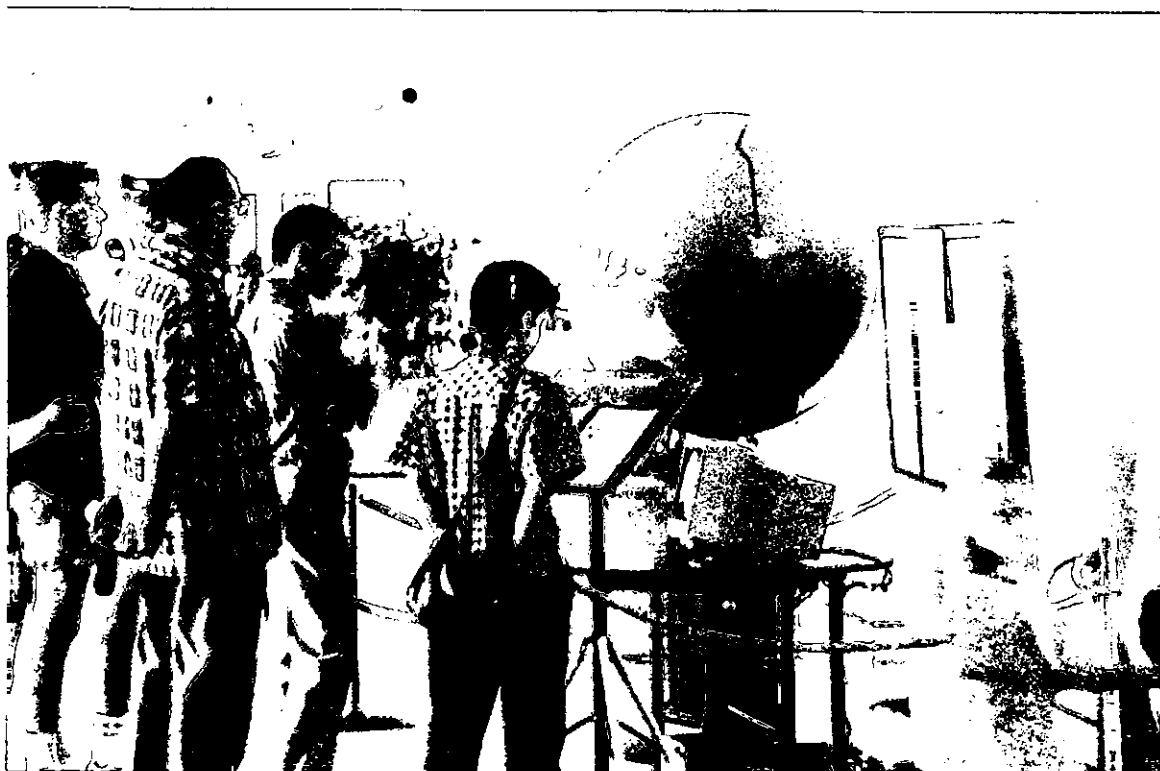
all members are welcome to attend for a time of fellowship and stimulation.

**Mr RONALD EDWARDS (Stirling)**—I note with sadness the death today of Sammy Davis Jr. This follows the death of Sarah Vaughan. Both were very distinguished performers; both died of cancer; and both were heavy smokers. The message should not be lost on the community: there is no doubt that smoking kills.

The second issue I want to raise is the current plight of the Sydney Swans. This is a total indictment of the Australian Football League's management of what used to be a good game called Australian rules football. The privatisation has been a terrible failure.

**Mr John Scott**—A disaster.

**Mr RONALD EDWARDS**—It has been a disaster. We should follow the South Australian lead and try to restructure football so that there is proper power sharing and a proper financial base, and the smaller States are looked after. They should follow the lead of the New South Wales rugby league in developing a national competition, which has been done properly without destroying local competitions. I believe that is the way to go.



"3 MINUTES WORLD SILENCE" EXHIBITION, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA

31 December 1989 to 2 January 1990

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## ЯПОНИЯ

от своего курса на дальнейшее наращивание военной мощи страны. Утвержденный кабинетом министров проект государственного бюджета предусматривает в 1990 финансовом году рост ассигнований на военные цели на 6,1 процента. В абсолютных цифрах эти ассигнования составят астрономическую сумму в 4 триллиона 159 миллиардов 341 миллион иен. Столь крупных расходов на военные цели не было еще ни разу за всю послевоенную историю Японии.

Из сообщений газет следует также, что планируемые на 1990 год военные ассигнования должны обеспечить завершения ранее принятой программы вооружений, вслед за которой будет введена в действие еще одна — так называемая «промежуточная» программа. Значительная часть утвержденных правительством ассигнований будет направлена также на содержание наемного персонала, обслуживающего находящиеся в Японии военные базы США.

Принятый кабинетом министров Японии курс на дальнейшее увеличение военных расходов страны вызвал еще при появлении первых сведений о нем резкую критику со стороны оппозиционных правительству миролю-

американских договоренностей, направленных на окончание «холодной войны» и сокращение вооружений.

В своей сегодняшней передовой статье, озаглавленной «Бюджет, не отвечающий новому времени», редакция «Майнити» — одной из крупнейших газет страны — пишет: «В то время, когда во

FRONT PAGE

"PRAVDA"

30 DECEMBER 1989

Distribution at that time  
was 10½ million throughout  
the USSR

этого проекта вызовут в парламенте, как и за его стенами, серьезные возражения представителей широких слоев японской общественности.

Игорь ЛАТЫШЕВ.

г. Токио, 29.

## Три минуты молчания

В канун Нового года наша редакция получила письмо из Австралии. Жительница небольшого городка в штате Южная Австралия Мэри Кассини обращалась с просьбой рассказать советским людям об акции, которую проводят в первый день нового года во многих странах мира. В 11 часов утра по местному времени тысячи людей замолкают на три минуты, чтобы подумать о будущем человечества и пожелать мира всем живущим на Земле.

Впервые такая акция была проведена в городе Окбанк, где живет Мэри Кассини, первого января 1984 года. С тех пор неутомимая женщина — бывшая актриса и журналистка, бабушка многочисленных внуков — разослала тысячи писем главам правительств и государств, в адрес различных организаций, вступающих в защиту мира. Во всех письмах — призыв поддержать идею трех минут молчания в начале каждого года. Жительница австралийской глубинки, объехавшая за это время многие страны, уверена, что такая акция может принести людям пользу. Мэри Кассини взывает к лучшим человеческим чувствам, к способности осознать себя частью всепланетной цивилизации и проникнуться ответственностью за судьбу мира. Земляне, разделенные недобрым, а то и войнами, различиями в языке и культуре, могут так сделать пер-

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вый шаг навстречу друг другу, считает Мэри Кассини. Люди, поддержавшие ее идею, и сама эта женщина, отдающая все свои силы осуществлению цели сближения народов, такой шаг уже сделали.

А. БОЛДИНЮК.

На открытке, которую Мэри Кассини прислала в редакцию, надпись: «3 минуты всемирного молчания 1 января в 11 часов утра по местному времени для каждого из нас, чтобы подумать о будущем и пожелать мира».

Фото А. Соловьева (ТАСС).

Президенту и Первому секретарю  
Африканского национального союза Зимбабве —

обр  
по

Коммунистическая партия Советского Союза



# ПРАВДА

Газета основана  
5 мая 1912 года  
В. И. ЛЕНИНЫМ

Орган Центрального Комитета КПСС

№ 366 (70007)

Суббота, 30 декабря 1989 года

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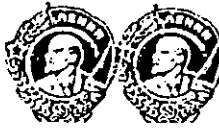
On the New Year's Eve, our newspaper has received a letter from Australia. Miss Mary Cassini living in a small South Australian town asked us to tell Soviet people about an action, which many people around the world are carrying out on the first day of New Year. At 11 am of local time, thousands of people are keeping silence for three minutes to think about humankind's future and to wish peace to all others.

For the first time, this action had been implemented in the town of Oakbank, South Australia, where Mary Cassini lived, on the 1st of January, 1984. Since then this tireless woman, a former actress and journalist, now grandmother of many grandchildren, sent thousands of letters to the leaders of governments and states, to many peace organizations. In each letter, there was a call to support the 3 minutes world silence action. A dweller of Australian outback, having travelled over many countries, Mary believes that this action could bring the good to the peoples. She applies to the best in human nature - to its ability to realize itself as a part of global civilization, to feel responsibility for the world's fortunes.

Mary thinks that the Earth's dwellers, divided by mistrust and sometimes by warfares, by differences in languages and cultures, could, with the help of this action, make their first steps towards each other. The people that supported this idea and Mary herself, who is giving all her strengths to making people close, have already done this step.

by A. Boldinyuk

Коммунистическая партия Советского Союза



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5 мая 1912 года  
В. И. ЛЕНИНЫМ

Орган Центрального Комитета КПСС

№ 164 (24081)

Суббота, 30 декабря 1989 года

Цена 1 руб.

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by A. Boldinyuk



4/33 Buntton St.,  
North Adelaide 5006  
14 Nov. 1985

Dear Mary Cassini,

Thank you for your letter concerning the concept of a three minute world silence on 1 January, 1985.

I have broken my wrist. Having tried to write with my left hand, I have decided that typing would be better.

Your campaign is worthy of support, and I will certainly take part, but I am not optimistic of the result. Any attempt whatever to call to the attention of people generally that war must be banished from the Earth, as has smallpox, would be a positive contribution to peace. However, one must bear in mind that there is no evidence that world leaders take any notice of such actions, or that individuals are influenced by other than things which affect them in the immediate future in terms of profit. The review of Ita Buttrose's book, in the Advertiser for 13 November, reports her unflattering words about the Australian character and way of life, which make care for others of little meaning for them.

Silence is the Quaker equivalent of prayer. It has<sup>2</sup> been pointed out that the most prayed for people in the world, are the Pope and the British Royal Family, but that there is no evidence whatever that this has resulted in their health, or length of life, being in any way different from other members of the public.

Your proposal, if acted upon by many in the communities of the world, will call attention to the need for action, but only active steps towards disarmament, and the elimination of war, will bring peace. Unfortunately, meaningful action rests with two governments.

The leaders of these governments exhibit the 'hubris' syndrome, that certainty of rightness and power which could bring disaster to the world.

With all best wishes for your campaign,  
Yours sincerely,

Mark Oliphant

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8 October 1986

Dear Ms. Cassini,

I just wanted to write to encourage you in your efforts for peace through the "3 Minutes of World Silence" Campaign.

Surely, if everyone in the world gave even three minutes of thought to the future of our planet, we could all worry less about the seven minutes it would currently take to destroy it.

The very best of luck to you in your efforts.

Yours sincerely,



David McTaggart  
Chairman