

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MARY O'BRIEN: US COLONEL

We welcome you to the Yorkshire Dales and hope that your stay here is enriched by the beauty of the area.

As the person with the awesome responsibility of being in command and control of NSA/USAF Menwith Hill, we, the undersigned, sincerely ask you and all who work at NSA/USAF Menwith Hill to take heed of the deep concerns that are troubling us about the American Missile Defense system in general and the role of Menwith Hill in particular.

We utterly oppose the continuing research, development and testing of the USA Missile Defense system.

We firmly believe that:

- 1) Missile Defense is neither desirable or feasible
- 2) It is ill-defined and ill-considered
- 3) It is an offensive US weapons system in space - the ethical and moral issues are not addressed.
- 4) Missile Defense is causing a new arms race and international tension
- 5) Critically needed resources are being diverted on a weapons system in space that does not work – the question of tumbling decoys remains unanswered
- 6) Far from enhancing our security, Missile Defense puts all our security at risk
- 7) Space is for peaceful uses for the peoples of the world

We ask you and all who are connected with this dangerous weapons system in space:

- 1) To divert professional energies into solving the world's difficulties through alternatives to violence
- 2) To commit your nations skills and professional expertise to the real security needs of the world
- 3) To reflect on the legacy that is being planned and developed for future generations
- 4) To recall that true peace comes through dialogue, cooperation and respect for all peoples in the world

We respectfully ask that you remember your humanity.