

H.E. Mr. Barack H. Obama  
President of the United States of America

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### In Opposition to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park

The United States' House of Representatives and Senate have approved a proposal to establish a national park centered on Manhattan Project facilities, which were involved in the production of the atomic bombs dropped on Japan. At this juncture, protocol calls for your signature as the President.

When your country used atomic bombs in 1945 on August 6 and August 9 on Hiroshima and on Nagasaki, our parents, brothers, sister, friends, and relatives were killed, injured, and left with long-term suffering.

Atomic bombs are extremely inhumane weapons that indiscriminately kill and injure people and, moreover, condemn those who do survive to a living hell. As such, they absolutely cannot co-exist with humanity.

We continue to appeal for the total abolition of atomic weapons, using the cry "No More Hibakusha! (atomic bomb victims)," which captures our prayer that no one anywhere should ever become victims like we did.

However, the United States, in the 69 years since it dropped the atomic bombs, continues to justify the use of the atomic bombs and has not apologized to the victims of the bombings.

We are concerned that the making of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park will reinforce the rationalization of the development and use of the atomic bombs, and we categorically oppose it.

You once urged for the realization of a "world without nuclear weapons," expressing remorse as the representative of the only country to have ever used atomic weapons. Following up on that conviction, we entreat you, Mr. President, not to approve this proposal.

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