

## MEMORANDUM

To: US Programs Staff  
From: National Security and Human Rights Campaign Staff – Nancy Chang, Sophia Conroy, and Hyon Seo Kwon  
Date: August 31, 2010  
Re: NSHR Campaign Grant Recommendations

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This memo describes three grant recommendations that the NSHR Campaign plans to present on the October 18, 2010 docket, and two rapid response grant recommendations that the Campaign plans to present to Ann in the coming weeks. These five recommendations total approximately \$1,050,000, of which up to \$200,000 will be paid with JEHT Emergency Funds

### **NSHR CAMPAIGN OCTOBER 18, 2010 DOCKET GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **1/ Center for Constitutional Rights**

*Up to \$500,000 over two years from the NSHR Campaign, of which up to \$50,000 would be paid out of JEHT Emergency Funds, to renew a core project support grant. (Please note that the Criminal Justice Fund is considering the possibility of funding CCR to support a new and separate project on racial profiling.)*

This funding will support the Center for Constitutional Rights' ongoing work to restore civil liberties, human rights, and rule of law to U.S. national security policy. Since 9/11, CCR has emerged as an important national leader in efforts to challenge a range of "war on terror" policies, and the organization is a core NSHR Campaign grantee. Over the next two years, CCR plans to focus its work in this arena on litigation and advocacy: (1) challenging U.S. policies and practices of extrajudicial killing of U.S. citizens, preventive detention of terrorism suspects, the use of torture, cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment during interrogation, extraordinary rendition, and holding the perpetrators of these human rights violations to account; (2) holding military contractors who carried out unlawful detention and interrogation policies to account, and ending the overuse of private contractors in military operations and other essential government functions; and (3) challenging domestic rights violations committed in the name of national security, including punitive immigration policies, the long-term detention of untried suspects, and attempts to suppress free expression, free association, and dissent. Founded in 1966 and based in New York City, CCR is a nonprofit legal and educational organization that is dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

#### **2/ New York University School of Medicine**

*\$300,000 over two years to renew a project support grant*

This funding will allow physician Dr. Allen Keller and an assistant at the Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture to continue their public education and advocacy work against torture and indefinite detention, and in support of accountability for these practices. Project activities will include: seeking accountability for health care professionals who participated in the torture of detainees in U.S. custody; continuing to document torture and mistreatment of, and experimentation on, detainees in U.S. custody; writing on these subjects in lay and medical publications; making presentations at grand rounds, medical conferences, and public forums; and providing training to human rights organizations on the physical, psychological, and social health consequences of torture and interviewing victims of torture. The Bellevue/NYU clinic, founded

in 1995, provides comprehensive medical, mental health, and social and legal services to refugees and asylum seekers who have suffered torture and other human rights abuses, and is dedicated to ending the use of torture.

### **3/ American Society of International Law**

*Up to \$150,000 in JEHT Emergency Funds over approximately one year to renew a project support grant.*

This funding will provide continued support to the American Society of International Law's Mainstreaming International Law in Judicial Training Education Project, and will support a national security law forum and a civics education program. Based in Washington, D.C., ASIL is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to advancing the study and use of international law. Founded in 1906, its 4,000 members include the field's leading scholars, practitioners, advocates, and jurists. ASIL publishes the American Journal of International Law and compiles International Legal Materials, an authoritative collection of primary source international law documents. The organization annually convenes the world's largest gathering of scholars, practitioners, and students to address contemporary issues in international law.

## **NSHR CAMPAIGN RAPID RESPONSE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **4/ Center for Victims of Torture**

*Up to \$50,000 over approximately six months for a new grant.*

This funding will support the launch by the Center for Victims of Torture, in cooperation with Amnesty International-USA and OSI-DC, of the Advancing Accountability through Communication, Coordination, and Collaboration Project. CVT staff trained in facilitating tactical mapping sessions for human rights advocates will convene two two-day sessions – one on September 29 and 30, 2010, and the other in the spring of 2011 – for approximately 25 representatives of organizations working to oppose, and seek accountability for, the torture and the cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment of detainees held by the U.S. government. These convenings will be aimed at developing and updating a tactical map of avenues of change and identifying opportunities for collaboration. The Center provides multidisciplinary care and rehabilitative services to survivors of politically motivated torture; trains health care professionals to provide comprehensive care to torture survivors; researches the effects of torture; and conducts public education advocating for an end to the use of torture. The Center is based in Minnesota and has staff members in Washington, D.C., Jordan, and Africa.

### **5/ Kovno Communications**

*Up to \$50,000 over approximately one year for a new grant.*

This funding will support an outreach and education program centered on the *POV* broadcast of the Academy Awards-nominated documentary film, "The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers." The film will be aired on October 5, 2010, and again in June 2011 to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the Pentagon Papers. Targeted at young people, middle and high school teachers, and college and university professors, this project will include the creation and promotion of a high school curriculum by Teaching for Change, a non-profit based in D.C. that operates from the belief that schools can provide students the skills, knowledge and inspiration to be citizens and architects of more equitable, multicultural society. Kovno Communications is located in Berkeley, California, and produced "The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers."