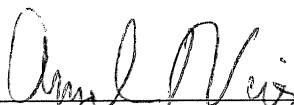


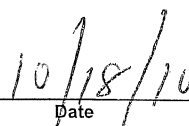
US PROGRAMS
National Security and Human Rights Campaign
2010 Docket III - Financial Summary of Recommended Grants

October 18, 2010

National Security and Human Rights Campaign (T1: 21095)

Organization	Grant Code	Recommended	Term	2010	2011
Center for Constitutional Rights ¹	T1: 21095	500,000	30 months	200,000	300,000
	T1: 59959	100,000		100,000	
New York University School of Medicine	T1: 21095	250,000	2 years	125,000	125,000
Total Recommended:		\$ 850,000		\$ 425,000	\$ 425,000
GRANTMAKING TOTAL THIS DOCKET:		\$ 850,000			


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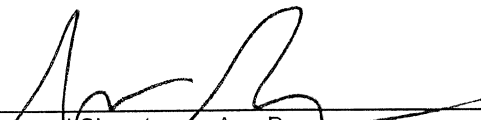
¹ The total grant of \$600,000 to Center for Constitutional Rights is to be co-funded by the National Security and Human Rights Campaign and the JEHT Foundation Emergency Fund. NSHR (T1: 21095) will contribute \$500,000, and the JEHT Foundation Emergency Fund (T1: 59959) will contribute \$100,000.

Financial Summary of Grant Recommended, 18 October 2010

National Security and Human Rights Campaign

Kovno Communications, Inc. (T1: 21095) \$ 50,000

Total Recommended: \$50,000


Approval Signature – Ann Beesen

10/18/10
Date

MEMORANDUM

To: Aryeh Neier
From: Ann Beeson, Nancy Chang, Sophia Conroy, and Hyon Seo Kwon
Date: October 8, 2010
Subject: National Security and Human Rights Campaign Grant Recommendations for Docket 3 of 2010

For the October 18, 2010 docket meeting, the National Security and Human Rights Campaign recommends only two grants, both of which are renewal grants for work centered on the mistreatment of terrorism suspects in the “war on terror.”

A grant to the **Center for Constitutional Rights** will support strategic litigation and public education efforts that challenge extra-legal “war on terror” policies and seek to restore civil liberties and human rights protections to U.S. national security policy. The project will address a range of human rights abuses committed by the U.S. government and its personnel and military contractors. A grant to **New York University** will support a project of the **Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture** and the **NYU School of Medicine Center for Health and Human Rights**, *Advocating Against Torture: The Clinician’s Voice*. The Project will leverage the expertise of health care professionals in documenting, and seeking accountability for, the torture and abuse of terrorism suspects.

The total amount for these two grants is \$850,000. Two recommendations and a financial summary are attached.

Name of Organization: Center for Constitutional Rights

Tax Status: 501(c)(3) public charity

Purpose of Grant: To support litigation and public education to challenge extra-legal “war on terror” policies and restore civil liberties and human rights protections to U.S. national security policies

FPOS Grant Description: This grant will support the Center for Constitutional Rights’ (CCR) as it challenges, through litigation and public education, extra-legal “war on terror” policies, and restores civil liberties and human rights protections to U.S. national security policies. The project will focus on the indefinite detention and mistreatment of terrorism suspects, accountability for torture and other human rights abuses, and religious profiling of Muslims. CCR is a legal and educational organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Previous OSI Support: \$875,674
\$15,000 from IWP Gender Justice (2010)
\$90,674 from JEHT Emergency Fund (2009)
\$400,000 from NSHR Campaign (2008)
\$50,000 from Civil Liberties (2005)
\$320,000 from the Burma Project (1997-2000)

Organization Budget: \$6,500,000

Project Budget: \$1,834,209

Major Sources of Support: Project: Atlantic Philanthropies \$400,000; Oak Foundation \$350,000; Anonymous \$350,000; Rockefeller Family Fund \$30,000

Amount Requested: \$500,000 over two years

Amount Recommended: \$600,000 over 30 months
\$500,000 NSHR Campaign, T1: 21095
\$100,000 JEHT Emergency Fund, T1:59959

Term: 30 months (July 1, 2010 – December 31, 2012)

Matching Requirements: None

Description of Organization:

The Center for Constitutional Rights (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. Founded in 1966, CCR provided critical legal support to civil rights movement activists in the Deep South. Following the terrorist attacks of 9/11, CCR emerged as an early and important leader in efforts to challenge the Bush administration's "war on terror" abuses, including the indefinite detention, extraordinary rendition, torture, racial profiling, and surveillance of Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian individuals and communities, warrantless wiretapping, suppression of dissent, and privatization of the military through the use of contractors. CCR is based in New York City and has 46 full-time and 3 part-time staff members.

Description of Program for Which Funding Is Sought:

The Center for Constitutional Rights seeks funding for its litigation and public education efforts that challenge extra-legal "war on terror" policies and seek to restore civil liberties and human rights protections to U.S. national security policies in these three areas:

1) Challenging human rights violations committed by the U.S. in the name of national security:

CCR will continue to challenge abuses relating to the treatment and detention of terrorism suspects, including preventive detention, enhanced interrogation, extraordinary rendition, and extrajudicial execution, and to seek accountability for past abuses:

- *Al-Aulaqi v. Obama*, a case of first impression filed in August 2010 by CCR and the ACLU on behalf of the father of radical Yemeni-American cleric, Anwar Al-Aulaqi, challenges the U.S. government's asserted authority to carry out extrajudicial targeted assassinations of U.S. citizens outside of the zone of active combat.
- In June 2008, CCR secured a landmark decision from the U.S. Supreme Court in *Boumediene v. Bush* ruling that Guantanamo detainees have a constitutional right to seek habeas corpus review in U.S. courts to challenge the lawfulness of their detention. CCR will continue to play a central role in developing and advancing legal strategies in conjunction with the legal teams representing Guantanamo detainees who seek habeas relief, as well as in finding opportunities to resettle Guantanamo detainees who have been cleared for release but would face torture if returned to their home countries.¹
- CCR will continue to seek accountability for torture and mistreatment of detainees. CCR will continue to seek documents through *Amnesty International v. CIA*, a FOIA suit filed by CCR, Amnesty International, and the NYU Center for Global Justice that requests records on secret detentions, renditions, and the use of "enhanced interrogation techniques." Thousands of pages have been obtained to date, including highly revealing CIA and State Department documents detailing CIA guidelines for conditions of confinement and interrogation techniques, including waterboarding. In *Al-Zahrani v. Rumsfeld*, CCR represents the families of two detainees who were found dead in their cells in Guantanamo under suspicious circumstances in June 2006. CCR filed a motion for reconsideration of dismissal in light of new evidence from four Guantanamo soldiers of a cover-up of the causes of death, which was denied by a judge of the D.C. District

¹ The project for which CCR requests OSI funding does not include, and therefore no OSI funds will be used to support, litigation before military commissions of detainees held at Guantanamo.

Court on September 29 based on national security circumstances. CCR plans to file an appeal in this case.

- CCR plans to file amicus briefs in cases challenging the legality of military commissions, and it plans to pursue a strategy for challenging the constitutionality of preventive detention.

2) Challenging human rights abuses committed by U.S. corporations

CCR is fighting to hold to account military contractors that have carried out the U.S. government's illegal and abusive torture and detention policies and have committed acts beyond the scope of their contractual duties that have injured civilians in violation of U.S. and international law:

- CCR will continue to litigate three suits that seek to hold private military contractors CACI and L-3 Services (formerly Titan) accountable for torture and other unlawful acts committed while they were hired to provide interrogation and translation services at U.S. military facilities in Iraq, including Abu Ghraib. In July 2010, CCR scored a victory in *Al-Quraishi v. Nakhla and L-3*, when a district court judge denied the defendants' motion to dismiss and ruled that the case could be adjudicated on its merits. This case and *Al Shimari v. CACI* are currently pending before the Fourth Circuit. *Saleh v. Titan* has petitioned the Supreme Court for review of a split D.C. Circuit ruling.
- CCR is also engaged in education and outreach challenging government outsourcing and contractor impunity, engaging bloggers to write on the issue, and working with partners in the arts sector to highlight individual stories of the harms contractors have caused to Iraqis.

3) Challenging the U.S. government's domestic "war on terror"

CCR will continue to pursue litigation challenging the round up and prolonged detention of Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian non-citizens in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, domestic detention practices, and law enforcement actions against peaceful protesters:

- In November 2009, CCR won a \$1.26 million settlement from the U.S. government in *Turkmen v. Ashcroft*, a civil rights action filed in 2002 on behalf of a group of Muslim INS detainees who were rounded up and held for as long as nine months at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn on the pretense of minor immigration charges and were released and deported only after the FBI had cleared them of terrorism. CCR now seeks to amend the complaint to add six new plaintiffs and assert facts directly tying former Attorney General John Ashcroft, FBI Director Robert Mueller, and former INS Commissioner James Ziglar to the illegal round-ups and abuse based on information compiled through discovery. In July 2010, the magistrate judge recommended that the motion be granted.
- *NDLON v. DHS*, a FOIA suit filed by CCR, the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, and the Immigration Justice Clinic at Cardozo School of Law, seeks documents on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency's "Secure Communities" program, through which local and state police automatically run fingerprints of arrestees through immigration databases to target immigration violators for deportation. CCR also serves on the steering committee working to stop New York from implementing the program.

- CCR filed *Aref v. Holder* in April 2010 to challenge the policies and practices of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons Communications Management Units, experimental units in medium-security prisons in which predominantly Muslim men of Arab and South Asian descent and environmental activists labeled as “terrorists” are segregated from the rest of the population. Prisoners in these units endure extreme restrictions on communication with the outside world without a hearing, a process for challenging their transfer, or access to evidence upon which the transfer was based.

Rationale for Recommendation:

This grant will advance the National Security and Human Rights Campaign priorities of: restoring an absolute prohibition against torture; ending extraordinary rendition; closing secret prisons; restoring habeas corpus rights and ending arbitrary and indefinite detention; and holding government officials and private military contractors accountable for past abuses and violations of law.

Nine years after 9/11, CCR continues to stand out for its leadership in the fight to restore human rights and civil liberties to national security policy. CCR is strategic, gutsy, and widely admired for being in the forefront of litigation challenging extra-legal “war on terror” policies. Cutting edge litigation is the centerpiece of CCR’s work, and its string of litigation successes include a Supreme Court ruling that Guantanamo detainees have the right to habeas review of the legality of their detentions, successful challenges to law enforcement efforts to suppress political dissent, its successful settlement in 2010 of a lawsuit against Blackwater for military contractor shootings of Iraqi civilians at Nisoor Square, Baghdad, in 2007, the release of highly revealing documents on the CIA’s use of “enhanced interrogation techniques” in August 2009 through FOIA litigation that prompted Attorney General Eric Holder to appoint a special prosecutor to open an investigation into CIA abuses that is now underway, and its settlement of redress claims by Muslim non-citizens wrongfully detained by the INS in the aftermath of 9/11. In the face of a barrage of government assertions of immunity from suit and the state secrets privilege, CCR has strategically increased its public education, outreach, and media advocacy strategies in order to advance its agenda.

For the above reasons, OSI staff recommends a grant of \$600,000 over 30 months to support CCR’s litigation and public education challenging extra-legal “war on terror” policies and restore civil liberties and human rights protections to U.S. national security policy.

Name of Organization: New York University

Tax Status: 501(c)(3) public charity

Purpose of Grant: To support Advocating Against Torture: The Clinician’s Voice, a project of the Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture and NYU School of Medicine Center for Health and Human Rights

FPOS Grant Description: To support a project of the Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture and NYU School of Medicine Center for Health and Human Rights, Advocating Against Torture: The Clinician’s Voice, as it seeks to leverage the expertise of health care professionals in advocating against the torture and mistreatment of terrorism suspects. The Program for Survivors of Torture is a leading provider of medical care, mental health care, and social services for torture survivors.

Previous OSI Support: \$5,486,298
 \$30,915 from China Grants (2010)
 \$91,648 from Afghanistan - Governance (2010)
 \$69,025 from NSP Discretionary Grants (2010)
 \$395,000 from NSHR Campaign (2009)
 \$909,520 from Presidential Grants (1997-2010)
 \$294,537 from M. East & N. Africa (2004-2008)
 \$420,000 from US Justice Fund (1991, 2001, 2007)
 \$805,044 from NYU Community Fellowship (2006)
 \$320,000 from US Programs (1998-2004)
 \$141,644 from Chairman’s Grants (2003)
 \$250,000 from OSI Institutional Grants (2001)
 \$223,893 from Public Health (1996-2001)
 \$793,550 from Crim. Just. Fellowships (1996-2001)
 \$116,691 from PDIA (1998, 2000)
 \$624,832 from other OSI programs (1999-2007)

Organization Budget: Program for Survivors of Torture: \$1,725,858

Project Budget: \$425,500 over 30 months

Major Sources of Support: Project: Open Society Policy Center \$30,000

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Amount Recommended: \$250,000 [NSHR Campaign, T1: 21095]

Term: Two years (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2012)

Matching Requirements: None

Description of Organization:

Founded in 1995, the New York University School of Medicine's Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture (PSOT) is a leader in the provision of medical and mental health care and social services for torture survivors, and engages in public education, research, and advocacy against torture. PSOT is dedicated to helping torture survivors build healthy and self-sufficient lives and has provided comprehensive, multidisciplinary care to approximately 2,500 adult and child survivors from over 80 countries. The NYU School of Medicine's Center for Health and Human Rights (CHHR) was founded in 2003 as an outgrowth of PSOT and focuses on education, research, and advocacy relating to torture and other health and human rights concerns. PSOT and CHHR have 15 full-time, including primary care physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists, and social and legal service providers, and approximately 30 part-time clinicians and volunteers.

Description of Program for Which Funding Is Sought:

The Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture and NYU School of Medicine Center for Health and Human Rights seek renewal support for Advocating Against Torture: The Clinician's Voice ("Project"), which seeks to leverage the expertise of health care professionals in advocating against the torture and mistreatment of terrorism suspects. The Project is staffed by physician Dr. Allen Keller, psychologist Katherine Porterfield, and an assistant, and is supported by other medical professional staff members of the PSOT and CHHR, medical students, and psychology graduate students.

Over the proposed grant period, in conjunction with leading legal organizations and academic programs², the Project will conduct forensic evaluations of current and former detainees alleging torture and mistreatment while in U.S. custody; review medical records of former detainees as they become available and provide consultative services to legal teams working with these detainees; and engage in advocacy to promote disclosure and accountability for torture, unlawful detention, and rendition. From a health and human rights perspective, the Project will review documents regarding U.S. torture policy and practice, and will analyze and critique U.S. policy on indefinite detention, Appendix M of the Army Field Manual on the interrogation of detainees, and the utilization of psychologists in intelligence gathering.

The Project plans to engage in public education and advocacy on these issues through presentations at medical conferences, public forums at universities and places of worship, meetings with Administration officials, invited Congressional testimony, and work with the media. The Project also plans to publish scholarly medical articles on the detention and

² The Project conducts its public education and advocacy in collaboration with Physicians for Human Rights, the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs, OSI-DC, and Center for Victims of Torture. Legal organizations and academic programs with which the Project works include Human Rights First, the ACLU, Center for Constitutional Rights, Center for Justice and Accountability, NYU Center for Global Justice and Human Rights, Harvard Law School, and Seton Hall Law School.

treatment of terrorism suspects in leading journals such as the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *The Lancet*, and pieces for lay audiences in outlets such as the *Huffington Post*. To highlight the international ramifications of U.S. torture and interrogation policies and for use as an advocacy tool in pushing the Department of State to support U.S. accountability for torture, staff also plan to publish an article based on data collected on African health care professionals' perspectives on the impact of prior and current U.S. torture policies on the violation of human rights by repressive regimes in Africa.

The Project also intends to participate in a range of activities in conjunction with the taskforce on military medical ethics coordinated by Columbia University's Institute on Medicine as a Profession. The Project will continue to retain as a consultant, and work in close collaboration with, Len Rubenstein, former Executive Director of Physicians for Human Rights and a highly regarded human rights attorney, to advocate for the imposition of higher ethical and legal standards for health care professionals. The Project will also continue its leadership role in the New York Coalition Against Torture, a state-wide campaign it was instrumental in establishing last year that is led by health care professionals and medical students and that seeks accountability for the profession's participation in torture. The Coalition is appealing to professional societies and licensing bodies to hold their members to account for participation in torture, and it is supporting legislation in New York State to remove licensure for health care professionals who are complicit in or fail to report torture.³ The Coalition is mentoring similar initiatives that are starting up in Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, North Carolina, and California.

The Project will conduct at least eight trainings for legal and human rights organizations such as the Center for Constitutional Rights and ACLU and defense counsel that work with current and former "war on terror" detainees who were tortured. These trainings, led by psychologist Katherine Porterfield, address the physical and psychological health consequences of undergoing torture, teach skills for effectively interviewing and communicating with torture survivors, and provide tools for attorneys and advocates working with torture survivors to attend to their own health and avoid burnout from the stress of working with torture survivors. Dr. Porterfield will provide follow-up consultation and advice on these issues to training participants.

Rationale for Recommendation:

This grant will advance the National Security and Human Rights Campaign priorities of: restoring an absolute prohibition against torture; ending arbitrary and indefinite detention; holding government officials and private military contractors accountable for past abuses and violations of law; and supporting new voices in the movement for a progressive national security policy.

Advocating Against Torture: The Clinician's Voice has demonstrated that health care professionals who care for victims of torture are powerful validators for the message that torture cannot be condoned under any circumstances, and are uniquely qualified to assess, expose, and challenge medical complicity in the torture of terrorism suspects. The Project is well positioned to continue contributing to the body of evidence that U.S. personnel – including medical personnel – participated in the torture of detainees by: conducting forensic evaluations of former

³ New York University has submitted a bifurcated budget for this project.

detainees who allege that they were tortured in coordination with their counsel, providing trainings for attorneys and medical professionals on how to interview and examine detainees, and conducting original medical research, analysis, and reporting. Project staff, with their years of experience working day in and day out with survivors of torture and their families, are also well positioned to humanize the discussion on why accountability for torture is important and to explain why American health care professionals who became “calibrators of harm instead of healers” should be held to account for their complicity in torture before state professional boards.

Between August 2009 and June 2010, the Project’s director, Dr. Allen Keller, co-authored two major reports with Physicians for Human Rights detailing the extent to which American doctors and psychologists betrayed the ethical standards of their professions by helping to design, implement, and legitimize the torture and mistreatment of terrorism suspects.⁴ Both reports garnered substantial attention from policymakers, academics, and advocates, and prompted *New York Times* editorials calling for further investigations. Dr. Keller and his colleagues have also scrutinized a database culled from the health records of roughly 700 Guantanamo detainees, and recently submitted to *The Lancet* a scholarly article, “Weight Fluctuations Among Guantanamo Detainees,” that documents alarmingly wide weight fluctuations and explores the possibility that dietary manipulation was used as a means of control and coercion of Guantanamo detainees.

With Physicians for Human Rights, the Project plans to write a report on the medical and psychological aspects of indefinite detention and a report that analyzes from a medical angle an upcoming report of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that will examine the interrogation of detainees by the CIA. Both reports are certain to be invaluable resources in policy debates.

Dr. Allen Keller has been an exceptionally effective advocate and mentor to a new generation of medical professionals on human rights issues – both because of his passion for the work and his direct clinical experience with torture survivors from around the globe and in the context of the “war on terror.” Dr. Keller and his colleagues are recognized experts in conducting forensic evaluations of individuals who allege that they were tortured. Dr. Keller has also spoken on these issues with senior Department of Defense officials, key Congressional staffers, professional associations such as the American Medical Association and American College of Physicians, and local and national advocacy organizations. As a physician responsible for coordinating bioethics at the NYU School of Medicine, Dr. Keller is also a forceful and tireless advocate for holding health care professionals complicit in torture to account. He co-chairs the Department of Homeland Security NGO Detention Advisory Group, chairs the policy committee of the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs, and serves on the advisory board of Physicians for Human Rights.

For the above reasons, OSI staff recommends a grant of \$250,000 over two years to New York University to support the project, *Advocating Against Torture: The Clinician’s Voice*.

⁴ *Aiding Torture: Health Professionals’ Ethics and Human Rights Violations Revealed in the May 2004 CIA Inspector General’s Report* was released in August 2009, and *Experiments in Torture: Evidence of Human Subject Experimentation in the “Enhanced” Interrogation Program* was released in June 2010. Based on this research, the Project recently submitted “Bad Science Used to Justify and Support Torture and Human Experimentation: A Critical Perspective” to *Science*.

Name of Organization: Kovno Communications, Inc.

Tax Status: 501(c)(3) public charity

Purpose of Grant: To support a National Education Campaign that will leverage the television broadcast and online availability of the film, *The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers*

FPOS Grant Description: This grant will support Kovno Communications, Inc.'s National Education Campaign as it leverages the October 2010 broadcast and online availability of the film, *The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers*, and extends the reach of the film and the promotion of government transparency in a democracy into classrooms and communities nationally

Previous OSI Support: None

Organization Budget: \$490,800

Project Budget: \$121,000

Major Sources of Support: Corporation for Public Broadcasting \$75,000

Amount Requested: \$50,000

Amount Recommended: \$50,000 [NSHR Campaign, T1: 21095]

Term: One year (September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011)

Matching Requirements: None

Description of Organization:

Kovno Communications, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization that develops, produces, and distributes films that advance American democratic ideals and the concerns of youth. Kovno's objectives are to ensure the widest distribution possible of its films in general and educational venues, and to stimulate public discussion and debate on the themes they address. Located in Berkeley, California, Kovno's President is Rick Goldsmith, the co-producer with Judith Ehrlich of the 2009 film, *The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers*.

Description of Program for Which Funding Is Sought:

Kovno Communications seeks OSI support for the launch of a National Education Campaign (the Campaign) that will leverage the special broadcast of the film, *The Most Dangerous Man in*

America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers, on PBS's award-winning program, *POV: Documentaries with a Point of View*, starting on October 5, 2010, and the streaming of the film for free viewing on demand on the PBS website for thirty days following the broadcast premiere. The film centers on an event that made the headlines around the world in June 1971 and resulted in a landmark First Amendment ruling from the Supreme Court that places a heavy burden on the government when it seeks to restrain the press from publishing classified documents. Daniel Ellsberg, then a high-level Pentagon official and Vietnam War strategist, leaked the Pentagon Papers – 7,000 pages of top secret documents showing that the war was based on deception and lies – to *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*, which published the documents to the dismay and disapproval of the Nixon administration.

Airing alongside the film is a panel discussion recorded in New York City on September 13, 2010, that was moderated by Jill Abramson, *New York Times* managing editor, and featured two of the principals involved in the publication of the Pentagon Papers, Daniel Ellsberg and Max Frankel, former *New York Times* executive editor, as well as Adam Liptak, *New York Times* Supreme Court reporter. One of the subjects that the panelists explore is the parallel between Ellsberg's decision to release the Pentagon Papers to the *New York Times* and Julian Assange's decision this summer to release on the whistleblower website, WikiLeaks, classified emails and videos documenting U.S. actions in Afghanistan that some have dubbed the "New Pentagon Papers."

Leading Kovno's National Education Campaign are Suzanne Stenson O'Brien, who has a 20-year track record of promoting socially relevant films as a means of building community engagement, and the film's co-producers Judith Ehrlich and Rick Goldsmith. The Campaign will utilize the power of social media networks, websites, and viral messaging tools to draw audiences to the film and to generate public dialogue on the central questions raised by the film, including:

- How should a democracy balance national security concerns against the right of citizens to know the actions taken by their government in their name?
- When should one take personal risks and reveal government wrongdoing that is causing harm to others, and what special considerations apply in times of war?
- What is the role of the mainstream press and new media outlets in publicizing classified national security information?

The National Education Campaign will extend the reach of the film into classrooms through the distribution of a Teaching Guide to *The Most Dangerous Man in America* that was developed and field-tested by Teaching for Change, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to "encourage teachers and students to question and rethink the world inside and outside their classrooms, build a more equitable, multicultural society, and become active global citizens." The 40-page Teaching Guide is available without charge on the internet as a resource for teachers, students, parents, and the interested public. The curriculum offers eight interactive classroom lessons that examine how the U.S. entered the Vietnam War and what justifications were offered to the public, the importance of a free press in 1971 and in the age of the internet, and how acts of conscience can lead to personal and political change. The lessons lead students through the planning of a film, a reception attended by key players from the Vietnam War era, a mock criminal trial against Daniel Ellsberg, and personal writing on blowing

the whistle. The Teaching Guide is designed for use by a broad segment of the public, including high school, college, and adult education students.

The National Education Campaign will also engage in community outreach to ensure that the film is shown at community and faith-based institutions across the country. To deepen audience understanding of the film and generate debate, the Campaign will aim to arrange panel discussions following film presentations between local journalists, constitutional law scholars, historians, and civil liberties advocates. In addition, the Campaign will promote the film and Teaching Guide at secondary education conferences attended by principals and teachers seeking relevant and innovative course materials for their classes.

Rationale for Recommendation:

This grant will advance the National Security and Human Rights Campaign priorities of reducing excessive government secrecy in national security policy; and building public support for progressive national security policies through the use of the arts, culture, new media, and civics education.

Following a strategic review undertaken earlier this year, the NSHR Campaign has decided to increase its focus on the use of the arts, culture, new media, and civics education to build broad public support for national security policies that promote human rights, civil liberties, and the rule of law. An audience of special concern to the Campaign are high school and college students, whose understanding of the civil liberties guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, and of the role that an informed citizenry can play in checking abuses of government power, were formed in a fear-laced post-9/11 world.

Produced by Judith Ehrlich and Rick Goldsmith in 2009, *The Most Dangerous Man in America* was one of five documentary feature films nominated for an Oscar in 2010, and it has won awards at major U.S. and international film festivals and garnered critical acclaim. The film offers a riveting lesson in civics and civic engagement by capturing a pivotal moment in American history – Daniel Ellsberg’s daring act of conscience and the publication of the Pentagon Papers – and by inspiring viewers to draw connections between the Vietnam War era and our own times.

The National Education Campaign team at Kovno Communications and the Teaching for Change team have jointly developed an innovative and field-tested Teaching Guide to *The Most Dangerous Man in America* for use in high school, college, and adult education classrooms. The Campaign has also mapped out a sound plan for promoting the curriculum to teachers by offering it for free on the PBS and Teaching for Change websites, through listservs, and at the educational conferences attended by high school principals and history and social studies teachers. Additionally, the Campaign has designed a community outreach program that will pair the showing of the film with panel discussions calculated to spark civic engagement.

For the above reasons, OSI staff recommends a project support grant of \$50,000 over one year to support Kovno Communications, Inc.’s National Education Campaign.