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Mimi and I comprised the Unwelcome Party when George W. Bush came to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC for a book signing. We displayed signs that read: ARREST BUSH and THERE IS NOTHING CHRISTIAN ABOUT WAR CRIMES. The sun was bright, and it was difficult to tell what expressions and gestures were made by the occupants in the cars lining up to see Mr. Bush. But there was no mistaking the enthusiastic honks and waves from a maintenance truck driver, or shouts of "ARREST OBAMA" and "KILL OBAMA" that came from an angry SUV driver who apparently had the golden rule redacted from his Bible long before this visit to the Billy Graham Library to see Mr. Bush.

Mimi and I held our signs for another hour, conspiring how to fulfill Dr. King's requirement: "Those who love peace must learn to organize as effectively as those who love war." When our vigil ended I drove to the police station with my criminal complaint in hand. "Can I help you?" asked the burly officer on duty at the desk. "I have a complaint," I responded and handed him the orange colored one-page document. He glanced at the page and asked me what I wanted to happen. "Arrest him," I said, "He's signing books at the Billy Graham Library."

"That's not going to happen," he told me. "You'll have to see the FBI."

I asked the officer if he could tell me how to find the FBI. He looked up the address and wrote it down for me, at which point I thanked him and walked back out the door. Unfortunately, my courage was in such short supply this day that I had used it all up by the time I left the police station. So I got in my car and headed up toward Greensboro, where friends called for another demonstration on the theme "Hands Off WikiLeaks, Arrest the War Criminals."

Tim, Scott, Audrey, Larkin and Kent held signs and a good size banner on the corner of Eugene and Friendly. Richard and Sandra Koritz, founders of NC Labor Against the War, are regular Monday vigilers here at the federal building, but are out of town this night.

Here is the complaint I delivered to the Charlotte Police Dept.:

Criminal Complaint

On March 19, 2003, US president George W. Bush ordered the invasion of Iraq by US armed forces for reasons that Mr. Bush knew to be false. Mr. Bush was well aware that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Mr. Bush's propagation of this falsehood makes him liable for the following criminal charges:

- Fraud upon the United States of America, taking the country to war under false pretenses;
- Murder of thousands of US servicemen and women sent into harm's way by Mr. Bush under false pretenses;
- Injury and maiming of tens of thousands of US servicemen and women sent into harm's way by Mr. Bush under false pretenses;
- Setting into motion events resulting in the murder of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, including men, women, children, pregnant women and their unborn babies;
- Causing the dislocation of millions of Iraqis from their homes, including an estimated 50,000 Iraqi girls and women forced into lives of prostitution in order to survive;
- Presided over a United States government regime that engaged in the routine violation of the rights of citizens against illegal search and seizure;
- Presided over a United States government regime that engaged in the routine and indiscriminate kidnapping and brutal torture of suspected terrorists, in violation of US statute, the Constitution, international law and every consideration of human decency.
- George W. Bush stands accused of war crimes and crimes against the peace, which differ from lesser crimes in that they contain all the accumulated evil of the whole. Unless and until we hold all our war criminals accountable for their crimes, our world will know no peace.