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An Open letter to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien

Dear Mr. Chrétien:

My mind reels at imagining a colleague walking into a Kamloops government office, and killing twice in cold blood. Imagining the loved ones' horrific grief is unspeakable.

My mind reels likewise at the ongoing saga of victims' families from the murders allegedly committed by a pig farmer in BC. Unconscionable brutality.

I think with horror as well of Timothy McVeigh's 168 innocent victims in Oklahoma City. The abject grief of those victims' families is tragic beyond all words.

My mind is numbed by the horror of 3,000 victims' families from the September 11, 2001 massacre.

But my mind cannot stop.

I recoil at the grief of 6,000 innocent civilian victims' families in Afghanistan since the start of the "War on Terrorism".

I imagine the terror of many thousands more innocents to be destroyed at US instigation in Iraq.

And I ask. When will the slaughter of innocents stop?

You, Mr. Chrétien, could not stop the murders the other day in Kamloops; nor the killings of women in Vancouver these past few years; nor the actions of Mr. McVeigh; nor planes crashing into buildings. But you can stop at least Canada's part in the massive killings of innocents yet contemplated by President George W. Bush.

Now that would be a legacy, Mr. Chrétien!

Sincerely

Wayne Northey