EXHIBIT 1
I, John Dennis Apel, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am the defendant in the above-entitled action.

2. I am the co-founder and present community member of Beatitude House, located in Guadalupe, California. Beatitude House is one of many Catholic Worker Houses located in the United States and around the world. Beatitude House, like many Catholic Worker Houses, is independently run by the community members that live and/or work at the house.

3. At Beatitude House, we distribute food and clothing to all those who come to us in need. We offer short-term housing to those in need of shelter as well as running a free weekly medical clinic, staffed entirely by volunteer doctors and nurses. During the summer, we run a summer school for the children of migrant farm workers.
4. In 1998, I traveled to Iraq in order to bring medicine and school supplies to children in that country. During my travel there, I learned that there was a disproportionate number of children who suffered from cancer. In talking to the medical staff at hospitals in that country, I learned that experts there felt that this was as a result of the use of depleted uranium during the first Persian Gulf War.

5. Furthermore, as a result of the economic sanctions imposed against this country, hospitals and medical clinics were in desperate need of medication to treat these children, as well as medicine to treat more common ailments and infections, such as diarrhea, which, if left untreated led to death. At the time I traveled to Iraq, there was a high mortality rate for children, particularly children under the age of five.

6. I was treated with kindness and hospitality by all Iraqis I encountered.

7. As a result of this trip, I have felt particular grief at the continued war in Iraq and the death and suffering that has been brought to the people there.

8. On May 19, 2007, in response to the continued war in Iraq, I attempted to talk to military personnel about the illegality of the war in Iraq and of the illegality of the actions taken against the people of Iraq.

9. In so doing, my intent was to persuade personnel to not put their lives and health at risk in this war, widely considered to be illegal under international law; to prevent personnel from committing war crimes and placing themselves in jeopardy of future prosecution; and to protect persons in Iraq who may be harmed by the actions of military personnel.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those, I believe them to be true.

Date: **August 11, 2008**

JOHN DENNIS APEL