Thanksgiving Peace Ship/Peace House

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Dear Maya,

The Peace Ship has arrived in Nicaragua! On January 29, the M/V Frio sailed from Bayside, New Brunswick, Canada and arrived in Puerto Cabezas on Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast, on February 9. The ship carried over 230 tons of material aid, including food, clothing, medicine and medical equipment, educational supplies, toys and tools, valued at about \$500,000. This six-month project has had its difficult moments, but these were far outweighed by the feeling of accomplishment resulting from the shipment of material aid, the successful delegation which visited the Atlantic Coast region over Thanksgiving, and the national construction brigade which will build the Peace House in Puerto Cabezas in March.

The Thanksqiving Peace Ship/Peace House project would never have been realized without the help of many wonderful people who contributed their support in many ways. When the M/V Frio arrived in Puerto Cabezas, the town turned out to greet it. Steering Committee representative Marilyn Clement told those assembled of the hard work by numerous organizations and individuals, their contributions of time, energy and money which made this project possible. In return, Marilyn received the thanks of thousands of Nicaraguans via their representatives from such organizations as CEPAD (an ecumenical group), the Ministry of Health, the Nicaraguan Red Cross, KISAN por la Paz (a Miskitu Indian group) and the Zelaya Norte regional government. We want to relay to you their appreciation and offer our profound thanks to you for your interest in and support for this project. In particular, we want to thank you for your contribution of seemingly unlimited funds, your participation in the November delegation, your inspiration for and sponsorship of the Peace House, and your material aid shipment to the people of Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast.

We are enclosing some documents relating to the project. Although the Peace Ship/Peace House project is nearing culmination, with only the actual construction of the Peace House left to be completed, our work for peace and justice in Central America -- and in the United States -- continues. We look forward to staying in contact with you and to working together in the future.

On behalf of the entire Steering Committee, again we want to thank you for your support.

For Peace and Justige,

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