will provide the leadership needed to help uproot racism abroad as well as at home.

Finally, we librarians who have gathered here in Washington DC from around the world must be careful that the new developments in information technology do not magnify and reinforce the divisions of class and race that exist in many countries as well as in our own country. Someone has said that “the more connected that some of us become the more disconnected most of us become.” Let us use the new technology to bring the races and classes together, to make for a more perfect world providing information for all who need it to survive. Thank you for this recognition of my small efforts.

LETTER AGAINST BOMBING OF IRAQ
12/16/98

December 16, 1998
50 West 96th Street, #3D
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Open Letter on the Bombing of Iraq,

The punitive air assault unleashed by the U.S. against the people of Iraq, December 16, 1998, is an appalling breach of international law, human rights and the peace of nations. As a result of years of embargo and inspection, the Iraqis clearly had no effective offensive capabilities and were also utterly defenseless.

Democratic and progressive professionals should make it known that this use of overwhelming destructive force against Iraq, which punishes a nation for its leaders' crimes, is nothing but military-technological barbarism. While it might have temporarily raised the poll ratings of a beleaguered president awaiting impeachment, it further immiserates the Iraqi people and degrades American democracy in the eyes of the world.

We progressive librarians, library workers, and library school students oppose completely the punishment meted out for non-compliance with Clinton's will. We declare our solidarity with the Iraqi civilians and civil society which will continue to suffer the consequences of this cynical exhibition of brute force.

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The following letter of opposition to an IRRT/ALA reception at the World Bank Headquarters' library was written following a SRRT/ALA meeting to discuss joint projects between U.S. and overseas library groups.

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Washington DC

An Open Letter to Nancy John, Chair
International Relations Round Table

We as representatives of progressive/radical library and information groups are disappointed that the International Relations Round Table Reception for International Visitors is being held at the World Bank. We appreciate the spirit of the reception for international guests but we feel that, given the role of the World Bank in international affairs and its policy of structural adjustment, the choice of venue is inappropriate to the ALA theme of Global Reach, Local Touch.

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