

## STATEMENT ON NO GUN RI

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As the largest peace organization of American veterans who had served in the U.S. military, including the World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, we are very disappointed and outraged that the recent Army's report on the No Gun Ri massacre failed to give a full picture of the number of victims or the command responsibility for the killing, while admitting that our troops fired on Korean refugees.

We call upon the U.S. Congress and the United Nations to establish a separate independent commission to investigate all allegations of the U.S. war crimes, including the No Gun Ri massacre, committed during the Korean War. In addition, we also call upon the American civil society to form its own commission to investigate the same.

By failing to produce an honest report on the No Gun Ri massacre after more than one year's investigation, and by failing to take any meaningful remedial actions on the case, our government has undermined the honor and trust of all the American people, including all veterans who served for the American ideals of justice, freedom and human dignity. We are ashamed of the Army's evasive, sanitized report and strongly condemn our government's failure to offer a full apology and due compensation to the victims.