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Justice John Reeves
Supreme Court
14 Parsons Street
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Dear Justice Reeves

I write regarding a case before you, involving Paul Christie, Margaret Pestorius, Tim Webb, Franz Dowling, Andrew Paine and Jim Dowling, who are charged with trespassing on the Intelligence Facility at Pine Gap.

By their action these individuals neither caused nor even threatened damage to the facility or its activities. Theirs was an entirely peaceful protest, aimed at drawing attention to the controversial nature of what goes on at Pine Gap - and what it means for the citizens of Australia and, indeed, the world.

Those charged have shone a light on Pine Gap and raised public awareness of its role in contemporary international rivalries. In this sense, they have performed a useful service for the general public.

The peaceful and harmless nature of their protest, and the public benefit of increased awareness of the Intelligence Facility, are, surely, grounds for the exercise of clemency in this case.

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On behalf of Marrickville Peace Group