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I write shortly after 11 a.m. Central Standard Time. It is now after dark in Iraq. So far Saddam Hussein hasn't accepted asylum. Military personnel are on highest readiness alert. Only a few know what will happen next. It – whatever "it" is - could happen by this evening U.S. time.

I see two paradoxes of which, I feel, we should be very aware:

**The first paradox:** If by some miracle the peace movements dream of no War and no Casualties in Iraq happens, through the total surrender of Saddam Hussein and his government, our problems as a movement may magnify, not diminish:

\* There will be those who will say that the proof that "might is right" was proved by our massive military presence arrayed against Iraq, and that is why we won;

\* Those who are joining us because they fear and loathe the threat of War, will go back to their comfortable every day lives.

\* It will be difficult to maintain our morale and momentum as a movement.

**The second paradox:**

\* The problems the United States is going to have both domestically and internationally will just begin with this "win". The need for this movement is going to increase rather than decrease in the wake of the "success".

The U.S. will, I truly believe, ultimately rue the day we "won" the Iraq War in 2003. It may be years, but we will rue the day the American Empire was initiated through Preemptive Strike.

Regardless of what happens today and following days, I'm in the Peace and Justice movement for the duration of my life. It's the only inheritance I can give my grandchildren and everyone of their generation all over the world.

Peace...and Justice.

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