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Event: “He Lied, They Died! Bring the Troops Home Now!” – Protest of the Bush Administration’s Criminal Wars and Occupations at the Dick Cheney fundraiser.

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Date: Monday, July 26th, 2004

Time: 4:00 p.m. +

Place: Embassy Suites Hotel, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue (at NE Airport Way).

“He Lied, They Died! Bring the Troops Home Now!” – Protest of the Bush Administration’s Criminal Wars and Occupations at the Dick Cheney fundraiser.

The *Portland Peaceful Response Coalition*, along with other local peace, justice and environmental organizations, will be gathering for a demonstration at the Republican fundraiser set for this coming Monday at the *Embassy Suites Hotel* by the airport.

“Dick Cheney was at the very center of Bush’s campaign of lies and fear-mongering that defrauded our country into the attack on Iraq,” said William Seaman, a spokesperson for PPRC. “This week brought the tragedy of the 900th US soldier to be killed in that criminal war, and Cheney is personally responsible for each of those deaths, and for the more than ten thousand innocent Iraqis who have died, and the thousands more, Iraqis and Americans, who’ve been grievously injured and traumatized by his war-profiteering plans.”

Cheney is the former CEO of Halliburton, the company that has received well over \$1 billion in no-bid contracts for the Iraq war, and has since been investigated and found guilty of significant accounting irregularities and overcharging that tracks into the millions of dollars. Cheney himself continues to receive payments from Halliburton in the form of deferred compensation, and reports have linked him directly to the awarding of the no-bid contracts to the company.

“He Lied, They Died! Bring the Troops Home Now!” will be the message this Monday at this latest Cheney visit to Portland, according to volunteers organizing the protest. “As always, we invite everybody to join us in what will be a peaceful, constitutionally-protected, loud and reverberating expression of protest against the criminal, immoral policies of the Bush Administration,” said Seaman. “We mean to remind the Republicans, and Dick Cheney in particular, that their crimes and corruptions are known to the American people, and there’s a growing tide of public opinion calling them to account.”

The plans for Cheney's visit call for gathering at the Embassy Suites Hotel beginning at 4:00pm, with the rally and vigil to last through Cheney's fundraiser speech that is currently scheduled for 6:00pm. "We're asking folks to join us whenever they can," said one of the planners. The nearest Max stop to the Embassy Suites Hotel is the Mt. Hood station located at NE Cascades Parkway & NE Mt. Hood Avenue. Updates will be posted on the PPRC website at www.pprc-news.org

People are advised to bring a hat, sunscreen and drinking water to the Cheney visit site. A recording of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s historic "Beyond Vietnam" speech will be played at the site of the vigil and rally.