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**KENT STATE TRUTH TRIBUNAL TO OPEN ITS DOORS
TO WITNESSES OF 1970 STUDENT KILLINGS AT
PROTEST OVER INVASION OF CAMBODIA**

*Michael Moore to Broadcast First American Truth-Seeking
Initiative Livecast on Internet*

Kent, Ohio – On May 1, 2010 the Kent State Truth Tribunal will launch a four-day truth-seeking initiative that will examine the deaths and injuries of student protestors at a 1970 campus rally over the invasion of Cambodia. Dozens of witnesses and participants are scheduled to share their accounts over the first four days of May, some for the first time. The testimonies will be videotaped and broadcast live on filmmaker Michael Moore's website.

On May 4, 1970 the Ohio National Guard opened fire on unarmed students protesting America's invasion of Cambodia during the Vietnam War. In a day that changed America, four students were killed and nine wounded as they demonstrated against the land invasion. The incident triggered national outrage in a country already divided. In response to the Kent State shootings, more than four million students rose up in dissent across 900 campuses,

generating the only nationwide student protest in U.S. history. Fearing civil unrest, President Nixon was taken to Camp David for his protection.

The Ohio National Guard has never publicized the findings of its investigation of command responsibility for the shootings. And importantly, there has never been a public inquiry to hear, record and preserve the stories of those directly impacted by Kent State.

“Kent State figures prominently in recent American history yet there has never been a full account of what took place on the day of the shootings,” said Laurel Krause who was 15 years old when her older sister Allison was cut down by a Guardsman’s bullet. *“We hope the Kent State Truth Tribunal will provide an opportunity for the many individuals affected by the shootings to share their truth and come to a collective understanding of what took place on this day that changed America,”* she added.

Forty years later, family members of those killed have initiated the Kent State Truth Tribunal to preserve and honor the stories of those whose lives have been touched by this tragedy. The Truth Tribunal will generate the only comprehensive historical record and live archive of the Kent State massacre. The archive will be housed at the prestigious New York University Tamiment Library for viewing by the public

<http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/research/tam/>.

The tribunal will take place on four consecutive days, mirroring the events of 1970, and held at Franklin Square Deli Building, corner of Water & Main Streets, 110 S. Water Street, in downtown Kent, Ohio on May 1, 2, 3 & 4, 2010. The video accounts will be recorded by award-winning filmmaker Emily Kunstler. The livecast is the first real-time broadcast of a truth-seeking initiative of this kind and will air on www.MichaelMoore.com from 10am-7pm daily.

Organizers have invited participants and witnesses to the events of May 4th 1970 and others who were present on campus and in the community including protesters, Ohio National Guardsmen, Ohio State officials, local residents, students, family members and others who were affected by the shootings.

For more information, visit: <http://www.truthtribunal.org>