WAR PROFITEER ALERT

STOP THE WARS MARCH
TO ITT CORP. CEO STEPHEN LORANGER'S HOUSE IN GREENWICH, CT
Saturday, October 23, 12:30 PM
Gather at US Post Office, Arch St. & Greenwich Ave., Greenwich

What’s Going On? ITT Corp., with corporate headquarters in White Plains, NY, makes bomb and missile releases for drones used in Afghanistan and Pakistan, among a variety of military hardware. ITT’s CEO Stephen Loranger was paid $14 million in 2009.

ITT and Mr. Loranger lobbied this year through the Aerospace Industry Association for continued funding for the wars in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq. ITT, according to its web site, derives 58 percent of its income, over $6.3 billion in 2009, from its military contracts. The company spent $ 2.5 million lobbying Congress in 2009 - 2010 (to date). ITT has contributed about $223,000 to House and Senate candidates so far in the 2010 elections.

We will be taking our anti-war message to the neighborhood of Mr. Loranger to emphasize that war is coming daily to homes in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq, and that Mr. Loranger’s style of living is related to war profits. Mr. Loranger and his military contractor colleagues possibly have a more powerful voice in war decisions than members of Congress. A profile of Mr. Loranger and ITT appears at www.freewestpoint.org

We will be calling on Mr. Loranger to begin lobbying for an immediate withdrawal of all US forces from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq, and we will be urging investors to divest themselves of ITT Corporation stock.

This may be the first protest in this area to draw attention to the political role of war profiteers in the wars that began nine years ago with the invasion of Afghanistan. We hope people from throughout metropolitan Connecticut and New York will join the march.

The walk to Mr. Loranger’s neighborhood is approximately three miles round-trip. The Greenwich police have been notified of the march and have no objection to it; no permit is needed.