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MELVIN H. CHALFEN, M.D.
COMMISSIONER

March 13, 1984

John F. Magee, President
Arthur D. Little, Inc.
25 Acorn Park
Cambridge, Mass. 02140

Re: Testing of Nerve Gas

Dear Mr. Magee:

Pursuant to M.G.L.A., c. 111, §§31 and 143, a regulation has been adopted by this office which prohibits the testing, storage, transportation and disposal of the following chemical materials within the City of Cambridge:

1. Soman - GD (nerve agent)
2. Sarin - GB (nerve agent)
3. VX (nerve agent)
4. Mustard - HD (blister agent)
5. Lewisite (blister agent)

Pursuant to M.G.L.A., c. 111, §146 entitled, "Orders of Prohibition," you are hereby ordered to cease the storage and testing of the above chemical materials at your facility which is located in Acorn Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,

Melvin H. Chalfen
Commissioner

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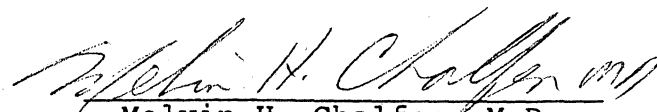
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COMMISSIONER

On this 13th day of March, 1984, I, Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D., Commissioner of Health and Hospitals, hereby adopt the following regulation pursuant to M.G.L.A., c. 111, §§31 and 143.

The following materials are hereby determined to be highly toxic, and extremely hazardous in the event of an accident, to the public health and safety of the population of the City of Cambridge. The testing, storage, transportation and disposal of the following chemical materials is hereby prohibited within the City of Cambridge:

1. Soman - GD (nerve agent)
2. Sarin - GB (nerve agent)
3. VX (nerve agent)
4. Mustard - HD (blister agent)
5. Lewisite (blister agent)

This regulation shall remain in effect until the Scientific Advisory Committee Study and an independent hazard assessment has been completed, and these recommendations have been reviewed by this office.


Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.
Commissioner



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 6, 1984

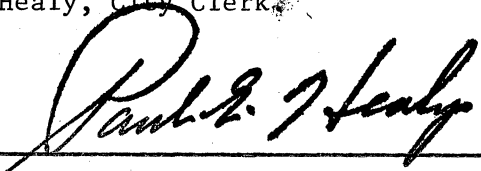
Councillor Francis Duehay

- WHEREAS: The City Council has not yet received the text of an ordinance regarding the storage, testing and transportation of hazardous and toxic wastes long over due from the Commissioner of Health & Hospitals; and
- WHEREAS: A proposed scientific advisory committee has not yet been appointed by the Cambridge City Council; and,
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge does not have its own procedures to protect the health of the public with regard to the testing, storage and transportation of poisonous, toxic and hazardous substances; and,
- WHEREAS: It is highly desirable for the city to conduct a thorough review of its responsibilities and those of the state through its department of public health, before a new program of testing toxic substances begins; and,
- WHEREAS: Arthur D. Little, Inc. plans to begin a program of testing highly toxic "nerve agents" and "blister agents" in the near future; and,
- WHEREAS: No thorough public review of these plans has been conducted by local authorities in Cambridge and surrounding communities; and,
- WHEREAS: Insufficient information now exists to assess the health risk of such work to the citizens of Cambridge; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the city Manager be and hereby is requested to halt all such testing of such toxic and hazardous substances (i.e. substances which could cause substantial health risks to the public were an accident to occur) within the City of Cambridge and to enact whatever other emergency measures he may deem wise to protect the health of the public in this or related instances; and be it further
- ORDERED: That these emergency prohibitions be in force until a scientific advisory committee has been appointed and has completed its work; and until the City Manager and City Council have completed final action on the committee's report and on the ordinance to be submitted by the Commissioner of Health and Hospitals.

In City Council February 6, 1984.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Order # 6

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C. Duehay order re: City Manager be request-
ed to halt testing of hazardous & toxic
materials in the City of Cambridge & enact
whatever emergency measures necessary to
protect the public health in the case of
testing at Arthur D. Little, Inc. or in
any related instances.

*copy of order put aside to be sent to the
Scientific Advisory Committee, when
constituted 2/13/84 ml*

In City Council,

February 6, 1984

2/6/1984

QD Adopted
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