

RECEIVED BY
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
United States Senate

MAY 77 1 32 PM '81
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

May 14, 1981

Mr. Paul E. Healy
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

Thank you for sending me copies of the Cambridge City Council's resolutions on nuclear warfare and the Atlanta murders. I apologize for the delay in my response.

I am very concerned that the Reagan Administration has failed to articulate a rational arms control policy. I have conveyed my views to the Administration, particularly my feelings about the importance of reviving the SALT talks. In addition, I am cosponsoring with Senator Chafee a luncheon for my colleagues with the Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War which I think will be a very informative session. I am hopeful that the Administration will soon renew our country's efforts to end this terrible threat.

I share your deep concern and outrage over the murders of so many innocent children. This violence is repugnant to me and directly contrary to the values of this nation. I strongly support any federal efforts to assist the city in the investigation of these murders.

As you may know, the Reagan Administration has made efforts to facilitate the flow of federal funds to Atlanta. On March 5, the President announced that the Administration was sending about \$1 million in grants to Atlanta for mental and social programs relating to the murders. On March 14, the President pledged another \$1.5 million in federal aid to defray the costs of investigation of the murders.

The Congress has also taken an active role. Several resolutions have been passed by Congress condemning the murders. Five bills are now pending before various committees in the House which would authorize federal assistance to Atlanta. Senator Mathias has introduced S. 650 which would authorize \$1.8 million in federal funds to the mayor of Atlanta for extraordinary investigation expenses relating to the murders of children in that city. The bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Law.

Mr. Paul E. Healy
May 14, 1981
Page 2.

I fully support these efforts to provide federal assistance for ending this insidious situation. If any of this legislation should come before the Senate, I will strongly support it.

Again, thank you for your letter

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul".

PAUL E. TSONGAS
United States Senator

PET/bay

5.

S 347

Comm. from Senator Tsongas acknowledging
receipt of communications sent to him
by the City Council re: nuclear warfare
& the Atlanta murders.

In City Council,

June 1, 1981

Placed on file