



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR WYLIE

December 14, 1981

- WHEREAS: The closed, repressive nature of the Soviet government makes it difficult for Americans to communicate with Russians to communicate with Americans; and
- WHEREAS: The militaristic postures of both nations give Americans and Russians many reasons to fear and mistrust one another; and
- WHEREAS: Recent studies show that misconceptions by Japanese of American character and by Americans of Japanese character were in no small part responsible for Japanese over confidence and American unpreparedness at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack; and
- WHEREAS: The possibility of nuclear war between the Soviet Union and the United States dictates that better means be invented for persuading the Soviet public that Americans mean them no harm and wish for no harm from them despite the fact that each nation has placed the citizens of the other nation in immense peril; therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Council of Cambridge declares its desire to identify a Russian city which would be appropriate for study by Cambridge citizens, trusting that if other cities in both nations made similar studies of one another, an enhanced sense of shared values and an irresistible mutual desire to deter war could emerge; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Council requests that the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools consider assigning Cambridge school children the task of selecting an appropriate Russian city for study by the people of Cambridge, taking the following factors into account:
1. The population should be roughly similar to Cambridge's in size and ethnic diversity.
 2. If possible, the City should contain both industry and a university.

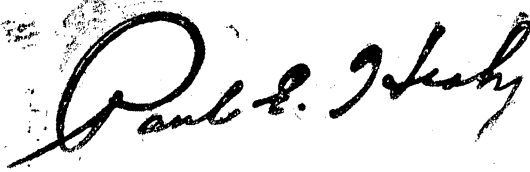
3. The City should be in an area in which the Soviet government permits tourist travel, in the event that Cambridge citizens choose to visit there.
4. After the City has been selected, it should be possible for Cambridge schools (public, private and parochial), churches, clubs and citizens to secure the following kinds of information about the City:
 - (a) Government - who makes decisions about traffic, school curriculum, wages of city employees; housing resources, libraries, etc., how are the decision makers chosen, and how do citizens influence decisions.
 - (b) Finance - how is the cost of city government met; taxes (what kinds), national grants, fees, etc.
 - (c) Industry and Employment - how do the citizens earn a living, how the trades, careers and professions chosen and how is training accomplished.
 - (d) Schools - who goes to school, for how long, how are the teachers chosen, what is the curriculum, what do they teach about the United States.
 - (e) Culture - what is the role of artists, who enjoy the arts, what kinds of movies do people see, what kinds of music do they listen to, what amount of art and music are enjoyed directly and what amount through radio, TV and phonograph.
 - (f) Recreation - what leisure activities do the citizens enjoy, do they travel, do they eat at restaurants, what sports do they participate in or watch.
 - (g) Housing - is there enough, what is it like, is there diversity, what portion of family income does it consume.
 - (h) Media - how do people become informed, to what extent are they misinformed, to what extent could they inform themselves better if they chose to do so.
 - (i) History - when was the City founded and how; what wars have affected it and how; what notable events have occurred there.

Upon the students' response to this request, it is the intention of the City Council to declare the chosen Russian City Cambridge's "Learning Friend" and to invite all Cambridge organizations and citizens to join in learning about that City and providing the citizens of that City with information about Cambridge and its citizens.

In City Council December 14, 1981.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.".

Order # 4-5-661

C. Wylie order re: an appropriate Russian city
be chosen for study by Cambridge citizens and
school children for the purpose of furthering
mutual understanding between the two countries.

In City Council,

December 14, 1981

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