

September 17, 1992

The Honorable Kenneth Reeves
 Mayor---The City of Cambridge
 675 Massachusetts Avenue
 Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mayor Reeves,

On behalf of Oxfam America I want to thank you for sponsoring the proclamation recognizing the horrible conditions in the East African nation of Somalia which have led to the deaths of more than 100,000 people in recent months.

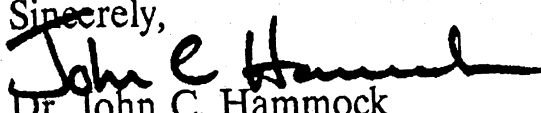
The exigency of this crisis has necessitated an appeal from Oxfam America to the citizens of Cambridge and other communities for funding for emergency relief for Somalia. We, however, are also exploring long-term agricultural development and water-related projects in this besieged nation in order that people there can help themselves.

In sponsoring the proclamation of Monday, September 14, 1992, you have greatly aided our efforts to inform ordinary citizens of our community about this terrible disaster, and have provided further reasons for giving.

We would like to take this effort a step further with a rally and candlelight vigil in support of the people of Somalia on the evening of Thursday, October 8, on the steps of Cambridge City Hall at 7:00 pm. This candlelight vigil will emphasize the need for greater food and resource assistance and other humanitarian concerns. It will not nor should it be viewed as a political rally, but as an additional spotlight on the "world's worst tragedies."

Again, for your most recent initiative and good deed I would like to congratulate and thank you and the members of the Cambridge City Council.

Sincerely,


 Dr. John C. Hammock

Executive Director
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cc: Ms. Margaret Drury, Clerk for the City of Cambridge



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Comm. from Dr. John C. Hammock, Executive Director, Oxfam America, thanking the City Council for the resolution adopted for funding for emergency relief for Somalia and transmitting notification of a candlelight vigil for Thursday, October 8, 1992 at 7:00 p. m. at City Hall in support of the people of Somalia.

In City Council,

Sept. 21, 1992

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