

Cambridge Committee
for a
Nuclear Weapons Freeze

March 18, 1982

Mr. Paul Healy
City Clerk
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

I have just spoken by phone with City Councilor David Wylie regarding the procedure for obtaining a permit to set up a literature table on Cambridge Streets. This matter was discussed by Mr. Wylie with the City Manager on Tuesday, March 16, and I understand that the Department of Public Works is continuing to issue the permits. Consequently I submit this letter in application for such permit.

I represent the Cambridge Committee for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze, a citizens' group concerned with the issue of obtaining public and political support for the movement to halt the nuclear arms race. As you know, the Nuclear Weapons Freeze has been endorsed by the Cambridge City Council, the Massachusetts State Legislature, Senators Kennedy and Tsongas, Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. and hundreds of other United States Congressmen and Senators, as well as hundreds of Massachusetts towns, and religious and civic groups. Our Cambridge Committee has been involved in a mobile, clipboard-style petition drive since August. Now that our petition drive has borne fruit (i.e., the endorsements of those to whom it was directed: Kennedy, Tsongas and O'Neill), our focus has shifted from a petition-only campaign to one of disseminating educational literature regarding the arms race and the move to halt it, a letter-writing campaign in support of the Congressional and Senate Resolutions to Freeze the Nuclear Arms Race as well as continuation of our petition drive.

Toward this end, we request permission to set up tables in six locations, as follows: (1) at the fair in front of the Unitarian Church on the corner of Church Street and Massachusetts Avenue; (2) at Holyoke Center; (3) at the

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triangle between Brattle and Eliot Streets (where the Christmas scene is placed); (4) in front of the kiosk near the MTA station across from the Coop; (5) on the perimeter of the Cambridge Common; and (6) in Central Square. We would be manning one or more of these sites every other Saturday, between the hours of noon and 5 p.m. from now until the weather gets too cold (or until the arms race is halted, whichever occurs first). We would not necessarily be at all six locations every time, but would like the option to be.

Our activities at the table would be to have available petitions and postcards for signing, bumper stickers, buttons and posters for distribution (in return for a nominal donation), literature for dissemination and forms for individuals to use in writing to their representatives in support of the Freeze. We would like to be allowed to place a sign or banner either behind or hanging from the table indicating who we are.

We would like to begin this work on Saturday, April 3, 1982 and therefore request your prompt attention to this matter. Should you require additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience. I may be reached during business hours at 357-4400, Extension 346, and during non-business hours at 492-3649.

I thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Very truly yours,



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Cambridge Committee
for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze
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cc: Mr. Joseph Connerton

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from the Cambridge Committee for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze Re: request for a permit to set up literature tables at various locations, commencing April 3, 1982.

In City Council,

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