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June 10, 1985

Members of the City Council
City of Cambridge

Dear Members of the City Council:

We are requesting permission to park a van on Amherst Street on the campus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, between McCormick Hall and Kresge Auditorium, for four days -- Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23. We are holding our annual national conference for members in Cambridge this year (see attached brochure). Many of our volunteer community groups produce materials to raise funds to support the work of the national section and their own work on behalf of prisoners of conscience, which often includes sending relief to prisoners and/or their families. These materials include notecards, t-shirts, buttons and posters.

MIT has informed us that their tax-exempt status might be at stake if we were to sell this material on their property. Since we consider it very important that groups be able to display their material to other members from all over the country, we would like to park a van between the dormitory in which we will be staying and the auditorium in which many sessions of the conference will be held. We are expecting over 800 Amnesty members from around the country, as well as delegates from Canada, Chile, the Netherlands, West Germany, and our International Secretariat in London.

The details are:

LOCATION:	Amherst St., between McCormick Hall and Kresge Auditorium, MIT campus
DATES AND TIMES:	Thurs., June 20, 4 - 8 p.m.
	Fri., June 21, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
	Sat., June 22, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
	Sun., June 23, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We are anticipating an exciting conference and thank you very much for considering this request.

Yours truly,


Paula Jackson
Program Coordinator

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Attachments

Amnesty International USA
Northeast Regional Office
1675 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02138



Annual General Meeting

Amnesty
International
USA

Massachusetts
Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
June 21 - 23, 1985

In 1985 at least one third of the world's governments torture their citizens; more than half are holding prisoners of conscience; in dozens of countries individuals will be executed in prisons or murdered in the street by government agents.

Amnesty International's task is to put a stop to these brutal violations of human rights.

- Last year Amnesty International attracted thousands of new members. This year we need to mobilize twice as many to commit their time and energy to the human rights movement.
- Last year Amnesty International enjoyed more publicity than ever before. This year we must achieve a media presence that will bring our work to the attention of every American.
- Last year Amnesty International lobbied for the passage of the Congressional Resolution against Torture. This year we must work to ensure that the provisions in this legislation are enforced.

The purpose of the 1985 Annual General Meeting will be to reinforce our knowledge and skills so we can strengthen our efforts in all these areas.

Workshops will focus on

- Techniques for Building a Stronger Base for Prisoner and Campaign Work in Local Communities
- Human Rights and the Media
- Creating Pressure through the U.S. Government

Working Parties will focus on policy. Following the format of AI's international meetings, we will discuss the mandate, techniques, organizational concerns, and finance and development. The agenda will include resolutions coming from this spring's regional meetings in the U.S. and issues the movement will decide at the September, 1985 International Council in Helsinki, Finland.

Time and Place

The 1985 Annual General Meeting of Amnesty International U.S.A. opens on Friday, June 21, 1985 at 9 a.m. and continues through 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 23. Registration and meetings will be held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on the Charles River in Cambridge near the heart of Boston.

Registration

Registration will be held in the lobby of Kresge Auditorium from 12 noon to 12 midnight on Thursday; from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight on Friday; and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. We can make arrangements for registration after midnight on Thursday and Friday, but please let us know in advance if you plan to arrive then.

Accommodations

On Campus

Accommodations on the MIT campus are available at Package Rates which include room, lunch on Friday and Saturday and a Saturday evening barbecue. All other meals are "on your own" at the MIT cafeteria or local restaurants. Rooms in McCormick Hall will be arranged on separate floors for men, women, couples, and people with children. People staying in on-campus housing may request single or double rooms. The availability of single rooms is limited. No rooms have private bathrooms or air-conditioning. Linens are provided in all housing.

Off Campus

Boston area members are arranging free housing space in private homes on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A list of nearby hotels in Cambridge and Boston will be sent upon request. Registrants must make their own hotel arrangements, and should do so as soon as possible.

Those persons staying in off-campus housing may purchase meals in the MIT cafeteria — (breakfast for about \$3 and lunch for about \$5), or they may purchase the on-campus meal package (2 lunches and barbecue for \$19). The meal package lunches are *not* in the cafeteria. Registration and payment for the meal package must be received with the registration form.

Recreation Facilities

Recreation facilities are available to all conference participants at a fee of \$5 for the weekend, including use of a pool, indoor track, tennis and squash courts.

Special Events

Testimonies of Former Prisoners: personal testimonies and stories of survival from several countries.

Focus on the Death Penalty: keynote speech addressing the death penalty as a violation of the most fundamental human right.

A Film Series beginning on Thursday evening and featuring *Sakharov* with Glenda Jackson and Jason Robards, *When the Mountains Tremble*, a powerful documentary about killings in Guatemala, *The Hooded Men*, a film about torture around the world; also AI films such as *Prisoner of Conscience*, *License to Kill* and *Your Neighbor's Son*.

An Evening of International Music with WGBH Morning Pro Musica host, Robert J. Lurtsema. Performances of Ethnic music from around the world.

Human Rights and the Media : a panel with ABC's Ted Koppel and other foreign editors and correspondents.

What Role Can the Government Play in Stopping Human Rights Violations? A panel discussion with elected officials and former U.S. ambassadors.

Poster Exhibit from Amnesty International sections around the world including Austria, Canada, France, Japan, Nigeria and Venezuela.

Barbecue Dinner on the MIT lawn facing the Charles river.

Schedule of Events*

Thursday, June 20

5:00 pm on
Registration, Films, and Social Hour

Friday, June 21

9:00 to 10:30
Opening Plenary: Prisoner Testimonies
Welcome and opening of the meeting,
James David Barber, Chair, AIUSA. Remarks
by the Honorable Michael Dukakis, Governor of
Massachusetts.
Personal testimonies and stories of survival.

10:45 to 12:30
Building Human Rights Activism in
Your Community
A series of specific workshops aimed at
strengthening grassroots activities to free
Prisoners of Conscience, stop torture and execu-
tions. Sessions include such topics as casework,
human rights education, the death penalty, work
with lawyers and health professionals, approaches
to business, labor and minority groups.

12:15 to 1:45
Lunch

1:45 to 2:30
Focus on the Death Penalty
Keynote speech and outline of AIUSA's pro-
gram for abolition of the death penalty.

2:30 to 3:45
What Role Can the Government Play in Stopping
Human Rights Violations?
Elected officials and former U.S. ambassadors
discuss the role of the U.S. Government in inter-
national human rights.

4:00 to 5:30
Pressure Through the U.S. Government
A series of workshops on the implementation of
the Resolution Against Torture, Pending Human
Rights Legislation, International Covenants and Con-
ventions, Refugees, Raising Human Rights Issues
through Congressional Representatives, and more.

* As of February 28. A detailed schedule will be
given to participants upon arrival.

5:30
Dinner (on your own in Cambridge and Boston)

8:00
Evening of International Music
With Morning Pro Musica Host,
Robert J. Lurtsema.
Address by John G. Healey, Executive
Director, AIUSA.

Saturday, June 22

9:15 to 12:15
Working Parties
Mandate, Techniques,
Organization, Finance.

12:15 to 2:00
Lunch
Country lunch tables to discuss prisoner
casework and Regional Action Networks.
Special meetings.

2:00 to 3:30
Human Rights and the Media
Panel discussion on the realities of reporting on
human rights — with ABC Nightline
Anchor, Ted Koppel.

3:45 to 5:15
Presenting AI Concerns to the Public
Discussion sessions with local reporters.
Workshops to develop skills for working with
the media.

5:30 to 6:30
Working Parties
Continued from morning.

7:00
Outdoor Barbecue

9:00 on
Party

Sunday, June 23

9:00 to 12:30
Final Plenary
Resolutions and Concerns of the Meeting.

12:30 to 1:00
Closing Remarks
By a former Prisoner of Conscience.

Registration

AIUSA Annual General Meeting 1985

Please submit by June 1 — One form per person, please	Amount Enclosed
Registration Fee: \$20.00 (\$10.00 students, seniors, unemployed)	\$ _____
Registration after June 1: \$30.00 (\$15.00 students, seniors, unemployed)	\$ _____
No Refunds for Registration or Fees After June 10.	

Accommodations

Please indicate the housing package you prefer

MIT Campus Housing and Meals (includes lunch
Friday and Saturday and dinner Saturday)

4 Nights (only for those attending pre-AGM
meetings, June 19-20)

☐ double \$79.00	☐ single \$131.00	\$ _____
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3 Nights (June 20-22)

☐ double \$64.00	☐ single \$103.00	\$ _____
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2 Nights (June 21-22)

☐ double \$49.00	☐ single \$75.00	\$ _____
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Off-Campus Housing

☐ I prefer free housing in a private home for:
☐ Thurs. night ☐ Fri. night ☐ Sat. night
☐ I can bring my own sleeping bag ☐ I need a bed
☐ I will find my own housing
☐ Please send me a listing of Boston area motels
and hotels.
☐ I would like the on-campus meal package
for \$19.00

\$ _____

Off-campus housing confirmation will be sent to
you by June 15.

Total Fees Enclosed: \$ _____
(Checks payable to Amnesty International USA)

General Housing Information

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker ☐ Vegetarian
☐ I will have a car ☐ I wish to room with _____
Additional housing concerns (please specify) _____

Child Care

☐ I will need care for _____ children _____ Ages _____
☐ Hours needed _____

Send Completed Forms Before June 1 to:
AGM/Amnesty International/Northeast Office
1675 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02138 (617) 547-9295
Please fill out both sections below:

Name _____
Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

The following will be your mailing label:

Name _____
Address _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

2:00 PM

**Human Rights and
the Media**

*A distinguished panel of journalists
will participate in a discussion of how
the media reports on human rights
concerns*

Ann Garrels — NBC News

Jim Hoagland — Washington Post

Ted Koppel — ABC Nightline

Kresge Auditorium



**Amnesty
International,
U.S.A.**

You are invited to attend a
series of special events during the
Annual General Meeting
of
Amnesty International USA
on the campus of

The Massachusetts Institute
of Technology
Cambridge, MA

June 20 - 23, 1985

For further information, contact:
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Northeastern Regional Office
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Cambridge, MA 02138
617-547-9295

"We cannot create a world
where no children are tortured,
but we can create a world
where fewer children are tortured."

Albert Camus

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Opening Reception

*Films, Refreshments, Remarks
by members of the Board of Directors
and former Prisoners of Conscience.*

**McCormick Hall
Amherst Street
(320 Memorial Drive)**

1:45 - 2:30 PM

Focus on the Death Penalty

*Charles Fulwood, Death Penalty
Program Coordinator, AIUSA*

Kresge Auditorium

2:30 - 3:45 PM

What Role Can the Government Play in Stopping Human Rights Violations

*A distinguished panel of
elected officials and former U.S.
ambassadors will discuss the role
of the U.S. government in
international human rights.*

Kresge Auditorium

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

9:00 - 9:30 AM

James David Barber

*Chair, Board of
Directors, AIUSA
"Making It Happen:
Amnesty International's Fight
for Human Rights in the
Real World."*

Kresge Auditorium

8:00 PM

An Evening of International Music and Dance

*hosted by Robert J. Lurtsema
of WGBH's Morning Pro Musica*

*Remarks from John G. Healey
Executive Director, AIUSA*

*The Sophia Bilides Greek Folk Music
Ensemble; The Pinewoods Morris Men,
dance from the British Isles; Alejandro
Rivera, new Directions in Latin
American Music; Dance Group of the
Cambodian Community; The Uganda
Nankasa Group, dance and music*

*Tickets: \$10 regular admission,
\$6 students and senior citizens.*

Kresge Auditorium

9:30 - 10:30

Opening Plenary

*Welcome by
the Honorable Michael Dukakis
Governor of Massachusetts*

Prisoner Testimonies

*Bakulu Mpagi Wamala — Uganda
Humberto Noble Alexander — Cuba
Hiber Conteris — Uruguay*

Kresge Auditorium

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Petition of Paula Jackson, Program Director of Amnesty International USA requesting permission to park a van on Amherst St. on the MIT campus on June 20-23, 1985 to sell t-shirts & other items to help raise money in connection with their national conference of members.

Copy sent to the City Manager 6/10/85

In City Council,

June 10, 1985

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