

November 15, 1981

Cambridge City Council
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA

Dear Council Members,

We commend you for your efforts to make the citizens of Cambridge aware of the horrible consequences of nuclear war. All too often we push such disturbing problems to the back of our minds while telling ourselves that we could not possibly contribute to their solution. The booklet, 'Cambridge and Nuclear Weapons', made it very clear that we cannot discount the possibility of nuclear annihilation and, that if we want a future for ourselves, our families, and the world at large, we have no choice but to work toward nuclear disarmament.

The favorable response to 'Cambridge and Nuclear Weapons', the follow-up talks and slide shows at community churches and organizations, and the well-attended disarmament seminars at Harvard and M.I.T. on Veteran's Day indicate that people in Cambridge are overcoming the sense of helplessness that paralyzes us all. We are starting to believe that our voices will be heard, that politicians will listen, and that policies will be changed.

We urge the new Council to continue your leadership in the fight against the arms race. In particular we hope that the peace curriculum proposed for public schools will be developed and incorporated as soon as possible. This curriculum, along with other educational programs are requisite to the development of a lasting and effective effort to control nuclear weapons.

Again, we commend you, and hope that other city governments will have the vision and courage to follow your example.

Yours sincerely,

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Comm. from David A. Steele, et al, expressing appreciation to the Council for its efforts Re: nuclear warfare.

In City Council,

December 7, 1981

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