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Mr. Paul E. Healy, City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

Your recent letter has been received by the civil defense staff of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA is responsible for preparedness and response actions for a wide variety of disasters, emergencies, and catastrophic events. We appreciate the time you have taken to write and share your opinions.

A nuclear attack on this country would result in an unprecedented loss of life. While deemed unlikely, if such an attack were ever to occur, a prudent civil defense program could help save lives and reduce injuries and destruction. In view of the particularly grave and devastating consequences that would result should an attack take place, FEMA is working diligently to deal with the many questions and problems surrounding the development and implementation of an effective approach to civil defense. The civil defense program is one of the President's national security programs, all of which are directed at the goal of maintaining peace.

Civil defense activities in the United States represent a partnership among our Federal, State, and local governments. For specific information concerning civil defense activities in your State and your local community, you should feel free to address your inquiry to your State capital and your county or city government.

Again, thank you for expressing your views. They will be helpful as the civil defense program is developed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. O. Giuffrida".

Louis O. Giuffrida
Director

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from Louis O. Giuffrida, Dir., FEMA, Re: development & implementation of an effective approach to civil defense.

In City Council,

June 14, 1982

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