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A true copy;

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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

May 18, 1983

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The Honorable Mr. Justice R. Skinner
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Bristol House
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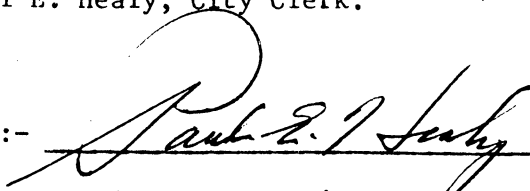
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David A. Wylie
City Councillor

FROM: Amnesty International Subcommittee
David A. Wylie, Chairman
Saundra Graham
David Sullivan

DATE: May 16, 1983

REPORT TO THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Attached is a Resolution regarding human rights violations in Malawi. Approval by the City Council is hereby recommended.

VOTED:

That the attached Resolution be and it hereby is adopted and that it be forwarded by the City Clerk to the following persons:

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Vera Chirwa
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Order # 10 *S-291*

C. Wylie re: resolutions on possible human rights violations in Malawi.

*Copies sent to all officials of Malawi
as enumerated in the order within,
and the Malawi Company. Also letter and
copy sent to Joshua Rubenstein of
Archdiocese International Committee 5/18/83
mh*

~~In City Council,~~

May 16, 1983

5/16/83

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Order

Adopted

*Atlas Maps will be
provided by C. Wylie
for the Mayor
Mayor -*