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COUNCILLOR FRANCIS H. DUEHAY
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January 3, 1985.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Vice Mayor Frank Duehay, Chair of the Committee on Environment of the Cambridge City Council, has announced the unanimous decision of the Belmont Board of Selectmen urging the Arthur D. Little Company to end the testing of nerve gas in Cambridge near the borders of Belmont and Arlington.

Announced on December 27, 1984 by William P. Monahan, Chair of the Belmont Selectmen, in a letter to Vice Mayor Duehay, this action follows an appearance by Duehay before the Belmont selectmen and had been urged by the Belmont Board of Health. The Belmont action is similar to votes taken by the Cambridge City Council and by the Board of Selectmen of Arlington.

Commenting on the Belmont decision, Duehay said, "It is transparently obvious that this dangerous work must not be conducted in one of the nation's most densely populated urban areas. The communities of Arlington, Belmont and Cambridge now have joined in unprecedented common voice to demand an end to this deadly risk."



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December 27, 1984

Francis Duehay, Chairman
Committee on the Environment
Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear Councillor Duehay:

The Board of Selectmen has unanimously voted to support the efforts of the City of Cambridge to end the testing of nerve gas by the Arthur D. Little Company on Acorn Park Road, Cambridge.

The testing facility of A. D. Little is adjacent to a heavily populated section of the Town of Belmont. Although we are confident that the testing is carried out under very tight security and safe conditions, the possibility of an accident that would adversely affect the health of Belmont residents has prompted us to take this action.

Very truly yours,

William P. Monahan, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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Comm. from VM Francis H. Duehay, transmitting notification from William P. Monahan, Chairman, Belmont Board of Selectmen Re: the Board's unanimous decision urging the Arthur D. Little Company to end testing of nerve gas in Cambridge near the Belmont & Arlington borders.

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