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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • (617) 498-9017

January 14, 1982

Honorable Roger Establie
Consul General of France
3 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to a telephone conversation with your Vice-Consul regarding the vote of the Cambridge City Council on Monday, January 11, 1982, I am forwarding the enclosed resolutions. As you will note, the City Council Committee, chaired by Councillor David Wylie is deeply concerned regarding the health and safety of the political prisoners of Djibouti.

If you would be so kind to forward the enclosed resolutions, the Council would be most appreciative. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Connarton
Deputy City Clerk

JEC/mh
Enclosures

cc: Councillor Wylie, (Acting) Chairman
Joshua Rubinstein



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 11, 1982

COUNCILLOR WYLIE

RESOLVED: The City Council of Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A., hereby requests the appropriate officials of Djibouti to make public the reasons for the arrest and continued detention of members of the Executive Committee of the Parti Populaire, including Omar Ousmane RABEH, Mohamed Ahmed ISSA ("Cheiko"), Mohamed Said SALEH, Djama Ahmed FARAH, Moussa Ahmed IDRIS, Ahmed DINI Ahmed and Hachi Abdilahi ORAH and to advise whether the rights of these persons are being observed under the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As elected governmental officials in a democratic society, the Cambridge City Councillors wish to say to Djibouti officials that political activity should never result in the violation of a person's liberty and further that disregard of the personal rights of members of a political opposition creates a destabilizing force in the world. In addition, the City Council is alarmed at reports that Omar Ousmane Rabeh and Moussa Ahmed Idriss are in poor health and are not receiving medical attention. If true, Djibouti practices would be not only repressive, but barbaric as well.

RESOLVED: That the foregoing Resolution be forwarded by the City Clerk to the following persons:

Son Excellence Hassan Gouled Aptidon
President de la Republique
Presidence, Djibouti

M. Idris Farah Abaneh
Ministre de l'Interieur
Djibouti

Son Excellence Barkat Gourad Hamadou
Premier Ministre
Djibouti

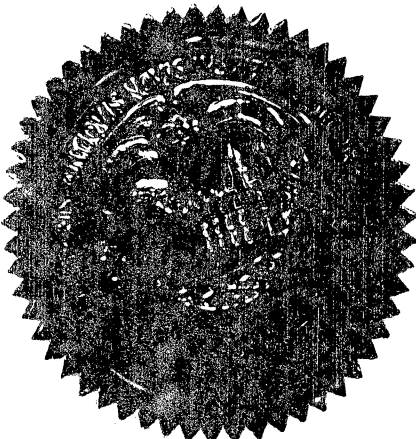
M. Helaf Orbis Ali
Ministre de la Justice
Djibouti

In City Council January 11, 1982.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Paul E. Healy
Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.





CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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David A. Wylie
City Councillor

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Amnesty International Subcommittee (Acting)
David A. Wylie, Chairman
Alfred Vellucci
Saundra Graham

DATE: January 11, 1982

REPORT TO THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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

January 11, 1982

The Cambridge City Council hereby adopts the following resolutions:

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Comm. from Councillor Wylie, Chairman, Amnesty International Subcommittee (Acting); Councillors Vellucci and Graham, transmitting a report of said Committee and recommending the adoption of attached resolution Re: possible human rights violations in Djibouti.

In City Council,

January 11, 1982

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RESOLUTIONS

Approved

Copies of Resolutions sent to
Hon. Roger Establie, French Consul General
and Joshua Rubinstein 1/14/82
+ copy sent to Committee Wylie mh