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September 17, 1987

The Honorable, The City Council:

I am writing to update my colleagues on recent developments with regard to the Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City arrangement.

There are three formal written parts which we have been trying to conclude during and since the visit of the Yerevan delegation.

The first is a general statement of friendship and intent called the Protocol. This was agreed to and signed during the visit by Mayor Sullivan and Mayor Avakian. A copy is enclosed.

The second is a more detailed statement of objectives called the Agreement to be agreed to by the city councils of each community. This was the subject of two Cambridge City Council votes which were adopted on April 6, 1987 (copies enclosed). There was quite a bit of discussion about this while the Yerevan delegation was here, but the Agreement was not finalized. During the summer, the Yerevan City Council agreed to our draft with one addition. I had earlier checked our draft with Mr. Drisdell of the Law Office for legality. I am enclosing the draft Agreement which I hope the Cambridge City Council will now approve.

The paragraph which the Yerevan City Council added is the fourth paragraph on page 1:

"Realizing that friendship and cooperation between Yerevan and Cambridge will contribute to the development and strengthening of relations between our two countries, to the consolidating of peace all over the world, and to the elimination of the nuclear weapon threat and to disarmament."

I believe all the objectives and purposes which our City Council has sought in this relationship have been achieved in this draft and I urge the City Council to approve it.

The final document will consist of the actual program of exchanges. Our Sister-City Association will negotiate this document every two years with an equivalent committee designated by the Yerevan City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis H. Duehay", is written over a horizontal line.

Francis H. Duehay

enclosure

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

PROTOCOL OF FRIENDSHIP

WE, Eduard Avakyan, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the City Soviet of Peoples Deputies of the City of Yerevan, Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic, U.S.S.R; and

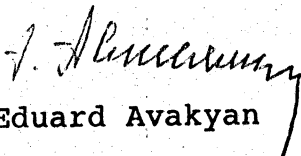
WE, Walter J. Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, U.S.A.;

PROCLAIM: The establishment of a Sister City relationship between Cambridge and Yerevan with the purpose of developing a broad and deep range of ties between citizens of our cities in the fields of culture, education, social and economic life, and tourism as well as of strengthening of friendship, cooperation and mutual trust between our two countries;

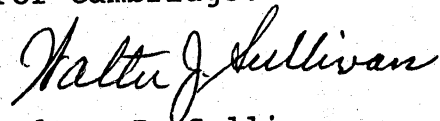
SOLEMNLY DECLARE, on behalf of the citizens of our cities, the desire to develop mutual understanding, respect and friendship between citizens of Yerevan and Cambridge which, in the long run, will contribute to the strengthening of peace in the world and to friendship between peoples of all countries.

In confirmation thereof, WE have signed this Protocol today, May 22, 1987 in the City of Cambridge, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, U.S.A., in two copies in the English and Russian languages, both being authentic and equally valid.

For Yerevan:


Eduard Avakyan

For Cambridge:


Walter J. Sullivan

AGREEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

**BETWEEN THE CITY OF YEREVAN ARMENIAN SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, U.S.S.R. AND THE CITY OF CAM-
BRIDGE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.**

The City of Yerevan, USSR, represented by Eduard Avakyan, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the City Soviet of Peoples Deputies of the City of Yerevan, on the one hand.

The City of Cambridge, USA, represented by Walter J. Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, on the other hand, and

REFERRING to the joint Protocol of Friendship signed in Cambridge on May 22, 1987 by Eduard Avakyan, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the City Soviet of the City of Yerevan and by Walter J. Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, guided by the desire to establish friendly relations and cooperation between the cities of Yerevan and Cambridge, which reflects the interests and efforts of our Governments to strengthen friendly relations and cooperation between the USSR and the USA;

REALIZING that friendship and cooperation between Yerevan and Cambridge will contribute to the development and strengthening of relations between our two countries, to the consolidating peace all over the world, to the elimination of the nuclear weapon threat and to disarmament;

CONSIDERING the mutual interests of the citizens of Yerevan and Cambridge towards each other's life and culture, manifested in the course of the exchange of delegations representing the Yerevan and Cambridge City Councils, and fulfilling the high mission of the Executive Committee of the City Soviet of the City of Yerevan and of the City Council of the City of Cambridge, the representatives of the cities sign the present Agreement on Friendship and Cooperation, and have decided the following:

Article 1

The present Agreement is designed to determine the main spheres of cooperation and exchange between Cambridge and Yerevan, within the framework of existing relations between our countries and with the purpose of enriching them and giving them a more lively and dynamic character, taking into account all of the values of life and interests of both cities. Cooperation and exchanges will promote ongoing dialogue between the citizens of our cities, thereby increasing mutual respect and regard for the customs and ways of life of each city.

Article 2

In order to implement the present Agreement, Yerevan and Cambridge will, every two years, develop an appropriate two-year Program of Cooperation and Exchanges. Under the Program of Cooperation and Exchanges, Yerevan and Cambridge agree to implement an ongoing, substantive exchange of both information and representatives in the fields of culture, economy, education and scholarship, history, science, sports, tourism, community life and the activities of the respective City Councils and their various departments. Yerevan and Cambridge agree that these exchanges may take various forms, including bilateral meetings, celebrations, concerts and performances, exchanges of exhibitions, films, literature and other articles of culture, collaboration between Harvard and Yerevan Universities, joint research and economic projects, professional seminars, tour groups, language lessons, and official delegations.

Article 3

Yerevan and Cambridge agree to organize, once every two years, in Yerevan and in Cambridge, a Friendship Week articulating the culture, history, social life and accomplishments of each city.

Article 4

Yerevan and Cambridge agree to organize, once every two years, in Yerevan and in Cambridge, either coincident with or independent of the Friendship Week, a Great issues series. The purpose of the Great issues series will be to encourage a high level of vigorous, substantive discussion by specialists and the public of important topical questions, through professional seminars and public meetings, and other appropriate means.

Article 5

To encourage the broadest possible participation of the citizens of Yerevan and Cambridge in the activities outlined in the present Agreement, each city shall endeavor to;

- a) Promote a positive atmosphere of cooperation and mutual understanding, encourage the participation of the broadest spectrum of the population in Sister City exchanges, and foster a free and open exchange of ideas, values and experiences.
- b) Encourage free contact between groups and individuals of the two cities, within the framework of the present Agreement;
- c) Regularly inform the citizens of their respective cities and each other about Sister City activities, and promote and exchange print and broadcast media reports on Sister City activities in both cities.
- d) Provide an appropriate level and quality of translation and interpretation within all Sister City activities

Article 6

Yerevan and Cambridge agree that, in order to implement the present Agreement, each city will establish an officially recognized and chartered Association or Commission to:

- a) Negotiate, sign, and manage the two-year Programs of Cooperation and Exchanges.
- b) Act as official representatives for their respective City Councils in the facilitation of the ongoing aspects of the Sister City relationship, and periodically report to them.

Article 7

The present Agreement shall come into effect after the adoption of it by the Executive Committee of the City Soviet in Yerevan and by the City Council in Cambridge, then the official notification of each party by the other of such adoption; and then the elapse of 10 days.

In confirmation thereof, we have signed this Agreement today, _____, in two copies in the English, Russian and Armenian languages, all three being identical and equally valid.

FOR YEREVAN

EDUARD AVAKIAN

FOR CAMBRIDGE:

WALTER J. SULLIVAN



City of Cambridge

(Original Order No. 11)

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL

IN CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 6, 1987

WHEREAS:

In 1981, the city council unanimously approved the idea that Cambridge should seek a Soviet city which would be appropriate for study by Cambridge citizens, with the hope of creating within both cities "an enhanced sense of shared values" through greater knowledge of one another's government, industry, schools, culture, recreation, and history; and

WHEREAS:

In 1982, the City Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 987 establishing the Cambridge Commission on Nuclear Disarmament and Peace Education, among the powers and duties of which, according to the ordinance, is the following:

- (g) To promote mutual understanding with the people of other nations consistent with the purposes of this ordinance, such as the City Council's proposal for a "twin" city in the USSR...."

WHEREAS:

In 1983, the commission of Nuclear Disarmament and Peace Education established the "Cambridge-Soviet Sister City Project" to involve the citizens of Cambridge in selecting and establishing a sister city relationship with one Soviet city and:

WHEREAS:

In January, 1985, Mayor Leonard Russell introduced and the City Council passed an Order calling on the Commission on Nuclear Disarmament and Peace Education to "send an official delegation....whose mission it will be to negotiate with local officials and other authorities in the Soviet Union for a sister city relationship, and to chose one Soviet city with which Cambridge will continue to pursue a formalized sister city relationship"; and

WHEREAS:

In September 1985 City Councillor Alfred Vellucci introduced and the City Council unanimously passed an Order calling for "a continous dialogue" between capitalist and communist nations because both philosophies "contain basic elements which are necessary for a healthy society, such as the need for communal cooperation and the need to respect the individual's capacity for regenerating society's vitality"; and

WHEREAS:

In May 1986, Mayor Walter J. Sullivan appointed City Councillor Francis H. Duehay to represent him on the goodwill delegation sent to Yerevan by the Peace Commission, and Councillor Duehay delivered Mayor Sullivan's invitation to Mayor Avakian of Yerevan, Armenian Social Socialist Republic, USSR to "become Sister Cities and share a living partnership of exchanges between the people, institutions and organizations of our communities, and through such a partnership build friendship, understanding and trust between the people of each of our nations"; and

WHEREAS:

Cambridge and its surrounding cities and towns are home to thousands of Armenian-Americans who play vital roles in our community's educational, cultural, and economic life, and who support this relationship with the capital of their traditional homeland; and

WHEREAS:

The City Council and the Commission on Nuclear Disarmament and Peace Education have founded the Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association; therefore be it

ORDERED:

That the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA officially join as Sister City with Yerevan, Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic, USSR; and

ORDERED:

That, on behalf of the Cambridge City Council, the Mayor be requested to present the following resolution to Mayor Avakian of Yerevan during his visit to Cambridge in May, 1987 and invite him to join him in signing said resolution as the formal Sister City Agreement between Cambridge and Yerevan:

"WHEREAS The governments of both Cambridge Massachusetts, USA and of Yerevan, Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic, USSR have voted to establish a US-Soviet City relationship; and,

"WHEREAS The citizens of each city strongly approve of such an undertaking, and seek the benefits of sharing their history, culture, education, philosophy and friendship through a process of open and free exchange with citizens in the other country; and

"WHEREAS In May, 1986 Cambridge officials visited Yerevan, and in May, 1987 Yerevan officials visited Cambridge and each found fertile grounds in the other city for a wide range of citizen exchanges as part of a Sister City relationship; therefore be it

"RESOLVED That Yerevan and Cambridge formally join together as Sister Cities to promote extensive people-to-people exchange between Cambridge and Yerevan citizens, organizations and institutions, to build friendship, understanding and trust between the people of each nation, and to eliminate prejudice and bias on the part of citizens of each city with respect to the customs and practices in the other city; and

"RESOLVED That Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association, Inc. annually negotiate a full program of exchanges, with the designated organization or authority in Yerevan, that each year will expand the contacts, acquaintanceships, and friendships between citizens, of Yerevan and Cambridge."



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 1987

COUNCILLOR WOLF

ORDERED:

That discussions continue between the City of Cambridge, the Sister City Committee and Action for Soviet Jewry, Inc., to find satisfactory means to ensure this compliance with this free and open exchange between the citizens of Cambridge and the citizens of Yerevan.

In City Council April 6, 1987.
Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-
Yeas 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Present 0.
Attest:- John E. Flynn, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature of John E. Flynn in dark ink.

John E. Flynn, Acting City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

2.

IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

September 21, 1987

ORDERED:

That the attached Agreement concerning the Sister-City arrangement between Cambridge and Yerevan be approved.

In City Council September 21, 1987.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- 
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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In City Council,
September 21, 1987

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