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Letter from Jamus J. K. Smith, Director of Law and Administration for the City of Aberdeen, to Geraldine Ferraro

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Dear Mrs. Ferraro,

Some time ago the Council declared itself to be a Nuclear Free Zone Local Authority and in furtherance of this declaration have supported local groups in their various efforts to increase public awareness to the dangers of nuclear warfare. The Council have also supported many resolutions passed by other local authorities and have indicated to Her Majesty's Government their support of such resolutions. In addition they have clearly indicated to the Government their opposition to the deployment, storage and movement of nuclear weapons in the United Kingdom and recognising the enormous destructive capacity already held by the super powers and conscious that nuclear technology is moving towards weapons that are designed to fight nuclear war rather than deter have urged the Government not to increase the targeting capability and destructive powers of their nuclear arsenal by accepting the Trident Weapons System from the United States.

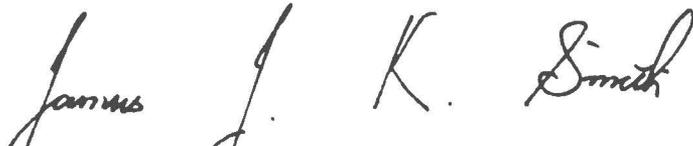
At their meeting on 10th September, 1984, the Council had before them a proposal that an open letter be sent to the various Cities and Towns called Aberdeen in the United States with copies to the main U.S. Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates. The Council approved the proposal and this letter is addressed to you in implementation of that instruction.

While the Council does not wish to become involved in the party politics of other countries, they have come to realise that the survival of the citizens of the City of Aberdeen depends and may increasingly depend on decisions taken by leaders of nations other than that within which the City is situated. In this connection, the Council are gravely concerned at the deteriorating international situation and are of the view that the present United States administration must bear some responsibility for that deterioration. If the risks of war both accidental and intentional, immediate and long term, are to be reduced and the foundation laid for long term human survival, new peace initiatives are urgently needed. With this in mind the Council appeals to you, to show genuine dedication to such initiatives.

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The Council hopes that if you are elected as a leader of your nation you will adopt policies which will restore the world to peaceful habits and lead mankind towards peace and common security.

Yours sincerely,


Director of Law and Administration.