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**Letter, E. Silin, Deputy Chairman of the Soviet  
Peace Committee, to Bruce Kent**

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**Summary:**

In this letter, Silin draws attention to a major "anti-war manifestation" in Moscow  
opposing the deployment of the Euromissiles in Western Europe. He claims that it  
attracted 800,000 participants - a highly exaggerated figure.

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Dear Mr. Kent,

On October 1, 1983, a mass anti-war manifestation was held in Moscow, following the initiative of the Soviet Peace Committee and other Soviet public organizations, including the Soviet Committee for European Security and Cooperation. 800 000 Muscovites went out into the streets to declare their resolute protest against the stationing of new nuclear missiles in the European continent. Moscow's working people have voiced their determination to avert a nuclear threat hanging over Europe. On that day multi-thousand marches and meetings were held in the streets, squares and parks of the city.

The participants in the manifestation adopted a Statement to which we would like to draw your attention. Together with the text of this document we are sending you several pictures showing certain episodes of that anti-war manifestation. On the first picture - one of the marches. The second from the left is A.P.Chitikov, Chairman of the Soviet Committee for European Security and Cooperation. The slogans in the other two pictures are "No to Nuclear Weapons in the West and the East of Europe, Throughout the Whole World!", "Yes to Nuclear Free Zones!", "Peace to Europe" and others.

Sincerely yours,

*E. Silin*

E.SILIN

Deputy Chairman of the Committee



LET US AVERT THE NUCLEAR THREAT FROM EUROPE!

Declaration by the Participants in an Anti-War  
Manifestation in Moscow

We Muscovites are stating our emphatic protest against the plans of the USA and NATO to deploy new nuclear missiles in Europe.

The implementation of the plans would sharply increase the nuclear danger for the peoples of the whole of Europe - Western and Eastern. A nuclear conflict if started in European territory would not limit itself to it end would not spare either the US people or the peoples living in other continents.

It is essential to stave off the threat while it is not too late!

Therefore we fully share the demand of the worldwide anti-war movement: NO TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE!

The West is not ready for such a radical solution. But we shall continue to work for that goal and therefore we are demanding already now:

NO NEW MEDIUM-RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE!

REDUCE THE EXISTING ARSENALS!

We are for a simple and clear principle - equal security for all! There is no difference between a US, British or French missile if they are targeted against and can hit the USSR and its allies. It is our inalienable right to have defence against any of them! If the USA and NATO still start deploying new missiles, the Soviet government must do everything necessary to take effective countermeasures.

We support the peaceful course of our party and the state aimed at curbing the arms race and at achieving disarmament. Our people's will for peace manifests itself in the Soviet Union's concrete peace initiatives which give an opportunity



to reach an honest accord at the Geneva talks. A chance still remains to prevent through such an accord the deployment of new missiles in Europe. One should do everything to turn this opportunity into reality.

We solidarise with all those who on these days in various countries of the world, particularly in Western Europe and the USA, are also protesting against further build-up of nuclear armaments in Europe and the world over, and are demanding that the nuclear armaments be frozen and that their reduction be started without delay. As Yuri Andropov, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, has again reaffirmed in his statement, "we do not separate, nor, the more so, counterpose the well-being of our people, the security of the Soviet state to the well-being and security of other peoples and other countries."

We are extending a friendly hand to all those who are ready, irrespective of their political, religious or ethical convictions, for joint efforts for the sake of attaining these goals. The tocsin of nuclear alarm is calling for actions!

LET US STAVE OFF THE NUCLEAR THREAT!

TOGETHER WE CAN AND MUST DO IT!

Moscow, October 1, 1983.