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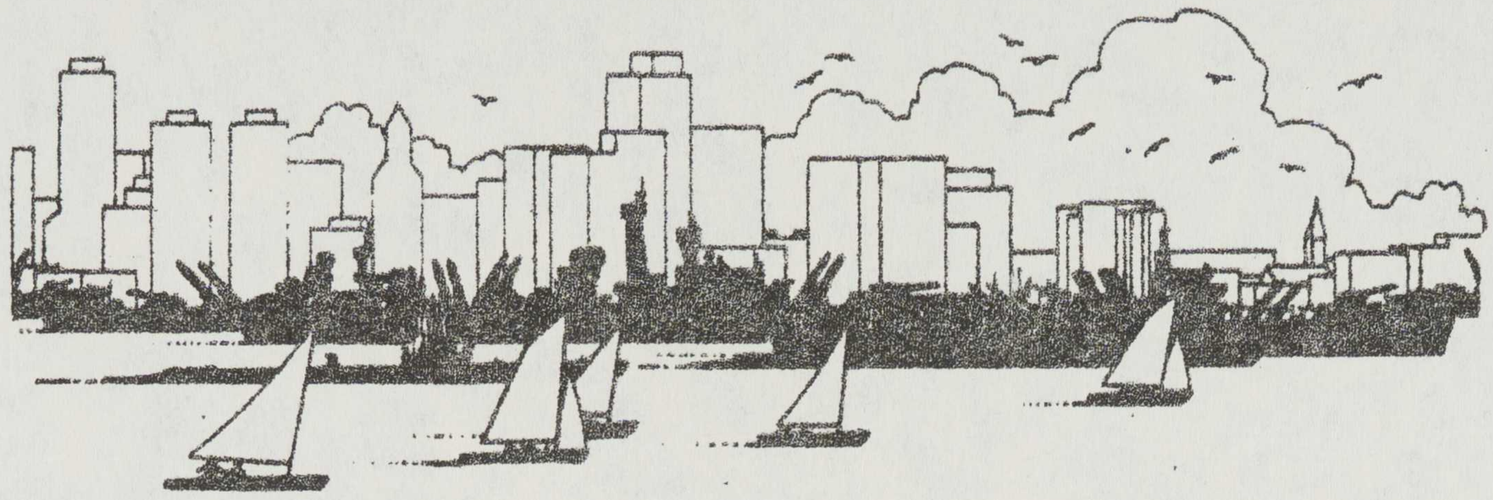

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AD HOC COMMITTEE ASKS ELEVEN UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

In a statement released today with a list of "Eleven Unanswered Questions" the Ad Hoc Committee for a Safe Boston Harbor announced that the proposal to base the Iowa Battleship Task Force in Boston "may well bring as many as 500 nuclear tipped sea-launch cruise missiles to our community." This would be equal in destructive power to 33 MX missiles.

In addition to raising questions which had been posed earlier, but never answered, the Ad Hoc Committee asked: Will the Battleship Task Force and its nuclear weapons be in Boston Harbor at the same time as volatile LNG tankers? How does the promise of a boost for Boston's economy square with a Presidential report that concludes the cost of a new military base may outweigh the benefits for a host community? Once sea-launch cruise missiles are deployed, how can a bi-lateral nuclear weapons freeze be verified without inviting the KGB and Soviet military into every American port?

In making its announcement today, the Ad Hoc Committee cited testimony by Navy Secretary Lehman before the House Committee on Appropriations. The Ad Hoc Committee for a Safe Boston Harbor argues against Boston's Homeporting proposal on arms race, safety and environment, economic and foreign intervention grounds. It works closely with citizens in Rhode Island and New York, the other proposed homeports for the Iowa Task Force, to prevent its deployment in their communities

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