



City of Cambridge Police Department



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May 15, 1978

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Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In regard to the communications forwarded to this Office relative to the operation of motor vehicles on Gore Street, an investigation was conducted in regard to the operation of motor vehicles at this location.

As a result of said observation by the various members of this Department, one violation was issued at 8:40 a.m. on May 10, 1978. This, you must be well aware, is a random enforcement program executed on Gore Street. As you must be well aware, if it were a fixed post whereby an officer was assigned on a permanent basis, the flow of traffic would very well go down to 10 to 15 miles an hour and remain in that area as long as the officer was assigned.

We have found that random enforcement of traffic violations in and around the City has proved to be more effective as to the fact that operators of motor vehicles are not quite sure when and if they will observe an officer so they will maintain a constant speed.

As I look over the different reports submitted by officers who have performed

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this random inspection of the area, we find the highest rate of speed evidenced at any particular time there, with the exception of the violation, was one speed of 30 miles per hour.

This Officer suggests that a study by the Traffic Commissioner's Office be made with regard to the establishment of a 25 mile per hour maximum speed in accordance with Chapter 90 Section 18. Upon completion of this, we would be very glad to attempt again over a period of time to put into effect the selective enforcement of the traffic rules and regulations governing the operational speed of a motor vehicle.

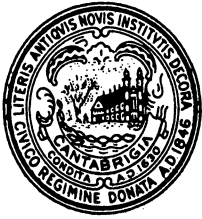
Herewith, please find enclosed copies of reports forwarded to this office.

I remain,


Leo F. Davenport
Chief of Police

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Enclosures



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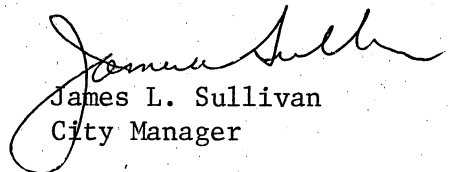
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

June 5, 1978

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report No. 9 relative to speeding tickets issued on Gore Street, enclosed please find a copy of a communication received from Police Chief Leo F. Davenport.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

Response to Awaiting Report No. 9 re:
speeding tickets issued on Gore St.

In City Council,

June 5, 1978

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