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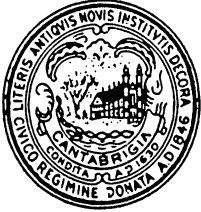
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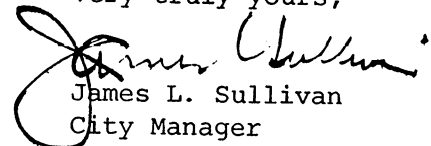
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I am also enclosing a press release that has been prepared that outlines the proposals that have been received and the procedures that will be followed. These procedures are in accordance with the legislation that created the MBTA Yards Project Review Board. At the Council Meeting on May 2d, the City Council passed an order introduced by Councilor Clem requesting that the City Manager take the necessary steps to insure that a coordinated development be undertaken at the Bennett Street Yard. By the nature of the legislation, the MBTA, the MDC, the Commonwealth and the City are all involved in the inter-related projects at the Bennett Street Yards and continual communication exists among the Office of State Planning, the MBTA, the MDC and the Community Development Department of the City of Cambridge.

In addition, in a further effort to insure complete coordination within the Cambridge Community, I intend to revise the Harvard Square Task Force as a vehicle for communicating with the Harvard Square Businessmen and the neighborhoods that will be affected by the development in the Square. I have appointed Alida O'Loughlin as the new Chairperson of the Harvard Square Task Force, and Mrs. Ann Thomas as the Vice Chairperson. The Harvard Square Task Force will coordinate its efforts with the City agencies and the community at large.

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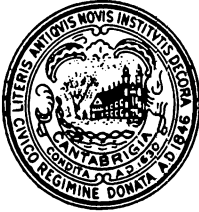
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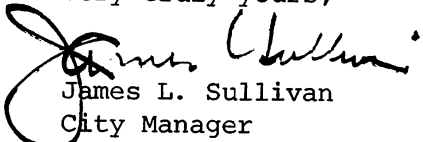
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