



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIILOR GRAHAM

SEPTEMBER 14, 1987

- WHEREAS: The City Council was deeply saddened upon learning of the death of Wilhelm Viggo von Moltke; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. von Moltke served as chairman of the Cambridgeport Blue Ribbon Committee, that was established by the city to address longstanding development problems associated with the Simplex site; and
- WHEREAS: With the assistance of Mr. von Moltke, the design and planning solutions reached by his committee were accepted by the Cambridge City Council; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. von Moltke leaves to mourn his wife, Veronica Jochum a brother, Joachim Wolfgang von Moltke, and a sister, Asta Henssel; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending their deepest sympathy to the family at this time of such personal loss; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitable engrossed copy of this resolution to the family of Wilhelm Viggo von Moltke on behalf of the entire City Council.

Wilhelm Viggo von Moltke, 76; Harvard professor of urban design

Wilhelm Viggo von Moltke, 76, of Cambridge, professor emeritus of urban design at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, died Tuesday of cancer at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Born in Kreisau, Germany, Mr. von Moltke received his first professional architecture degree from the Technische Hochschule in Berlin in 1937, the same year he immigrated to the United States.

He worked for several years for various architects in London and Stockholm before continuing his studies at the Graduate School of Design in the Master Studio. He received a master's degree in architecture from Harvard in 1942.

After serving in the US Army during World War II, Mr. von Moltke worked with several architects, including Marcel Breuer and Eero Saarinen, and he was a visiting critic and lecturer at the Technische Universität in Berlin and at the Universities of Pennsylvania and Michigan.

One of his major design projects was the restoration of the center city of Philadelphia, where from 1953 to 1961 he served as chief of the division of land planning and chief designer for the Philadelphia City Planning Commission.

From 1961 to 1964, Mr. von Moltke was director of urban design for the Guayana Project of the Corporation Venezolano de Guayana, which designed and planned a new industrial city in Eastern Venezuela with the assistance of the Joint Center for Urban Studies of MIT and Harvard.

In 1964, he served as the first director of the Urban Design Program at Harvard. After his retirement in 1977, he was a guest critic in urban design studios at the Graduate School of Design and was an active lecturer and consultant at universities throughout the world.

Among his recent professional activities, Mr. von Moltke served as chairman of the Cambridgeport Blue-Ribbon Committee that was established by the city to address longstanding development problems associated with the Simplex site. The design and planning so-



WILHELM VIGGO von MOLTKE

lutions reached by his committee were accepted by the Cambridge City Council this past spring.

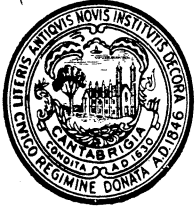
A Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and a member of the American Institute of Planners and of the Boston Society of Architects, Mr. von Moltke won several prizes and awards during his career.

He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Boston Architectural Center. In 1980, he was awarded the Order of Merit by the West German Government for his efforts in fostering German-American relations in the field of architecture.

Mr. von Moltke leaves his wife, concert pianist Veronica Jochum; a brother, Joachim Wolfgang von Moltke of Switzerland; and a sister, Asta Henssel of Berlin.

A memorial service will take place in Cambridge in the fall.

Private burial will be in Norwich, Vt.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
City Hall Annex Inman & Broadway

To Cambridgeport Blue Ribbon Committee

From J. Roger Boothe *JRB*
Director of Urban Design

Date August 24, 1987

Subject Attached Globe Article

You may have heard that Professor von Moltke died on August 18. I saw him a few weeks ago, and he was eager to hear about the status of plans for housing, zoning, and traffic based on the Blue Ribbon report. He was very pleased to have been chairman of the Committee; I am sure you will all miss him, as I do very much.

JRB/gb



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Mayor Walter J. Sullivan

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- WHEREAS: He served as the first director of the GSD Urban Design Program, and in a variety of other capacities at Harvard and the Joint Center for Urban Studies of M.I.T. and Harvard; and
- WHEREAS: Since his retirement in 1977, he had continued to be a frequent guest critic in urban design studios at the GSD and was an active lecturer and consultant at universities throughout the world, and
- WHEREAS: Among his recent professional activities, Prof. von Moltke chaired the Cambridgeport Blue-Ribbon Committee that was established by this City Council to address long-standing development issues associated with the Simplex Development site, and
- WHEREAS: Under his leadership that Blue-Ribbon Committee agreed to design and planning guidelines for development that were unanimously accepted by this City Council this past spring in a major step toward initiating a quality development on this site; therefore be it
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MAYOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

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In City Council September 14, 1987.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Connarton".

ATTEST: Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order # 8

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+ C. Graham

Mayor W. Sullivan re: resolutions on the death
of Professor Wilhelm von Moltke, former Pro-
fessor of Urban Design at the Harvard Graduate
School of Design (GSD).

In City Council,

September 14, 1987

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