

THE GROUP SCHOOL

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November 5, 1975

Dear City Manager Sullivan:

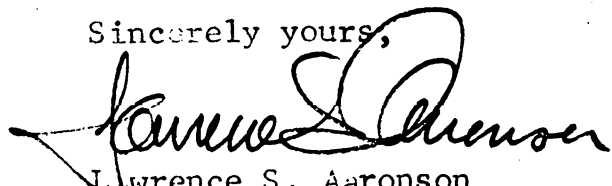
Please extend our condolences to the Cambridge Police Department at the tragic and sudden death of Chief Pisani. This profound and untimely loss will be very difficult to overcome.

I am a staff teacher at The Group School and am presently teaching a course entitled, "Cops, Courts and Corrections". Last month, Chief Pisani gave our class an informative and very personable hour reception in his office. He treated us with respect and appreciated our school's presence. He answered many difficult questions in a productive and unexpectedly friendly manner. In the process he earned much respect for himself and his department from students who had always viewed police officers with much prejudice. The students are all Cambridge residents, are all poor or working class. They are black and white, boys and girls. A good many have a record of delinquency. Certainly Chief Pisani's openness and generous giving of his valuable time went a long way in re-establishing trust and more friendly police-community relations.

We have always felt that Chief Pisani represented the real possibility of improved police-community relations and an open dialogue. His presence was a breath of fresh air. His leadership and example definitely made a significant difference in our working relations with the Police Department, and gave us much hope as well as new respect for the men and women of the Cambridge Police Department.

We hope that the respect, trust and dialogue that Chief Pisani extended to us will not be lost with his death. Please accept our sorrow, and know that we look forward to building on his example.

Sincerely yours,


Lawrence S. Aaronson
(Group School staff teacher)

cc: Cambridge Police Department
Office of Chief of Police



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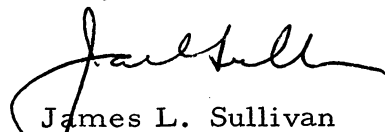
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

November 10, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from Lawrence S. Aaronson, a staff teacher at the Group School, extending condolences at the tragic and sudden death of Chief Pisani.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

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Comm. from the teacher of the Group School
extending condolences.

In City Council,

Nov. 17, 1975

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