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William J. Bratton
Chief of Police

October 8, 1985

Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am writing in response to your letter of September 30, 1985 relating to a Cambridge City Council Order of March 11, 1985, which dealt with the issue of police protection and security at Cambridge MBTA Stations, and specifically the Alewife facility.

Since the opening of the Alewife Station there has been a high profile MBTA Police presence at that facility. For the first three months of operation, an officer was assigned to the station twenty four hours a day. Currently an officer is assigned during operating hours with random patrol coverage provided during the early morning hours. These patrols are supplemented by additional MBTA Police motorcycle patrols assigned to the Red Line, as well as both Cambridge and Metro Police who have been specifically requested to have their patrol units in the area swing through the station. I might add that there is an excellent working relationship between all three agencies. The positive effect of this level of police activity has been the lack of any criminal activity or significant vandalism at the station.

Further planned improvements to the station include the installation of closed circuit tv cameras and the opening of an MBTA Police sub-station sometime early in 1986. MBTA Officers assigned to the Cambridge-Somerville area will probably work out of that facility.

As you also are aware, renovations have been completed at Harvard Station, while modernization activities are well underway at both Central and Kendall Stations. I anticipate that the public safety success we have experienced at Harvard and Alewife will be duplicated at Central and Kendall Stations and that patrons using these facilities will be assured of a safe and comfortable experience.

As problems arise from time to time, as they are bound to in an urban transit system, I can assure you that the MBTA will respond in a positive manner, and that our activities will be fully coordinated with the Cambridge Police Department.

Speaking on behalf of MBTA General Manager, James O'Leary, we at the MBTA take a great deal of pride in the new facilities which have been and are currently being built in the Cambridge area, and share your desire that they continue to offer the best transit environment possible for our patrons.

Finally, I and my staff remain available at any time to respond to any concerns which you may have.

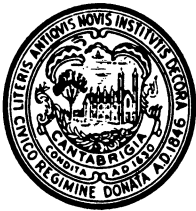
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. Bratton", written in a cursive style.

William J. Bratton
Chief of Police

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cc: General Manger



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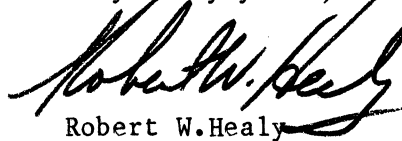
RICHARD C. ROSSI
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

October 21, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Items No. 11 and No. 12, relative to improving security at all MBTA Red Line stations, and staffing of police protection and security at the Alewife Station and Garage, I transmit herewith a letter received from William J. Bratton, Chief of MBTA Police, regarding this issue. I believe Chief Bratton's letter is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Items 11 &
12 on improving security at all MBTA Red Line
Stations & staffing of police protection &
security at the Alewife Station & Garage.

In City Council,

October 21, 1985

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