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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Paul E. Healy
Temporary City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

The President has requested this Department to reply to your letter of July 6, concerning your interest in having members of our New York Regional Office staff appear before the City Council of Cambridge in connection with the proposed modernization of the federally aided low-rent housing projects in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The matter of the City Council's invitations to appear before it has been discussed with our New York Office staff. We are informed that the invitations were on such short notice that prior commitments could not be readily changed to permit the staff to attend the scheduled meetings.

Our New York Office, however, feels that no useful purpose would be served by an appearance before your City Council. The responsibility for implementing the Modernization Program, which was approved by this Department in June, 1969, for \$2,210,000, lies with the Cambridge Housing Authority; therefore, reasons for the delay in the implementation of the Modernization Program, which is designed to improve the quality of living for families residing in low-rent projects, can best be given by the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners rather than by federal officials.

We understand that the Board presently has two vacancies. Appointments to the Board of aggressive local people who are interested in the welfare of the citizens of Cambridge would be a step in the right direction if the Modernization Program is to go forward.

Sincerely,

George A. Karas
for K. C. Cavanaugh
Acting Director

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Communication from the Department of
Housing and Urban Development relative
to the appearance of members of the New
York Regional Office staff at a meeting of
the City Council to discuss proposed mod-
ernization of the federally aided low-rent
housing projects in Cambridge

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