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July 10, 1985

Alan McClennen, Jr.
Director of Planning and
Community Development
Town Hall
Arlington, MA 02174

RE: Alewife Interim Access Project

Dear Mr. McClennen:

This is in response to your letter of June 28, 1985. Although I can't really imagine that you have known Mr. Kaiser for eleven years without being fully aware of his competence and talent for traffic issues, I appreciate your caution and am providing the following for your consideration:

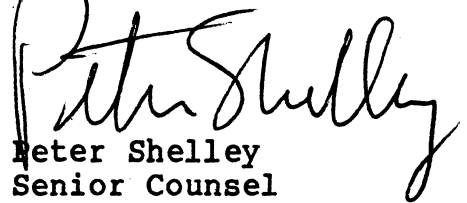
1. Mr. Kaiser performed the Alewife analysis as a public service without compensation. He has no "client" to my knowledge other than the best interests of the Alewife region.
2. Mr. Kaiser's credentials as a traffic engineer are as follows: a) He has mechanical engineering degrees from MIT in Design and Control Systems. b) He worked for five years for the MDC as a traffic engineer. c) He worked for eight years for the MEPA Unit of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs as the traffic analyst for that office.

I guess I don't have to remind you that residents of Arlington are suffering tremendously along Lake Street and Pleasant Street because of the crush of traffic being squeezed through Alewife. Some improvements over the status quo at the rotary may reduce that side street traffic. Mr. Kaiser's point, however, is that the proposed improvements are

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questionable and may aggravate the problems on Arlington's streets. I don't think Arlington can afford to assume that he is completely wrong in his analysis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shelley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P".

Peter Shelley
Senior Counsel

cc: Alewife Transportation Advisory Committee
Hon. Frederick P. Salvucci
Arlington Board of Selectmen
Belmont Board of Selectmen
Cambridge City Council
Senator Richard Kraus
Senator George Bachrach
Representative Mary Jane Gibson
Representative Charles F. Flaherty, Jr.

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Comm. from Peter Shelley, Senior Counsel,
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File -

In City Council,

August 5, 1985

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Petition