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September 9, 1980

Mr. James L. Sullivan, City Manager
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Our gala celebration to commemorate the 350th birthday of Cambridge will start on October 4. We will have various events on the weekend of October 4 and 5 and then a "Cambridge Day" celebration on January 17, 1981. We would like to outline our plans for the celebrations on October 4 and 5 now. As this weekend draws nearer, you will receive additional invitations to the various events.

October 4, 1980, Saturday Afternoon

We will re-enact the original exploratory trip up the river in 1630 by Governor Winthrop and Lieutenant Governor Dudley which resulted in the founding of Newtowne (now Cambridge). From approximately 1 P.M. to 3 P.M., there will be a parade of "Small Ships" up the river which will act as an escort for the boat bringing Governor Winthrop and Lieutenant Governor Dudley. There will be dancing groups and other festivities on the shore. At approximately 3 P.M., the re-enactment party, Governor Winthrop, Lieutenant Governor Dudley and their assistants, will be rowed to shore. There they will be greeted by city officials and other dignitaries. We hope you will be on shore to greet the official party. Then, we all will march in gala procession to the Cambridge War Memorial Park at Winthrop Square where there will be a commemorative program.

After the program we are inviting honored guests to a reception at the Arco Forum, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Your invitation will arrive under a separate cover.

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Saturday Evening (Rain Date Sunday Evening)

A dazzling display of fireworks over the Charles River will climax today's celebration. It will be essentially the same fireworks display which closed the Winter Olympics this year. Moreover, for the first time in New England, the fireworks will be coordinated with music. The musical arrangement will be played from a van parked along Memorial Drive, and we are currently negotiating with a radio station to carry the music and fireworks live from the banks of the Charles. The fireworks will start at 8:30 P.M., and the best place to view them will be on the banks of the Charles from the Larz Anderson Bridge to the Eliot Bridge.

October 5, 1980, Sunday Afternoon

A magnificent parade will wind its way through the city. Originating in East Cambridge near Lechmere Square, it will proceed along Cambridge Street to Prospect Street to Massachusetts Avenue to Mount Auburn Street and will end at the reviewing stand at Winthrop Square. We have a large number of community groups, veterans, and school children who will be marching along with professional groups and bands. We hope you will march, too, and help make this a long-remembered event.

In the next few weeks, we will send you a formal invitation to these events. There will also be other parties which will occur during this weekend about which you will be notified later. We hope you will participate in these events, so this celebration will be remembered for the next 350 years.

Sincerely,

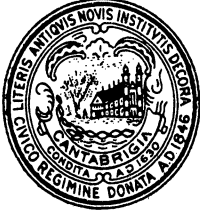


Ann Roosevelt

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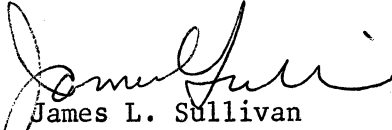
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

September 15, 1980

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith for your information a communication received from the Cambridge 350th Committee, detailing the gala celebration to be held to commemorate the 350th birthday of Cambridge.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Plans for commemorating the 350th birthday
of Cambridge.

In City Council,

Sept. 15, 1980

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