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November 3, 1986

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 10 regarding the break-ins at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, I submit the following report of the articles taken as well as the dates and times of the break-ins. Since June, I have held a series of meetings attended by several City Councillors, Police detectives, Church members, and representatives of District Attorney Scott Harshbarger, Senator Kennedy, and Senator Kerry. The last meeting was held in early September at which time the participants agreed to discontinue formal sessions unless additional information regarding the Church break-ins should surface.

The following account details the break-ins that have occurred at the Church over the past two years:

9/16/84 (overnight):	New Institute on Central America (NICA) office \$98.50 in cash was taken from a desk drawer.
11/11/84 (overnight):	Children's Cooperative Checks were taken from mailbox.
11/27/84 (approx. 7:30 p.m.):	NICA; Central America Solidarity Association; (CASA); New England Central America Network (NECAN) offices An outgoing message tape was taken from a phone answering machine in the NICA office.
12/15/84 (overnight):	Church office on second floor Office was ransacked and a wooden desk was damaged; no articles taken.
12/18/84 (time unknown):	Church office; NICA; Overeater's Anonymous; Boston Alliance Against the Draft offices Break-in occurred but no items were taken.
3/15/85 (5:30 p.m.):	Church office Marantz sound system was taken; value unknown.

4/20/85 (overnight): NICA office
Files were opened and examined; nothing taken.

9/13/85 (time unknown): CASA; NECAN; Rent Control Coalition
Keys were taken from the Church office.

12/4/85 (11 p.m.): NICA; CASA; Cambridge Tenants Union
Sanyo Answering Machine (\$150); a Cobra Answering Machine; and a Vivitar 110 camera were taken.

3/15/86 (overnight): CASA office
Answering machines and tapes were taken.

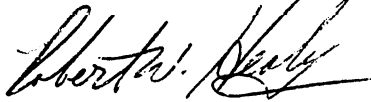
6/8/86 (12:15 p.m.): NICA office
Sanyo Answering Machine was taken (\$60 value).

6/9/86 (overnight): Children's Cooperative--door kicked in; papers tossed about; nothing taken.
Cambridge Tenants Union--petty cash box and stamps taken (\$75).
NECAN--door opened; office ransacked.
CASA--door smashed open; Sanyo radio and tape player, three checks, and cash in a can were taken (\$110 value).
Church office--Panasonic answering machine was taken (\$150).

8/3/86 (12:43 p.m.): Alarm sounded and an arrest was made for trespassing.

The Police Department has increased surveillance at the Church and made two arrests related to the break-ins in early September. According to the District Attorney's office, one of the two suspects was convicted in mid-October and will serve a 5-8 year term at Walpole for the June 8/9 break-ins.

Very truly yours,



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Re: Response to Awaiting Report Item No. 10
on break-ins at the Old Cambridge Baptist
Church.

In City Council,

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