

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
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September 25, 1978

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

In July 1978, I accepted the appointment as Commissioner of Health and Hospitals with the understanding that I would limit my practice of Anesthesiology to six to eight hours per week for both clinical and teaching purposes. However, since this time, it has been made quite clear to me by members of the Residency Review Committee, that if I do not continue as Program Director for the Anesthesiology training program based at The Cambridge Hospital, a reinspection will be held immediately, and in all probability, approval for the program will be withdrawn. On the other hand, if I continue to act as Program Director, while devoting the above limited hours, approval will also be withdrawn because of my lack of participation.

Therefore, since I consider continued approval of the Anesthesia Residency Program essential to the viability of The Cambridge Hospital, I request that you grant me a six month leave of absence, effective October 1, 1978, as Commissioner of Health and Hospitals in order to try and work this problem out.

In the meantime, since Dr. Donald Dressler has passed the Screening Committee as a candidate, I recommend that he be appointed Acting Commissioner for this period. Dr. Dressler has been working very closely with me during the past three months, and is well atuned with the activities of the Department, including all the recent grant requests.

Please be assured that I shall support Dr. Dressler to the fullest extent, and shall be happy to help him in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Comunale M.D.
Francis L. Comunale, M.D.
Commissioner of Health & Hospitals

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cc: Dr. Donald Dressler



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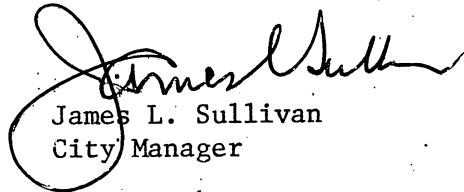
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

September 25, 1978

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed please find copy of a self-explanatory communication from Francis L. Comunale, M. D., requesting a six-month leave of absence as Commissioner of Health and Hospitals, effective October 1, 1978.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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RE: request of Francis L. Comunale, M.D.
Commissioner of Health and Hospitals, for
a six month leave of absence, effective
October 1, 1978.

In City Council,

Sept. 25, 1978

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