

St. Peter's Rectory
31 Buckingham Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02138

April 10, 1979

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

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 4th. As I mentioned in our conversation of that day there was to be a meeting with the Administration Committee of the Parish. This meeting was held last night. As a result of the meeting it was decided not to sell the property at this time, since a review must be made as to the future need and use of our property on Manasses, Huron, and Concord Avenues.

We do propose at this time the following:

1. For the City of Cambridge to fix up the Library Building making all necessary repairs;
2. For the City of Cambridge and St. Peter's Parish to enter into a lease for the rental of said building by the City for a period of 5 years;
3. During this time the City would pay a rent of \$10,800.00 a year in monthly installments of \$900.00;
4. Since the building is to be used by the City for Literary purposes, it should be tax free.

In light of what has gone on over the past 33 years I do not think that the City should consider the renovation of the building as being an excessive demand from the Parish. The city has saved more than enough on the rental of the building in the past to cover all of these expenses and more.

With an immediate renovation of the building the use of the Library by the people of this area would not be lost for too long a period. Also, during the period of rental, the City would have the opportunity to make long range plans concerning the future of the Hill Library.

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I honestly think that the lease would be to the advantage of both the City and the Parish at the present time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father Herlihy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Rev.) Bernard C. Herlihy
Pastor

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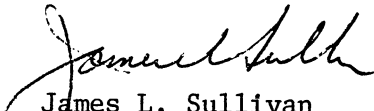
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

April 23, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a communication from Reverend Bernard Herlihy, Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, in response to my offer to purchase the property used as the Observatory Hill Branch Library. I will continue negotiations with Father Herlihy, and will get price estimates for the repair of the building.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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RE; Observatory Hill Branch Library.

In City Council,

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