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January 14, 1983

Francis H. Duehay, Councilman
26 Lowell Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Mr. Duehay:

At the Council meeting on Thursday, January 13, you expressed concern over the length of time that the cable licensing process has taken in the City of Cambridge. You also were concerned that the New England Cable Television Association (NECTA) was only interested in being in an adversarial position with the City.

I want to assure you in writing that we are not in an adversarial position with the City, nor will we allow ourselves to be drawn into such a position by any group's inflammatory statements.

In order to meet your time concern, the NECTA can promise you and the Council that it will present its study of the Rice-Richter Report on municipal ownership to the Council by early February. Of course, this exhaustive study will not cost the taxpayers a single nickel. All of the questions raised at the Council meeting will be answered in the Report. Since Communication Strategies, Inc. is from Cambridge, Massachusetts and is intimately familiar with the City and the cable television industry, we can have the study for you within two to three weeks without sacrificing quality.

NECTA again urges the City Council to table a vote on municipal ownership until you have our Report. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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Comm. from Paul R. Cianelli, Exec. Dir., New
England Cable Television Association Re: the
cable licensing process in Cambridge.

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In City Council,

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Referred to meeting
for final vote to
City Council meeting
in the future.