



# THE ANCHOR PACKING COMPANY

169 Bridge Street

~~160 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET~~

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GENERAL OFFICES  
401 NORTH BROAD STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19108

November 19th, 1971

Mayor Alfred Vellucci  
City of Cambridge  
City Hall  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mayor Vellucci:

After many years of doing business in Boston, the last 30 of which were in the North Station area, we were forced to move. Since the first of October we have been located at 169 Bridge Street, (or is it Msgr. O'Brien Highway).

In all of our years of coping with the notorious Boston traffic, we are amazed, and I might add, frightened to death at the traffic conditions on this street. It is our understanding that in the six weeks that we have been here there has been two fatalities. As I write this letter, the street across from the building is simply littered with broken glass from an accident that occurred some time last night. It is true that there is an M.D.C. Officer on duty at the rush hours morning and night, but his primary concern is permitting the MBTA buses to leave the Lechmere Station, and helping people cross the street is a side effect. Anyone attempting to cross this street at any other time of the day is merely playing Russian Roulette with cars instead of guns. If ever there was a location requiring traffic lights for the safety of pedestrians it is this crossing. However, we realize that the installation of lights would take time. May we suggest that in the meantime some steps be taken by the police to manually control traffic that at this time rolls along completely unmolested and oblivious to any speed regulations or safety regulations. This condition even exists while the traffic policeman is on duty with no action taken except a loud blast on his whistle. The fact of the matter is that even this officer takes his life in his hands everytime he leaves the curb; anyone is fair game the minute they start across.

We implore you to seriously consider the immediate installation of lights at this crossing.

Very truly yours,

THE ANCHOR PACKING COMPANY

*John S. Anderson*  
John S. Anderson, District Manager

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c/Commissioner, MDC  
Capt. MDC Police Station

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