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November 4, 1974

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

Dear Sir:

You have asked me to advise you relative to reopening proceedings regarding the unfortunate death of Lawrence Largey in October 1972.

A number of delays in commencing with hearings relative to recommendations in the report of Professor Paul J. Liacos, who was retained by the then City Manager at my suggestion, occurred as a result of several Court injunctions and restraining orders. There was also a suit questioning the right of the then City Manager to conduct the hearings in light of alleged prejudicial public statements made by the Manager.

In the interim, the City Manager and the police officers involved were made defendants in a civil rights action in the United States District Court.

Any action taken by you during the pendency of this litigation might adversely affect the City.

Mr. James L. Sullivan

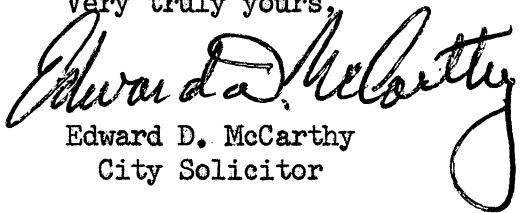
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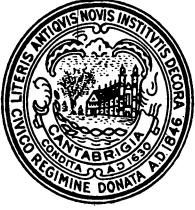
I have discussed this matter with Attorney Daniel Lynch of Boston who is defending the City in the Federal suit and he concurs in my recommendations.

I therefore, recommend that no further action be taken by the City until such time as the Federal Court suit is terminated.

Very truly yours,


Edward D. McCarthy
City Solicitor

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November 5, 1974

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
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Re: Clarence Anderson Case

Dear Sir:

The charges which arose out of an incident involving the
above individual are scheduled for hearings before Chief Reagan
November 12, 1974.

Very truly yours,

Edward D. McCarthy

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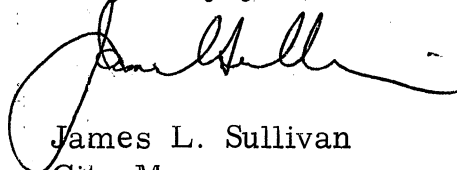
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

November 4, 1974

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to City Council Order No. 14 of October 21, 1974, I transmit herewith self-explanatory communications from Edward D. McCarthy, City Solicitor, relative to the Largey case, and the Anderson case.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Report from the City solicitor relative
to the Largey and Anderson Cases.

In City Council,

November 4, 1974

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