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February 22, 1980

Mayor Francis H. Duehay
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mayor Duehay:

I read with concern the reports of the City Council meeting of Wednesday, February 20, held at the Kennedy School in East Cambridge at which the lease of the East Cambridge Court House by the State Department of Corrections was discussed. I can readily understand the position of the City Council in seeking to block this takeover of the East Cambridge Court House for use as a prison facility. I wish to assure the City Council that the State Department of Correction will not be permitted to take over this facility.

When I first became aware of this proposal last summer I went to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, John Finnigan, to block it and I have been guaranteed by Chairman Finnigan that he will not allow it to happen.

Although the lease has been signed by the County Commissioners and the Governor, it has not been signed by Chairman Finnigan as required by law, and he has assured me that he will not sign it if Cambridge does not want it.

I have made an appointment for you and me to meet with

February 22, 1980

Chairman Finnigan on Monday, February 25, at 12:45 P. M.
so that he can so advise you and set the City Council's
concerns to rest.

Please pass on to the other members of the City Council my
assurances that the State will not be permitted to occupy
the East Cambridge Court House for use as a prison as long
as I am the State Representative from the District.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Lombardi
Representative
29th Middlesex District

MJL/mbf

Comm. from Rep. Michael J. Lombardi re:
use of the East Cambridge Court House as
a reception and classification unit.

In City Council,

February 25, 1980

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