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The Honorable, the City Council
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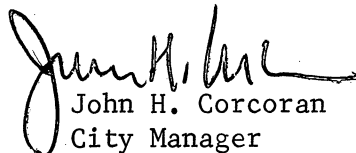
Dear Councillors:

I am pleased to submit to your Honorable Body copies of East Cambridge Fire Station Location Analysis, prepared by the Department of Planning and Development. Recent attention has been focused on the deteriorating conditions at two East Cambridge fire stations and is the subject of your public hearing scheduled for November 13 at 8 p.m. This report was initiated several months ago because of the high priority placed on this particular project in the 1972 Capital Improvements Program. I have had completion of the report accelerated to coincide with the public hearing.

I recognize that all stations in the City need to be evaluated in the near future in order to assure that their conditions and location permit continuation of the excellent fire protection which the people of Cambridge have enjoyed over the years. East Cambridge is the subject of the first study in part because of projected new use of the Portland Street station and in part because of the conditions which the Cambridge Fire Fighters Union brought to the attention of your Honorable Body on October 30, 1972.

The key question raised by the analysis is whether to replace the three East Cambridge fire stations -- Ladder 2 on Portland Street, Engine 3 at Gore and Third Streets, and Engine 7 on Main Street -- with one three-company consolidated station or with two stations -- one housing an engine and ladder company at a northern location; the other housing an engine company at a southern location. Once that choice is made, a steady effort will be required to acquire the site/sites at the appropriate locations.

Yours truly,


John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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Comm. from the City Manager relative to
the East Cambridge Fire Station Location
Analysis.

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