

OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

March 11, 1982

To the Honorable City Council:

M.I.T. participated fully, as you know, in the long and arduous rezoning effort undertaken by the City's Community Development Department for the Cambridgeport Industrial District (CID). In the course of that effort M.I.T. voluntarily entered into a moratorium on the purchase of property and delayed the marketing and development of its properties there for more than two years.

In our correspondence last September, and at the Council hearing on this matter in October, we indicated that we would be prepared to proceed with the active redevelopment of the old Simplex property following the disposition of the zoning proposals. We have now acted on that commitment and have forwarded a "Developer Kit" to a selected list of developers whom we believe to be well qualified to undertake a large mixed-use project. I am pleased to enclose a copy of this kit for your information and interest.

The kit lays out our expectations for a high-quality mixed-use development of the kind we have discussed with neighborhood groups and presented at various hearings. It is the first step in a process which we hope will result, over the next decade or so, in a finely and fully developed site. It is the goal of this planned redevelopment, as you will see from the kit, to produce a range of new employment opportunities on this site, create a major addition to the Cambridge tax base, and add a portion of new housing where allowed under the present zoning. We have also emphasized in the kit our requirement that any proposed development be

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compatible with the nearby neighborhoods and commercial areas and that traffic be oriented to the major arteries and not through neighborhood streets.

During the next few weeks we will be meeting with a number of neighborhood groups, the various business interests in the area, and staff of the Community Development Department for further in-put and continuing counsel. We welcome your own comments, of course, and look forward to working with you, and other city officials, in bringing this development to a most satisfactory fruition.

Sincerely yours,



Walter L. Milne
Assistant to the Chairman

cc: President Gray
City Manager Healy—
Chairman Johnson

Enclosure

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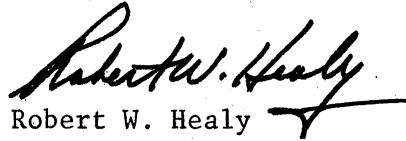
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

March 15, 1982

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed please find copy of a communication from Massachusetts Institute of Technology relative to the development of the old Simplex property.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda Item Number Two

S-307

Re: communication from M.I.T. on the development of the old Simplex property.

In City Council,

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