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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #2 regarding the City's crisis management response, please be advised of the following:

Cambridge has a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (attached), which as you can see, is an extensive document, prepared with the involvement of numerous City departments and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. This plan is written in accordance with federal and state laws and local ordinances, and is reviewed and updated appropriately on an annual basis.

This plan articulates the City's comprehensive emergency management program which seeks to mitigate the effects of a hazard, to prepare for measures to be taken which will preserve life and minimize damage, to respond during emergencies and provide necessary assistance, and to establish a recovery system in order to return the community to its normal state of affairs.

The ultimate responsibility for all emergency management is vested in the City Manager. The Emergency Management Director is responsible for coordinating the entire emergency management program. The Emergency Management Director makes all routine decisions and advises the City Manager on available resources and courses of action available for decision making.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have on the City's emergency management program.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
Two, regarding the City's crisis manage-
ment response.

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