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November 4, 1974

Mr. Paul E. Healy
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Healy:

The following individuals, in addition to myself, are on the staff of the Law Department:

Rowena E. Taylor, Assistant City Solicitor

Charles Watson, Legislative Agent

Vacancy, Assistant City Solicitor

These are the only positions specifically authorized by Ordinance. Because of the volume of work in this department, I have found it necessary, with the approval of the City Manager, to retain the services of Edward A. Cunningham, Esq., on a contract basis of \$250.00 per week. As has long been the practice of this Department, we continue to refer cases which present particular problems requiring expertise, to the best outside counsel available.

Lawyers who conduct collective bargaining and labor negotiations for the City have been retained by the City Manager and paid from the Law Department budget. There is no firm presently under agreement to perform this task.

Mr. Muldoon, about whom you raised some questions, has been retained by the Rent Control Board and is paid from their budget. Mr. Russell Higley is paid from the Rent Control budget but assigned to the Law Department for matters in addition to Rent Control.

Mr. Paul E. Healy
City Clerk

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I might add that Worcester which has a caseload comparable to Cambridge employs 14 lawyers in their Law Department.

As to the reference in your request of November 1, 1974, that an individual employed by the Law Department has not shown up for work for several months; please be advised that I am unaware of any individual not showing up for work. If you are able to obtain the name of this individual, confidentially, I will conduct an immediate inquiry and report to you forthwith.

Very truly yours,


Edward D. McCarthy
City Solicitor

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Report from the City Solicitor re: number of
persons working for the Law Department.

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In City Council,

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