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TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D., Commissioner *MHC*

DATE: January 22, 1986

SUBJECT: Status - Security Review M.I.T. Research Reactor
Council Order #9 11/18/85

In preparation for the on-site review of reactor security by Captain Gallagher, Chief Scott, David O'Connor and myself, Mr. O'Connor has taken several actions.

A full set of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the agency which licenses and regulates the operations of the research reactor) security regulations has been obtained and provided to the review group.

The NRC inspector in charge of the areas under review has been contacted and the Cambridge concerns discussed. The NRC inspector will come here from the NRC regional headquarters at King of Prussia Pennsylvania on a date when all can attend.

MIT officials have been contacted and are agreeable to a visit from the Cambridge group. The issue of security has been discussed. It appears that the Cambridge concerns can be investigated, and a general report constructed without breaching security.

Mr. O'Connor has also, in an attempt to document and further understand the issues raised in the magazine article, reviewed materials received from Councilor David Sullivan, sent to him by the Nuclear Control Institute, a public institute group in Washington, D.C.

Mr. O'Connor has also contacted Daniel Hirsch (University of California faculty, and Committee to Bridge the Gap, a public interest organization). Mr. Hirsch is sending additional material on the concerns. Mr. Hirsch has quoted in the magazine article.

The issue was also discussed at one of the meetings of the Scientific Advisory Committee. Because their time is fully taken with their review of super toxic chemicals they will not take an active part but will review the Cambridge Department Heads' report.

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February 3, 1986

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to City Council Order #9 of November 18, 1985, enclosed please find copy of a status report from Dr. Melvin H. Chalfen, Commissioner of Health and Hospitals, relative to the security review of the M.I.T. Research Reactor.

Dr. Chalfen has indicated that a follow-up report will be forthcoming.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 2 *5-67*

Re: status report from the Commissioner of
Health & Hospitals Re: security review of
the MIT Research Reactor.

In City Council,

February 3, 1986

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