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MELVIN H. CHALFEN, M.D.
COMMISSIONER

January 20, 1983

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

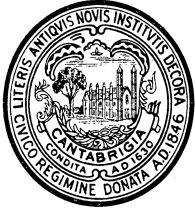
The attached correspondence is in answer to the City Council Order No. 10 in regard to PCB storage in North Cambridge.

The letter from the MBTA representative Mr. Lennon to Mr. Lord of the Mass. Department of Environmental Quality Engineering indicates that capacitors containing PCBs were stored at a MBTA facility in North Cambridge and were removed by a hazardous waste contractor during the week of December 20, 1982..

Yours sincerely,

Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.
Commissioner

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MELVIN H. CHALFEN, M.D.
COMMISSIONER

January 17, 1983

Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.,
Commissioner of Health & Hospitals
1493 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Dr. Chalfen:

RE: Council Order No. 10-
December 20, 1982-storing
of PCB by MBTA

Enclosed please find correspondence from Mr. Paul
Lennon of the MBTA Safety and Training Department to the
Department of Environmental Quality Engineering in reference
to the above-mentioned Council Order.

Kevin Doherty,
Public Health Coordinator

MASSACHUSETTS
BAY
TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY

Safety and Training Department
275 Dorchester Avenue
South Boston, MA 02127

January 10, 1983

Mr. Sabin Lord
Division Supervisor
Mass. Dept. Environmental
Quality Engineering
Division of Water Pollution Control
323 New Boston Street
Woburn, MA 01801

Dear Mr. Lord:

The following action has been taken by this authority to remove capacitors containing PCB's, which were temporarily stored at our vehicle maintenance facility in North Cambridge on Massachusetts Avenue.

During the week beginning November 15, 1982, a program was started to remove defective capacitors from a fleet of approximately 40 vehicles at the above location. As each unit was removed, it was placed in one of several marked barrels. The unit mounting surface was cleaned with water and detergent and wiped clean. All personal protective apparel, cleaning cloths, etc., were also deposited in these barrels and then the barrels were carefully sealed.

Jet Line, Inc., our hazardous waste contractor, removed the barrels from the above location during the week beginning December 20, 1982.

We hope that the above answers your concerns expressed in a telephone call on November 26, 1982 by Mr. David Erickson of your department.

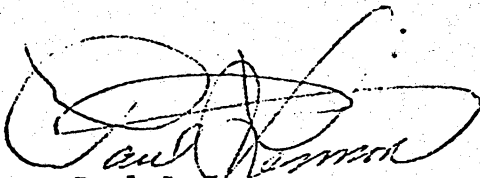
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Mr. Sabin Lord
Division Supervisor
Mass. Dept. Environmental Quality
Engineering

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If you have other questions on this action, please feel free to call me at 722-5135. Mr. Richard Tarbuck of my staff, who coordinated with the Rail Equipment Maintenance division on the removal of the PCB-bearing capacitors, can also be reached at 722-5137.

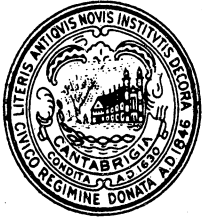
Sincerely,



Paul J. Lennon
Chief Safety and Training
Officer

RBT/mc

cc: J. J. White
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F. X. Crowley



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

January 24, 1983

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 19 relative to whether the chemical PCB is being stored at the MBTA facility in North Cambridge, enclosed please find copy of a report from Melvin H. Chalfen, M. D., Commissioner of Health and Hospitals.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 19
regarding whether the chemical PCB is being
stored at the MBTA facility in North Cambridge.

In City Council,

January 24, 1983

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