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October 28, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 47 regarding my conferring with M.I.T. officials relative to progress on a new fire station to be located in Kendall Square, please be advised as follows:

I met this week with Walter Milne, Bill Dixon and Bob Simha for a progress report on the work that has been done by a working committee comprised of officials from the Cambridge Fire Department, M.I.T., and the architect engaged by M.I.T. to do preliminary design of a fire station on this site. There are three potential designs with prices of 1.5, 2.1, and 2.4 million dollars, depending on the types of operations located at this site. In order to make informed decisions on the financing plan for these options and determine which option is affordable, the next step is for both the City and M.I.T. to engage appraisers to determine the fair market value of the old Engine 7. Once this is done, consideration will be given as to the feasibility of the City Council proceeding under Ordinance 733. Should the Council concur, the proceeds of the sale would be used to offset a portion of the cost of a new Engine 7.

Until the appraisals are completed it is difficult to make judgments on the affordability of the three design options. I will keep the City Council informed of the progress on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 47 on the progress of the new fire station in Kendall Sq.

In City Council,

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