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October 7, 1996

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 1, regarding the need for additional parking at the Sheraton Commander Hotel, received from Executive Director of the Cambridge Historical Commission Charles Sullivan.

Very truly yours,

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

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Cambridge Historical Commission

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October 2, 1996

To: Robert Healy, City Manager

From: Charles M. Sullivan, Executive Director
Cambridge Historical Commission

Re: Committee Report #3, December 18, 1995

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The Historical Commission staff and the Law Department have been actively engaged with Adams Realty, the owner of three residential properties on Garden Street that were recently proposed for demolition, to develop a plan that will respect the historical integrity of the site while accommodating the Sheraton Commander Hotel's need for parking.

The plan, which has been developed by an architect jointly retained by the City and Adams Realty, preserves all three houses on Garden Street. Removal of the ells and sheds of these houses will allow limited expansion of the parking lot, which will be landscaped to screen the view from surrounding residences. The lot will continue to be operated as a valet service to minimize foot traffic and noise.

This plan will be reviewed with the Historical Commission on October 3 and with the neighborhood on October 10. If there is general agreement on the plan, Adams will pursue the other approvals that are necessary for accessory parking in a residential zone. Once these are secured, Adams will settle outstanding litigation against the City, restore the three houses for residential occupancy, and drop their objection to inclusion of the properties in the Old Cambridge Historic District.

This plan is the result of ten months of discussions, and appears to offer the best chance of meeting the goals of the property owner, the neighbors, and the Historical Commission.

Consent Agenda #20

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
One, regarding the need for additional
parking at the Sheraton Commander Hotel.

In City Council October 7, 1996

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