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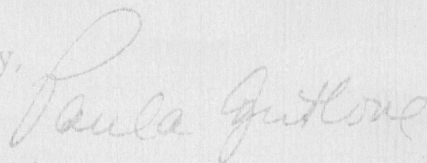
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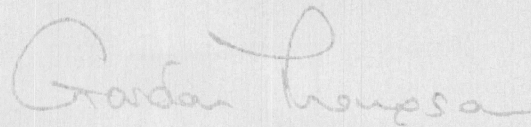
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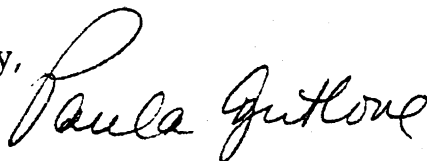
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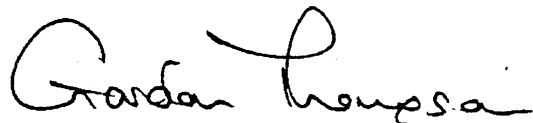
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Comm. from Paula Gutlove and Gordon Thompson, 27 Ellsworth Avenue, urging the City to reconsider the expansion of the Cambridge Hospital. S-233

In City Council,

May 16, 1994

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