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June 17, 1994

BY HAND

John G. O'Brien,
Hospital Administrator
The Cambridge Hospital
1493 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear John:

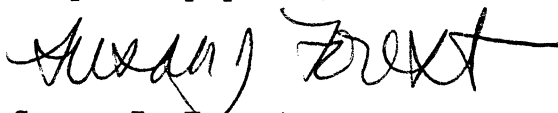
I have recently obtained and reviewed the May 18, 1994 letter prepared by Dan Taylor of Hill & Barlow to the effect that a "found" 1966 variance "untied the Gordian knot of the zoning analysis" pertaining to the Hospital expansion. I do not agree with his flat conclusion that the zoning decision that was sought and obtained in 1966 dealing with the distance between the Cahill portion of the Hospital and what is commonly referred to as the Main building is dispositive as to whether the Hospital building is treated as one building or two for purposes of calculating the setback requirements at the present time. The fact that the Hospital's architects and attorneys spent months and months calculating the setbacks never doubting that Cahill and the Main building were treated as one building (as referred to in Dan Taylor's letter) indicates to me that the issue cannot be easily dismissed by a 1966 Zoning decision. Perhaps Mr. Taylor could provide me with the citation to a case supporting the proposition that he appears to be maintaining--that any zoning decision in which two buildings are described creates an irrefutable presumption that the structures are treated as two buildings for all purposes in the future. I know of no such case.

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In any event, a decision by the City inspector cannot be made without all the relevant facts and documentation. I understand that the building jacket was missing for several months and was recently found. I would like to request that you either send to me photocopies of, or make available to me for inspection copies of the building jacket for the Hospital.

Please call me at 338-2417 to let me know when I can expect to see the building jacket.

Very truly yours,



Susan J. Forest

CC: The City Council
Robert W. Healy, City Manager
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The City Council
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To the City Clerk:

Please transmit a copy of the attached correspondence dated June 10, 1994 addressed to John O'Brien to the City Council members, include it in the Council communications for the next Council meeting and enter it into the permanent records of correspondence to the City Council.

Very truly yours,



Susan J. Forest

Consent Comm. # 18

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Comm. from Susan J. Forest, regarding the
hospital expansion issue.

In City Council,

June 27, 1994

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