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December 14, 1987

TO: Mayor Walter J. Sullivan

FROM: Donald A. Drisdell *DDA*

SUBJECT: AMERICAN RED CROSS v. CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

As you know the American Red Cross through its attorney filed a Complaint in the Land Court in July of this year. The original Complaint named you and each of the other City Councillors as defendants as members of the City Council but not personally. In September the American Red Cross filed an Amended Complaint naming you and each of the other City Councillors both in your official capacity and personally.

Attorney Robert T. Gill at Parker, Coulter, Daley & White was retained by the City to assist in the defense of this Complaint. Attorney Gill petitioned the United States District Court in Boston for removal of the case from the Land Court to the Federal Court. The primary reason for this step was the fact that the Amended Complaint contained several complex claims based upon federal law and the Federal Court appeared to be a more appropriate forum for the case. On October 15, 1987 the United States District Court granted the petition for removal and the case was docketed in that Court.

On November 10, 1987 a scheduling conference was held in the Federal District Court. On that date the attorney for the American Red Cross filed a Second Amended Complaint. This latest Complaint drops you and the other City Councillors from the Complaint altogether. The only defendant left in the latest complaint is the City.

Attorney Gill will continue to pursue this litigation in conjunction with the Law Department and we will advise you of developments in the case.

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Comm. from Donald A. Drisdell, Deputy City
Solicitor dated December 14, 1987 to Mayor
Walter Sullivan Re: American Red Cross v.
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December 21, 1987

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