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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

May 2, 1984

Mr. Bill Cavellini
c/o Simplex Steering Committee
274 Brookline Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Cavellini:

Please be advised that the City Council has scheduled a public hearing, pursuant to your communication dated April 27, 1984, in order to discuss the latest events relating to the Simplex Development Area and your group's reaction to same. Said hearing has been scheduled for Monday, May 14th, 1984 to be held at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall. Your presence or that of your appropriate designee(s) is requested at this time.

Your very kind cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated by both the City Council and this office.

Very truly yours,

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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Simplex Steering Committee

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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

April 27, 1984

The Honorable Members
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Because of this, we believe that Forest City and MIT should be asked to appear at the earliest possible hearing in order to explain their intentions, share their master plan for the Simplex Development Area, and share their timetable for implementing it. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Comm. from Bill Cavellini, et al, Simplex
Steering Committee, requesting a hearing
before the Council at a future date Re:
latest events relating to the Simplex De-
velopment Area.

Bill Cavellini of Simplex Steering
Committee notified of hearing scheduled
for Monday May 14, 1984. 5/3/84 mch

In City Council,

April 30, 1984

4/30/84

Hearing Lot F12

5/15/84 at 6 PM

5/16/84

Hearing Held