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ROBERT H. QUINN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

8 October 1971

Paul E. Healy
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy;

This letter will confirm our conversation of this date regarding the request by the City Council for the Attorney General to send observers until the close of registration to make sure that no potential registrant is deprived of the right to vote. As I informed you this Office is unable to furnish such observers.

In an effort to provide you with some assistance I have discussed this matter with Norman Gleason, Election Supervisor from the Office of the Secretary of State. He has advised me that his Office is also unable to provide such observers.

In conclusion I can only reiterate my suggestion to Councillor Ackermann that the City Law Department be requested to provide assistance. I also direct your attention to Chapter 51, section 54 of the General Laws whereby the "governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall, on the petition of not less than ten qualified voters, of a city or town, appoint for a term of one year two supervisors of registration for each place of registration therein."

If you have further questions on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. F. Reilly", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

THOMAS F. REILLY

Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights and Liberties Division

TFR:gcw
cc: Councillor Ackerman
City Councillor, City of Cambridge

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Communication from Thomas F. Reilly, Deputy
Assistant Attorney General, in response to
order of City Council requesting Atty.
General to send observers until the close
of registration to make sure no potential
registrant is deprived of the right to vote

October 18, 1971

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