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To: Robert W. Healy
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From: Susan Schlesinger *SPS*
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Date: October 14, 1997

Subject: Response to Council Order #050, dated 10/6/97

Arthur D. Little occupies a 27 acre site on Route 2 with a campus type of build out. In Arthur D. Little's judgment, the buildings are functionally obsolete and new construction will be required to meet modern standards of energy efficiency and modern laboratory standards.

Arthur D. Little has been studying its options including rebuilding onsite, moving to one or more other locations, or keeping some functions in Cambridge and moving others out of the City. New construction on the existing site is a higher cost alternative than leasing existing space, particularly if the leased space is in a suburban location, where rents are often lower than in Cambridge and structured parking is not necessary.

For the last two years we have been meeting with CEOs of Cambridge's largest companies. As part of these ongoing meetings we have discussed Arthur D. Little's need for a modern facility and expressed the City's view that Arthur D. Little is a valued member of the community and have encouraged them to stay in the City. Clearly, Arthur D. Little is weighing the cost issues carefully in making their decision, which they expect to do in the next several weeks.



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October 20, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 32, regarding a report on rumors that Arthur D. Little may be leaving Cambridge, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Susan Schlesinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #23

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
Thirty-two, regarding a report on rumors
that Arthur D. Little may be leaving
Cambridge.

In City Council October 20, 1997

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