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October 27, 1999

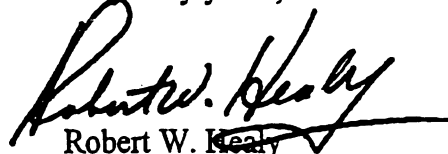
Elsa N. Fitzgerald
Assistant Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA. 02125

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald:

In response to your recent correspondence regarding funding for restoration work to Cambridge City Hall, I am enclosing correspondence from Perry Dean Rogers & Partners Architects, and Ralph Dunphy, Commissioner of Cambridge Public Works Department.

I trust that this information will satisfy your request. If I can be of further assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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October 27, 1999

Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner

147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
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Robert W. Healy
City Manager
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Re: Massachusetts Historical Commission Grant for City Hall

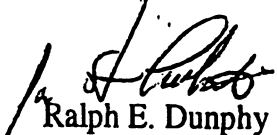
Dear Bob,

The City has just completed a lengthy designer selection process for City Hall Phase II Renovations by reaching an agreement for architectural services with the firm of Perry Dean Rogers. Perry Dean Rogers will be developing specifications for renovations to many areas of City Hall, including restoration to the building envelope for which the MHC grant was awarded.

I expect that this portion of the design work can be completed separately and earlier than the larger remainder of the project. This work can be advertised for bid in January 2000. Work can commence in the spring as soon as weather allows. I fully expect that sufficient work will be completed to meet the June 30, 2000 deadline of the MHC grant.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 349-4806.

Sincerely,


Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner



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Mr. Gerald Boyle
Superintendent of Buildings
Cambridge City Hall
147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Cambridge City Hall Restoration

22 October 1999

Dear Gerry,

I have reviewed our workload with my staff and have confidence that, together with you, we can develop a scope of work, do the survey and produce the contract documents for a limited scope project to allow bidding to begin immediately after January 1, 2000.

If we assume a 3 week bid period and 3 weeks for an award this would permit a contractor to begin work by mid February.

If the project focuses on non long lead items such as masonry repair and repointing this will allow the contractor to start scaffolding and cutting immediately on contract award and repointing can then begin as soon as weather breaks in March. This certainly should allow the City to accomplish a project to meet its grant responsibilities.

Please call if you have any other questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Peter A. Ringenbach, AIA
Principal

Cc: David N. Fixler



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CERTIFIED MAIL: RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 12, 1999

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City Manager
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

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After repeated requests by phone, and the inability to meet any project deadlines to date, MHC finds that the city of Cambridge has not complied with the terms of the Massachusetts Preservation Grant award.

This letter is formal notification that the grant award for the Cambridge City Hall is in serious jeopardy.

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If there are extenuating circumstances or issues that you would like to discuss, please notify me in writing before November 5, 1999.

Sincerely,

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Elsa N. Fitzgerald
Assistant Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

cc: Gerald Boyle
Rep. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
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A communication was received
from Councillor Toomey,
transmitting a letter
from Elsa Fitzgerald, Assistant
Director, Mass Historical Commission,
relative to the allocation of
\$100,000 to the city for City
Hall restoration work.

10/27/99 response from
City manager enclosed

In City Council November 1, 1999

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