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February 2, 1973

FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

William J. Cremins
Chief

Mr. John H. Corcoran
City Manager
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

It is not my intention to become involved in the issue concerning relocation of present occupants of property in the Kendall Square area.

However, I am greatly concerned with the real fire hazards presented by already vacated structures, wherever they may exist in this city.

Through the years, I constantly have reminded Redevelopment Authority officials that these structures represent a very serious hazard to the city.

Two fires immediately come to mind---the one in Kendall Square involving 120 Potter Street, and the City Stable fire at Walden Square that came dangerously close to enveloping an entire neighborhood. Both occurred at a time when demolition was getting underway.

On the night and early morning hours of January 31, 1973 (just a few days ago), three serious fires of suspicious origin were set, one after the other, very close to this area.

I would hope that you and the City Council would do everything in your power to see to it that the Redevelopment Authority proceeds as soon as possible with the demolition of all vacated buildings in Kendall Square.

Very sincerely yours,

William J. Cremins, Chief
Cambridge Fire Department



Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

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Mr. John H. Corcoran
City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
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Re: Demolition Activities
Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area
Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Area
Project Nos. Mass. R-107 and Mass. R-108

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

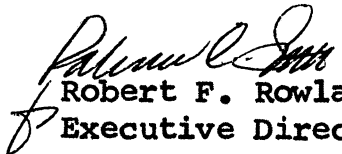
In view of the City Council's concern about the inclusion of presently occupied structures in Kendall Square in a demolition contract, the Authority, on Wednesday evening, January 31, 1973, voted to reject all bids for Demolition and Site Clearance Contract No. 10.

The Authority further instructed me to advertise for bids on a new demolition contract which would include only vacant structures.

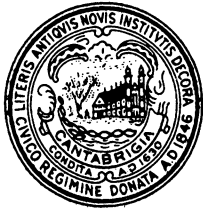
The Authority took this action at its monthly meeting to avoid further delay in the demolition of vacant structures in Kendall Square, as well as to attempt to assure the rehabilitation of an owner-occupied three-family structure in Wellington-Harrington under the Section 312 three-percent loan program.

This action reaffirms the Authority's original intent, as stated in my letter to you, dated January 29, 1973, not to forceably evict remaining occupants of the project area, until a decision is reached on the nature of new development.

Sincerely yours,


Robert F. Rowland
Executive Director

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JOHN H. CORCORAN
City Manager

February 5, 1973

To the Honorable, the City Council,

I transmit herewith communications from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and Chief William J. Cremins, Cambridge Fire Department, relative to demolition activities in the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area.

Yours truly,

John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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Demolition activities in the Kendall
Square Urban Renewal Area.

In City Council,

Feb. 5, 1973

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