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To Mr. James L. Sullivan, City Manager

Date September 4, 1980

From Mr. George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject "Intersection of Boylston St. and Eliot St."

In response to Mr. Choate's letter dated July 21, 1980 concerning the hazardous conditions at the intersection of Boylston and Eliot Street: The Traffic Department has been aware of these conditions and has taken some remedial measures to make this intersection safer pending the final roadway improvements associated with the development of Parcel I-B. Included in this proposal is a complete redesign of the intersection which will include traffic control devices.

In the meantime, we have installed two 30" stop signs, a warning sign telling the motorist that pedestrians have the Right-Of-Way in the crosswalk and have crosshatched the crosswalk to make it more visible to the driver. We are now in the process of designing and funding of an overhead warning beacon for this intersection and the removal of the bus stop on the approach to the intersection to increase the visibility of pedestrians to the driver.

For the installation of traffic signals on a temporary basis, we estimate the cost at \$25,000 and feel it would not be fair to the other areas of the City where signals are needed more. The Traffic Department has not used City funds in the past 10 years for any traffic signal installation. They have all been funded with Federal and State monies on a priority system that is set up by a specific formula.

It is my opinion that with the existing signs, the installation of the warning beacon and removal of the bus stop, along with some vigorous enforcement of Pedestrian Right-Of-Way Law that this intersection can be made safer.

I will also be watching this intersection carefully with a view towards increasing the safety of pedestrians.

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Comm. from George Teso, Traffic Director,
relative to the intersection of Boylston
Street and Eliot Street.

In City Council,

September 8, 1980

Referred to Housing
Place Comm. on File