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DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING

George Teso
Director

September 30, 1971

Mrs. John Finn
5 Rindgefield Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Finn:

I would like to explain to you the reason that a traffic jam occurred on Massachusetts Avenue on the morning of September 21, 1971.

This traffic problem occurred when a contractor, without permission, closed Garden Street causing traffic to block Massachusetts Avenue and in turn this stopped traffic all along Massachusetts Avenue. My office and the police department went to Garden Street and opened the street, but by the time we could do this, traffic had backed up a considerable distance on Massachusetts Avenue.

The Traffic and Parking Department works very closely with the MBTA and anytime the busses are running longer than normal they notify us and we try to find the reasons for these delays and take whatever action necessary.

I hope that I have answered some of your questions and I, also would like to say that we do monitor the lights on the Avenue for malfunctions but there are times we do not get there in time to solve the problem immediately.

If there are any questions concerning this problem, feel free to call me at 876-6800, Ext. 314.

Very truly yours,

George Teso
Traffic Director

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To Mr. Paul Healy, City Clerk

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From Mr. George Teso, Traffic Director

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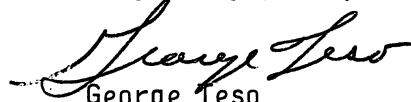
Subject

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I sent to Mrs. John F. Finn concerning the traffic jam that occurred on September 21, 1971.

I believe this would serve as my report to the City Council.

Very truly yours,


George Teso
Traffic Director

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Communication from George Teso, Traffic
Director in response to communication from
Mrs. John Finn of 5 Rindgefield Street
regarding traffic jam on Mass. Ave. on the
morning of September 21, 1971

October 4, 1971

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