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MELVIN H. CHALFEN, M.D.
COMMISSIONER

January 21, 1988

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
Executive Office
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Council Order #11
12/21/87

Dear Mr. Healy:

Inspections at The Cambridge Smelting Company of 100 Pacific Street indicate that the cause of the incident of 15 December 1987 was a blockage of the flue from an oil burner using #2 fuel oil. Apparently when the blockage released a large amount of soot was released also to the surrounding neighborhood.

Inspections the following day and there after revealed that overnight rainfall had washed the soot away.

The reports indicate the company has brought in the oil burner service company (Atlantic Oil Company) to provide repair and maintenance of the oil burner to prevent a recurrence.

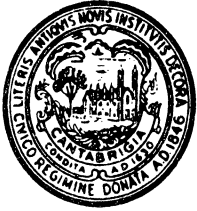
In addition follow up visits will be made to be sure that the company has continued to take action to avoid recurrences.

Inspections were performed by members of The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering Air Quality Control, Cambridge Department of Health and Hospitals and Cambridge Department of Inspectional Services. We will maintain contact with DEQE Air Quality Control in regard to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.
Commissioner

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January 25, 1988

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 4 regarding the cause of a December 15th incident at the Cambridge Smelting Company, I submit the attached report from Dr. Melvin Chalfen, Commissioner of Health and Hospitals.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Agenda Item No. 16 S-38

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 4 on
the cause of the December 15, 1987 incident
at the Cambridge Smelting Company.

In City Council,

January 25, 1988

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