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August 8, 1989

Dr. Paul E. Gray
President
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Building 7, Room 203
Cambridge, MA 02139

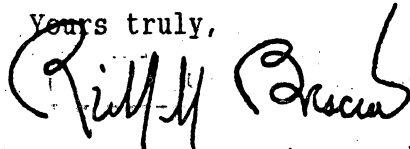
Dear President Gray:

Almost two years have passed since the Cambridge Housing Authority was awarded \$2.5 million to construct a permanent shelter for homeless alcoholics on Albany Street in Cambridge. You requested that we spend six months working with you to find an alternative site. More than six months have passed and no alternative site is in view. Therefore, it is clear that the present site is the only available one for this purpose.

We are aware of the concerns of M.I.T. for us to continue in our present location. I can assure you that we are also quite committed to working with a building design that would be in keeping with the other development you are planning. We have had an excellent record of responsible integration of our other programs with a variety of residential and commercial settings.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts through EOCD wants to join us in the effort that CASPAR and M.I.T. are making in responding to the need of the homeless in our community. We urge you to consider the fate of the Shelter, to accept the reality that there is no other feasible location and to go forward in planning a well designed building that will fit in with your other building plans. We are requesting a meeting with you in September to move forward with this project.

Yours truly,



Richard M. Brescia
President

cc: Robert Healy, City Manager
Dan Wuenschel, Cambridge Housing Authority
Amy Anthony, EOCD
Dr. Robert Reid, C-S Mental Health Center
Hon. Lawrence Feloney
City Council

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Comm. from Richard M. Brescia, Pres., CASPAR,
Re: the matter of construction of a permanent
shelter for homeless alcoholics on Albany
St. in Cambridge.

In City Council,

September 11, 1989

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