

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE HOUSE • BOSTON 02133

EDWARD J. KING
GOVERNOR

April 22, 1980

Francis H. Duehay
Mayor
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mayor Duehay:

Governor King has asked me to thank you for your kind invitation to attend the City Council's meeting. Regrettably, the Governor's heavy work schedule precludes his attendance.

However, the Governor has referred your invitation to William T. Hogan, Jr., Commissioner of Department of Corrections. Hopefully, the Commissioner or a member of his staff will be available to attend these meetings.

The Governor offers to you his regrets and personal best wishes.

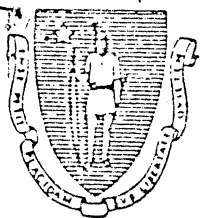
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roseleen M. McQuarrie".

Roseleen M. McQuarrie
Administrative Assistant
Governor's Scheduling Office

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Mayor from Rep. Lombardi



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CLASSIFICATION UNIT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

WHEREAS, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to further assist the state in expeditious construction of a classification unit at the Middlesex County Court House, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate protection of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 798 of the acts of 1979 is hereby amended by striking, from appropriation item 4346-8801, in lines 12 through 14 and in lines 42 through 43, the words "the governor, and the house and senate committees on ways and means," and inserting in place thereof the following:-
and the governor.

The emergency situation makes it essential that the executive and legislative branches of government proceed in a balanced and efficient manner to address the long-neglected needs of the Commonwealth's correction and youth service systems.

Our goals must include:

- a) The protection and safety of the public;
- b) The health and safety of the workers and families of workers who serve the public as employees of our correctional facilities;
- c) The appropriate and humane housing of a rapidly rising inmate population under circumstances that will offer enlightened opportunities for rehabilitation; and
- d) The delivery of needed treatment services to serious juvenile offenders.

The present circumstances require that we take action; and that we do so as expeditiously as possible. Experience has shown that prison overcrowding and the resultant increased tensions give rise to serious consequences. While we must acknowledge the complexity of these issues and proceed carefully, we would all wish to avoid the tragic experiences recently faced by other states.

With this in mind, I am recommending a series of interim and long term solutions, involving the Department of Correction the Department of Youth Services and the Parole Board. These proposals offer an urgently needed response to a potentially volatile and dangerous situation.

I. Interim Measures: To immediately alleviate the emergency situation in our adult correctional system, I propose the following:

1. I am today resubmitting a lease agreement between the Commonwealth and Middlesex County for the occupancy of the still vacant East Cambridge Jail. The construction of this facility was completed in late 1973 at a cost of \$6.5 million. To replace this facility today would cost an estimated \$ 12 million. and would take at least 3 years. No other comparable facility exists which is readily available and which offers such short and long term benefits to the Department of Correction and to the public.

The administration has made significant progress recently in negotiating an agreement with the Middlesex County Commissioners that would make this facility available to help relieve the overcrowding problem. After lengthy

negotiations, the lease was signed by the County Commissioners and the Administration on February 14, 1980. It was forwarded to the General Court for its approval which has been withheld subject to the concurrence of certain local officials. In the interest of the safety of the public, I urgently request legislative approval of the document which is already before you.

Alternatively, I recommend the adoption of legislation eliminating the "prior committee approval" clause relative to the East Cambridge lease from the Acts of 1979.

2. The construction of a 50 bed minimum security facility at MCI Plymouth. This facility can be built utilizing inmate labor at a cost of \$150,000 and be operational by January 1, 1981.
3. The acceleration of the renovation process currently underway at MCI Shirley which will result in the availability of an additional 30 minimum security beds by August 15, 1980. This will require \$222,147 in additional FY '81 operating funds.
4. The provision to the Department of Correction of the resources necessary to operate a new 24 bed dormitory at MCI Concord which will house inmates awaiting reclassification for disciplinary reasons. The renovation of the dormitory has recently been completed through the use of inmate labor. The operation of this new dormitory will require a total of approximately \$164,990 in additional FY '80 and FY '81 funds.
5. The establishment of a temporary Reception and Classification unit in the E building at MCI Concord. Simultaneously, and through a carefully developed phased plan, the E building will be converted from single cell occupancy to a double cell occupancy facility. The inmates currently housed in the E building will be reclassified and transferred to other institutions within the Department. The implementation of this proposal will result in a net gain of 157 beds and will cost \$116,340 in FY '80. An additional \$958,063 in FY '81 funding will also be required. The completion date for implementation of this unit is May 15, 1980.
6. The accelerated renovation of a presently vacant 46 bed housing unit at MCI Norfolk to be completed by July 1, 1980. \$324,222 in FY '81 funding will be

APPENDIX VI
RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITIONS
IN FY'81

Account 4345-0001 (Plymouth)

- 02 1 Senior Prison Camp Officer (JG 16)
 8 Prison Camp Officers (JG 15)
 1 Correction Counselor (JG 13)

Account 4380-0001 (Parole)

- 02 1 Legal Counsel II (JG 23)
 2 Deputy Chief Supervisors (JG 22)
 1 Revocation Examiner (JG 22)
 2 Hearing Officers (JG 20)
 7 Parole Officers (JG 17)
 7 Institutional Parole Officers (JG 14)
 7 Senior Clerk Typists (JG 06)

X Account 43xx-xxxx (East Cambridge)

- 02 1 Superintendent (JG 27)
 3 Assistant Deputy Superintendents (JG 20)
 5 Supervising Correction Officers (JG 17)
 13 Senior Correction Officers (JG 15)
 63 Correction Officers (JG 14)
 1 Head Chef (JG 16)
 6 Cooks
 2 Head Cooks
 1 Principal Storekeeper
 2 Storekeepers
 1 Correction Maintenance Worker II (JG 13)

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Account 43xx-xxxx (East Cambridge) cont'd.

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- 1 Correction Maintenance Worker I (JG 09)
- 1 Correction Maintenance Worker III (JG 14)
- 1 Correction Maintenance Worker IV (JG 16)
- 1 Steward (JG 19)
- 1 Management Analyst (JG 18)
- 1 Junior Accountant (JG 13)
- 1 Principal Clerk (JG 09)
- 2 Senior Clerk/Typists (JG 06)

DESCRIPTION OF EAST CAMBRIDGE BUDGET

02	1,722,133	10 month funding of 140 positions to staff the Reception Classification Unit.
03	19,500	To provide a computer consultant and other professional services.
04	164,500	To provide food for inmates and staff.
05	92,017	To provide clothing for inmates and staff.
06	37,726	To provide blankets, linens, cleaning, and kitchen supplies.
07	18,639	To provide medical, and personal supplies.
08	268,565	To provide fuel, sewerage disposal and electricity.
10	10,000	To provide travel money for transporting inmates to permanent institutions.
11	5,300	To provide for advertising and printing needs.
12	21,722	To provide maintenance to the institution.
13	21,900	To provide special supplies and expenses including inmate wages and educational supplies.
14	30,950	To provide office and administrative supplies.
15	213,912	To provide equipment needed in the RCU including medical equipment, vehicles and inmate furniture.
16	23,136	To provide for the rental of xerox and postage machines.

TOTAL 2,650,000



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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Francis H. Duehay
Mayor

April 24, 1980

To the Honorable Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to a request of the City Council, I wrote Governor King inviting him to meet with the City Council.

I am in receipt of the attached reply.

Also, Representative Lombardi has supplied me with the bill, also, enclosed, filed recently by Governor King dealing with the East Cambridge Jail situation.

Sincerely yours,

Francis H. Duehay
Mayor

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Comm. from Mayor Francis H. Duehay re: an
invitation to Gov. King to attend the City
Council Meeting.

In City Council,
April 28, 1980

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