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President

April 17, 1980

Mr. Dan Wuenstchel, Director
The Cambridge Housing Authority
270 Green Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Dan,

As you know, George Yuse and I have been in frequent, almost daily contact since the reported security problems of March 20th at Putnam Square Apartments.

Mr. Abrams and myself appreciate the consistent support and concern shown by you and your staff for the Putnam Residents.

Therefore, I am pleased to respond to your request this morning to file a progress report on management's security plans.

a. Apartment Entry Doors

Management will install on every apartment entry door and jam 24" interlocking jimmy-proof plates to prevent access by slipping a card by the lock. Tamper-proof screws will be used.

The Pasek Corporation (one of our security consultants and our supplier) has confirmed the shipment of these plates for today. They are arriving from New York by AAA Trucking. As soon as the special, tamper-proof screws arrive, we will begin installation.

At Mr. Yuse's suggestion, The Director of Maintenance for CHA will check the installation of these plates for proper function.

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b. Building Entry Doors

Problem: Door closures to the three entry doors have been checked and adjusted by Pasek Corporation. At present, if the door is allowed to swing closed, it will lock. But, if the swing to the door is interrupted, it is possible for the door to close and not lock. The door closure cannot be further adjusted or it would swing too hard, possible knocking over a person.

Alliance Glass, a Boston firm has looked at the doors for proper function. It is their impression that the doors are in good condition; at this time they have no further recommendations.

However, we still feel that something can be done. Mr. Woolley, President of the maintenance and cleaning company which contracts at Putnam and myself will be meeting with the Pasek Corporation representative at the building at 12:30 today to pursue solutions.

c. Other Measures

1. We are very receptive to City Council recommendations for security guards provided by either CETA or University Students. We look forward to hearing from Councilors in this regard.
2. It is our intention to work with Detective Richard Ring of The Cambridge Police to coordinate tenant education programs at the Building. I am also very concerned about coordinating with the Fire Department a program on emergency procedures in the event of fire.

Many rumors are circulating through the building. We are not waiting for tomorrow's meeting (with the residents) to clarify rumors-see attached memorandum delivered to each resident yesterday. Our goal is to stop rumors in order to keep the focus on the most pressing problem: security. This is of grave concern to us given the health problems of many residents: rumors do not help people with high blood pressure.

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At tomorrow's meeting Mr. Abrams and other staff will discuss security issues with the residents. We will take notes to provide all residents (particularly those who don't/can't attend) and yourself with a written summary.

We feel very confident that we can make improvements at Putnam Square to provide a building which is secure. We also want the residents to feel secure and to cooperate by taking responsibility themselves for who gets let into the building and by not giving out keys.

Of course, we plan to keep you apprised regularly of developments as they unfold.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 661-8795.

Very truly yours,

Marianne E. McLaughlin

Marianne E. McLaughlin, Manager
PUTNAM SQUARE APARTMENTS

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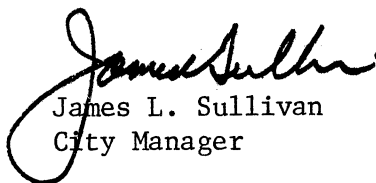
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

April 28, 1980

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a communication from the Abrams Management Company, Inc. to the Cambridge Housing Authority relative to security at 2 Mt. Auburn Street.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Housing Authority re: security at 2 Mt.
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