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May 17, 1971

Mr. Paul E. Healy
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Healy:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 12, 1971, concerning my presence at the next meeting of the City Council, on May 17, 1971, to discuss family housing.

I did not receive from the Members of the Authority, at our last meeting, the permission necessary for my attendance. However, I believe that I can give the necessary information in this letter. Last November, we advertised for both general and elderly housing, to be produced through the "Turnkey" method.

Although we received proposals for 300 units of general housing, the sites were not available for this purpose. It will be necessary, therefore, to readvertise for these units. Having negotiated with approximately forty-eight prospective developers, while our Turnkey proposals were in the bidding period, we can expect some problems in the general housing sector.

Zoning, the cost of land assemblage, neighborhood attitudes, and other factors, were called to our attention by many of the prospective bidders. Nevertheless, the Authority will make every effort to accomplish our goals.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Burns
Executive Director
For the Authority

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Communication from Daniel F. Burns,
Executive Director, Cambridge Housing
Authority relative to family housing

May 17, 1971

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