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March 7, 1985

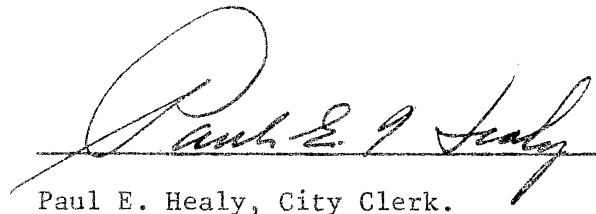
Mr. James Gillespie
General Manager
Steamtown, U.S.A.
P. O. Box 5250
Scranton, PA 18505

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

Pursuant to the request of the Cambridge City Council, I am forwarding to you a copy of the enclosed resolution as adopted by the Council at its meeting of Monday, March 4, 1985. Said resolution expressing the Council's support of efforts to return the Boston and Maine steam locomotive "3713" to its former home.

Your very kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the City Council.

Very truly yours,



Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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Enclosure: City Council Order #6 of 3/4/85

*Pl. Are you any relative of Brian
Fillespie who played out for Scranton in 1942
and attended O.C. in Quantico Va. in 1943
with me - If so please advise*



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COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

IN CITY COUNCIL
March 4, 1985

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- WHEREAS: The "3713," one of the last steam locomotives in New England, served the people of this region well for many years, and should remain close to home; and
- WHEREAS: The "3713" Campaign, which includes several Cambridge citizens, has begun organizing to return the locomotive to this area and to find it a new home; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council support the efforts to return the "3713" to its true home; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk send a copy of this resolution to the Steamtown Foundation, owner of the "3713;" and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager request the Cambridge Historical Commission to lend its support and good offices to this important preservation effort.

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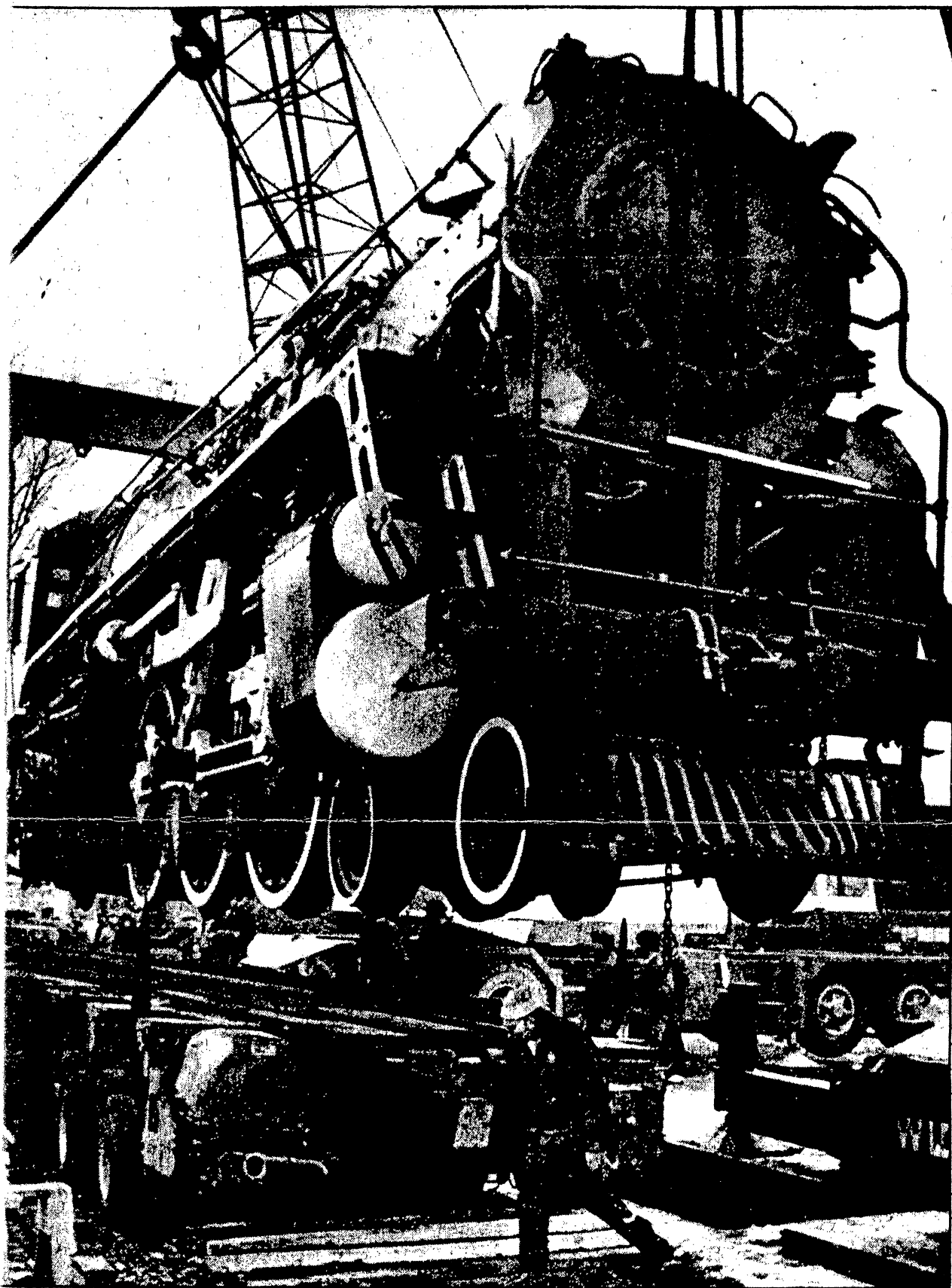
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METRO/REGION

MOO-MOTION



Crane lowers Boston & Maine Railroad's old locomotive number 3713 onto specially equipped flatbed truck outside Boston's Museum of Science for part of its trip to Pennsylvania. Steam engine on

display in front of museum since 1969, is moving to the new Steamtown USA in Scranton. Truck transported 220-ton "iron horse" to nearby freight yard where it was transferred to a railroad car. AP Photo

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LETTERS TO

Children will miss museum's steam loco

I was appalled and outraged by the decision to remove the Boston & Maine Railroad steam locomotive from the grounds of the Museum of Science in Boston.

Whose decision was this? Who was consulted? What is to be gained? Why wasn't the locomotive considered a part of the museum's permanent collection?

When expansion plans were evaluated, were the architectural, planning, or historical communities engaged in the development of the museum's master plan?

The locomotive afforded passing motorists a vivid reminder of how they would have traveled a generation before without having to venture into the museum itself. Isn't it a responsibility of a museum to offer "living showpieces."

The loss to the children is more distressing: they will not have the now-rare opportunity to inspect, touch and climb into the cab of a locomotive once operated by many a mighty Casey Jones. The elegance, the power, the mastery of man over materials are all feelings which overtook the spectator standing next to this fantastic old machine. How can these feelings be duplicated by a textbook or photograph?

I must express my gratitude, knowing that the locomotive has found a happy home at the grounds of Steamtown, USA in Scranton, Pa. However, the locomotive served the people of this area in revenue-service; why should it leave us now?

This action is an insult to our senses of history, urban form, Americana and the way we view the process of technological evolution. More important, it denies the young an opportunity to see how we once lived and forces the old to keep their memories locked in eternal silence.

DANIEL B. MESNICK
Department of Urban Studies
and Planning, MIT

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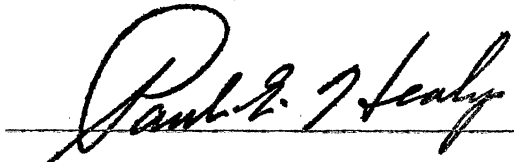
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Order # 6 F-77

C. D. Sullivan re: resolutions requesting
the Historical Commission to lend its sup-
port to returning the Boston & Maine Steam
Locomotive "3713" to the Museum of Science.

*as requested in the order copy
sent to Steamtown, U.S.P. with
transportal letter 3/8/85 ml copy
within*

In City Council,

March 4, 1985

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