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Hon. Walter Sullivan
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Your Honor:

Currently the City of Cambridge is developing plans for three new firehouses to be located in the East Cambridge area - one at Second and Cambridge Streets, another at Third and Binney Streets and a third to be built in the Kendall Square area. The total cost of these firehouses will be millions of dollars. I believe that the City could effect great savings if it were to build only one firehouse, at Fulkerson and Binney Streets, on land which is now owned by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority. In this way it would be possible to eliminate land acquisition costs, (which savings could be used to purchase an additional rescue truck to be stationed in East Cambridge), while still providing a high degree of protection to the residents of the area.

I would like to comment on another matter pertaining to East Cambridge: the disposition of Putnam School. One proposal has been to construct a parking lot on the site. I disagree with this proposal not only because of the historical value of Putnam School, but also because I believe that the building could be rehabilitated as a home for the elderly and handicapped. Since parking in East Cambridge is a serious problem, why not build a parking garage at Second and Cambridge Streets?

Very truly yours,

John F. Lyons
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Comm. from John F. Lyons re: to three new
firehouses in East Cambridge.

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