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EAST CAMBRIDGE PLANNING TEAM

11 Inman Street

Cambridge, MA 02141

February 17, 1981

Mayor Francis Duehay
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mayor Duehay:

At the February 5, 1981 meeting of the East Cambridge Planning Team, the status of the Reception Classification Unit, proposed by the State Department of Corrections for the top floors of the East Cambridge Courthouse, was discussed. The Planning Team has received unconfirmed reports that the state is proceeding with the installation of a sprinkler system in the facility and has hired 109 new employees to staff the jail.

The East Cambridge Planning Team is extremely concerned by these reports. Our opposition to the use of this facility for the detention of prisoners has not diminished since the proposal was first raised. We believe that the City of Cambridge should take immediate action to stop the planned occupancy of the facility.

The Planning Team requests that the entire City Council, Senator Lo Presti and Representatives Flaherty and Lombardi attend a special Planning Team meeting, scheduled for March 5, 1981 at the Kennedy School, to address this serious matter and plan an appropriate course of action. The assistance of the City Council is critical to achieving a resolution which will safeguard the interests of the East Cambridge community.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 661-9464 or Mary Flynn at the Community Development Department (498-9034). Thank you for your cooperation.

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pr. Mary Flynn.

Sincerely,

Frank Budryk

Frank Budryk, President
East Cambridge Planning Team

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cc: Councillor Kevin Crane
Councillor Thomas Danehy
Councillor Saundra Graham
Councillor Leonard Russell
Councillor David Sullivan
Councillor Walter Sullivan
Councillor Alfred Vellucci
Councillor David Wylie
James L. Sullivan

Comm. from Frank Budryk, Pres., East Camb.
Planning Team, in opposition to the East
Cambridge Classification Unit in the East
Camb. area.

Mary Flynna will send
follow up memo with
time of meeting 2/24/81
(all)

In City Council,

Feb. 23, 1981

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