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CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02139

January 17, 1983

Mr. Robert Healey, City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Rooming House Renovations and Remodeling
in Cambridgeport, Mass.

Dear Mr. Healey:

I have been informed of your concern relative to the rapidly deteriorating condition of various rooming houses in the Cambridgeport area.

As a lifelong member of the Cambridgeport business community and as a real estate developer with extensive experience in the remodeling, developing and renovation of several properties within the area, I feel that I am eminently qualified to assist the City of Cambridge in resolving some of the problem without the necessity of governmental funding and without permanent displacement of present residents.

If a general workable program of mutual cooperation involving the City, the Cambridge Building and Health departments and the Cambridge Housing Authority could be achieved, I would, as the developer propose:

1. The developer would purchase at his own expense two or three rooming houses which are presently vacant and available;
2. The developer would at his own expense extensively renovate said buildings according to reasonable Building Department and Cambridge Housing Authority specifications.
3. The said renovated rooming houses would be then occupied by tenants from other rooming houses, by and with the cooperation of the Cambridge Housing Authority and the owners of said other rooming houses.

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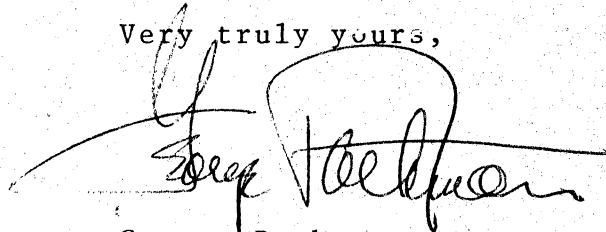
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4. In order to complete renovations to further rooming houses from which occupants have been moved, the developer with the cooperation of the City would attempt to either purchase or lease the subject properties prior to renovations.

5. The procedure would be repeated until all existing rooming houses have been brought up to code and the safety and health of the tenants insured with the least amount of tenant displacement.

This proposal has been presented in very general terms; however, if you deem it advisable I would be prepared to meet with you at your convenience to further discuss this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'George Rothman', written over a horizontal line.

George Rothman

GR/we

cc: Joseph Celucci, Building Department
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Comm. from George Rothman, First Central
Realty Re: rooming house renovations &
remodeling in the Cambridgeport area.