



Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

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Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Re: Report of Authority Actions to Demolish Properties
Located at 400-404 Portland Street and Related Matters

Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Area
Project No. Mass. R-108

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Your letter, dated March 2, 1976, addressed to Gordon Gottsche with respect to the demolition of certain buildings located on Portland Street and related matters has been referred to me, in part, for response.

On March 1, 1976, the Authority requested a Board of Survey recommendation regarding the condition of and recommended actions to be taken with respect to these properties. Upon receipt of the Board of Survey recommendations on March 8, 1976, the Authority requested approval of a waiver of public bidding requirements from the Massachusetts Commissioner of Labor and Industries, and the Area Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Written approval was received from those agencies on March 9 and March 11, 1976 respectively.

Concurrently, the Authority solicited and received six (6) proposals from demolition contractors, reviewed the proposals, checked on the low bidder's qualifications, and designated the lowest, eligible and responsible bidder. That bidder has since secured the required performance bond and obtained adequate insurance coverage. Having reviewed the bond and insurance coverage the Authority has awarded the contract and released the buildings for demolition. Demolition commenced today, March 15, 1976.

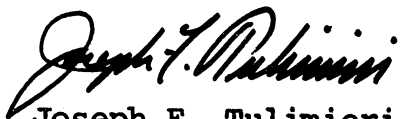
With respect to on-site security, the Authority arranged to have police detail coverage for all weekends prior to the completion of the demolition work. At other times, such coverage remains

the legal responsibility of the demolition contractor. The Authority has also requested that Chief Fratto increase police patrols in and around the area, generally.

Referring, apparently to an order, introduced by Councillor Duehay and approved by the Council at its March 1, 1976 meeting, you also requested Mr. Gottsche to prepare a detailed report to the City Council on the Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Plan and program with respect to what is planned and the time schedule for acquisition and development of land. Such a report is being prepared and, after review with the Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee and the members of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, will be transmitted to you.

If you have any questions about any of these matters, please call me.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph F. Tulumieri
Deputy Executive Director

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cc: Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci
Councillor David E. Clem



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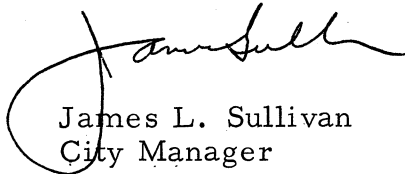
March 22, 1976

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to the Economic Development Committee report,
please be advised that:

1. I have requested the Building Commissioner to prepare the outline of procedures regarding unsafe buildings.
2. The buildings referred to on Portland Street have been demolished this week. (See enclosed letter from Joseph Tulimieri, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.)

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

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Response to the Economic Development Committee
Report.

In City Council,
March 22, 1976

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