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June 6, 1988

Mr. Robert W. Healy  
City Manager  
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Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Power to arrest within the City

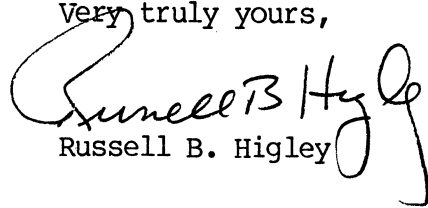
Dear Mr. Healy:

In response to the attached Council Order of May 2, you have requested my opinion as to the power of the City Council to provide that nobody shall exercise the power of arrest in Cambridge except members of the Cambridge Police Department.

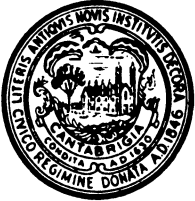
While it might be possible for the Council to direct the City Manager not to appoint any more constables, I wish to point out that, pursuant to G.L. c. 147, s. 10G, the Commissioner of Public Safety may appoint employees of colleges, universities, other educational institutions and hospitals as special police officers, with the power of arrest "for any criminal offense committed in or upon lands or structures owned, used or occupied by such college, university, other institution or hospital."

Also, the Middlesex County Sheriff has the power to appoint Deputy Sheriffs with the power of arrest.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell B. Higley". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail that loops back under the name.

Russell B. Higley



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
City Manager

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Deputy City Manager

June 13, 1988

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 24 relative to drafting of an ordinance prohibiting the granting of the police power of arrest within the City limits to any person or entity with the exception of the Cambridge Police Department without prior review and approval of the City Council, enclosed please find a copy of the opinion of Russell B. Higley, City Solicitor.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mbf  
Enc.

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 24 on the drafting of an ordinance prohibiting the granting of the police power of arrest within City limits to any person or entity with exception of the Cambridge Police Dept. without prior review & approval of the City Council.

In City Council,

June 13, 1988

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