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May 11, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

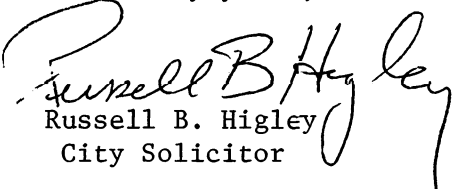
You have requested an opinion relative to what the responsibility is of a landlord to protect the personal belongings of the tenants of burned out buildings, and moreover, whether or not tenants must provide for a paid detailed police officer to stand guard over their possessions in such a situation.

In my opinion, there is no responsibility on the part of a landlord to protect the personal belongings of the tenants of a burned out building, unless such responsibility is clearly set forth in a written agreement or contract between the parties.

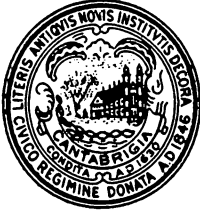
Moreover, it is my opinion that the tenants are under no obligation to provide for a paid detailed police officer to stand guard over the possessions of said tenants in such a situation.

If I may be of further assistance in this regard, please let me know.

Very truly yours,


Russell B. Higley
City Solicitor

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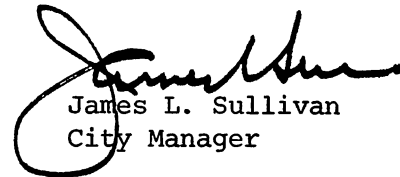
May 16, 1977

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report No. 15 , City Council

Order dated April 4, 1977, relative to victims of
household fires, I transmit herewith self-explanatory
communication from Russell B. Higley, City Solicitor.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/b

Agenda #6 *S-291*

Re: to Awaiting Report No. 15 pertaining
to victims of household fires.



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JAMES F. BENTLEY
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In City Council,
May 16, 1977

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