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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Items No. 3 and No. 6, I am pleased to report that negotiations have been completed to include the Observatory Hill Branch Library as a component of a new development on the site.

Harvard University has agreed to construct approximately 2,000 square feet of new Library space with four (4) parking spaces. This is, in fact, 25 percent more space than is currently in the Observatory Hill Branch lease. What is most appealing to me in Harvard's final proposal is the University's willingness to turn the space over to the City as condominium space for our Library. In addition, an arrangement will be worked out for the City whereby the maintenance and upkeep of the space will be carried out on a contractual basis by Harvard, thus insuring a well-maintained, clean Library space for many years.

My final decision to accept Harvard's proposal is clearly in the best interest of our citizens and is one which will be able to be financed by the City. I am sure the City Council will be most pleased with the final product.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Re: response to Awaiting Report Items 3 & 6, on completing negotiations with Harvard to include the Observatory Hill Branch Library as a component of a new development on the site.

In City Council,

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