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To the Honorable, the City Council;

In response to Awaiting Report #27 of April 23, 1990 regarding conditions in the area of Essex Street and Bishop Allen Drive (JFK Apartments), the following is the information.

The Traffic Department has completed a study of the intersection of Harvard and Essex Streets and has determined that the intersection is properly marked with crosswalks, stop signs and warning signs. There have been no accidents reported at this intersection in the past year. A study of the traffic speed indicated that the average speed was 25 MPH, well within the safe range.

A study was also conducted on safe stopping distances which determined that any vehicle traveling 30 MPH on Harvard Street has adequate time to stop and adequate site clearance of vehicles and pedestrians crossing from Essex Street.

Public Works reports that the area is repeatedly cleaned by street sweeping and hand cleaners; however, it is an area which is heavily used and where discards and rubbish overflow is endemic and continual. There will be reconstruction in the area this year which should contribute to a better looking environment. Bishop Allen Drive will receive new sidewalks as will the Charles River side of Essex Street, and the abandoned building at the corner of Essex Street and Massachusetts Avenue will be rehabilitated.

Due to reports of public drinking, the Police Department sent a notice to both the day and night patrol operations, instructing the route and sector cars to give extra attention to the rear of the JFK Apartments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy

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Drive, JFK Apartments.

In City Council,

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