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Red Line Extension — Northwest
58 Day Street, W. Somerville, MA 02144

March 29, 1979

James L. Sullivan, City Manager
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Jim:

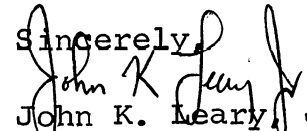
The design and configuration of the Red Line Extension makes it quite natural for Councillor Vellucci and his fellow Councillor's to question the feasibility of using these stations and tunnels as fallout shelters. Without any adjustments or modifications to their planned construction, they probably could afford more protection to the public in the dreaded event of war or natural disaster than any other possible location in Cambridge.

The MBTA's construction program is the implementation of Federal and State transportation policy. This transportation policy has not mandated the inclusion of fallout shelter capacities into transportation facilities. The public funds used for the construction of the Red Line Extension are being totally used to produce a transportation system and the MBTA does not have any discretion in their use for other purposes such as fallout shelters.

Should the appropriate government agencies which deal with civil defense and elected officials seek to incorporate fallout shelter capabilities into the Red Line Extension it would certainly require more than "slight alterations." Transforming the Red Line Extension's tunnels and stations into fallout shelters would be a costly effort. Additional shafts for access and special ventilation and lighting might need to be constructed. Food and water storage would also have to be provided for. The funding of this effort is beyond the MBTA's authority and scope of responsibility.

The MBTA would make its plans and specifications available to any party who wishes to pursue the matters of fallout shelters.

Sincerely,

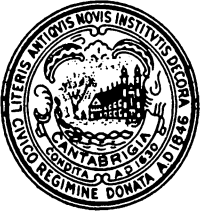

John K. Leary, Jr.

Project Manager - Development

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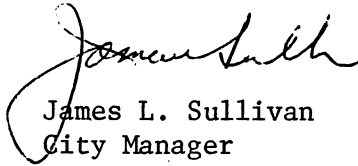
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

April 9, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to City Council Order No. 5 of January 8, 1979 relative to creating a fallout shelter for Cambridge residents in the Red Line Extension subway system, enclosed please find copy of a communication from John K. Leary, Jr. of the MBTA.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

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Response to Council Order no. 5 of 1/8/79
re: creating a fallout shelter for Camb.
residents in the Red Line Extension subway
system.

In City Council,

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