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April 15, 1980

Cambridge Committee of Elders, Inc.
Attn: Gerald Bergman
15 Pearl Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Committe Members:

The Abrams Management Co. and the Cambridge Housing Authority have responded to a joint request for a meeting by and with residents of Putnam Square and the Cambridge Committee of Elders. It will be held Friday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m.

Now that we have responded to the substance of the letter requesting that meeting we feel the tone of the letter deserves a response. This is especially important in view of the distribution of the letter.

The tone of the letter indeed suggests that Management and the Housing Authority have responded to Putnam Residents' concerns over security in a dilatory manner. We can only formally speak for ourselves in this regard. However, we do feel it is important to state within the context of this letter that the personnel of The Cambridge Housing Authority have shown utmost concern in these matters.

Attached you will find a copy of a report submitted to the Mayor, City Council, and City Clerks of Cambridge. This report includes a statement of incidents reported and management responses, an outline of security issues with related management plans, and a summary of formal communications regarding security. We hope you find this information helpful.

We have also enclosed copies of a memo we distributed to every Putnam Resident on April 7th. I wrote this memorandum only because I had reached a point - after research and discussions - at which I had something substantial to report to the residents. I was also responding to a rumor that some residents were pressuring other residents to sign a petition.

The letter we received on April 9th was printed on Cambridge Committee of Elders, Inc. letterhead and included signatures of Putnam Residents. We have no objection to the request for a meeting. We do object to the following statement in that letter:

"....and residents have waited long enough to hear from management and the housing authority".

That statement is peremptory and pejorative especially in view of the memo to residents distributed two days earlier.

Respectfully,

THE ABRAMS MANAGEMENT CO., INC.

Marianne E. McLaughlin

Marianne E. McLaughlin, Manager
Putnam Square Apartments

cc: Distribution:

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
The Honorable Francis H. Duehay, Mayor
City Councilor Kevin P. Crane

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Joan Mello
Janet Rose
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Copy of communication from the Abrams Management Co., Inc. to the Camb. Committee of Elders, Inc. re: meeting to be held between the C.H.A., Abrams Management Co., the residents of Putnam Square and the Cambridge Committee on Elders.

In City Council,

April 28, 1980

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