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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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February 4, 1977

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item #10 regarding the establishment of a Cambridge Biohazards Committee, please be advised as follows:

- A.) In choosing the three additional members of the Cambridge Biohazards Committee, I intend to consult with the two designated members, the Commissioner of Health & Hospitals and the Chairman of the Health Policy Board, to seek qualified neutral people to serve on the Cambridge Biohazards Committee.
- B.) With the advice of the two designated members, whose function it is to protect the Public Health of the citizens of Cambridge, I will seek qualified neutral people who have no formal relationship with universities or organizations that perform recombinant D.N.A. research within the City of Cambridge. One of the three should be an individual familiar with infectious diseases.
- C.) The City Council will not have power of confirmation as the statutes limit Council confirmation to specific authorities.
- D.) At the present time the budgetary implications are unknown. It is felt that since the Commissioner of Health & Hospitals is a member of the Cambridge Biohazards Committee and has staff available, that whatever budgetary support is required in the initial stages will be allocated from the Health & Hospitals budget until sufficient experience is gained to identify budgetary needs.

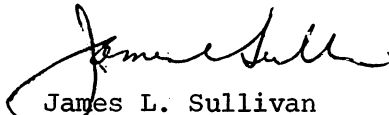
Additionally, the Community Development Office has been requested to prepare a grant request together with a budget to the National Institute of Health for Monitoring D.N.A. research in the City.

The Cambridge Experimentation Review Board had a budget of approximately \$10,000 during the present fiscal year from the Health & Hospitals budget. The Commissioner will have available funds of a similar amount for the hiring of necessary staff during implementation stage. The C.B.C. will be able to retain expert consultation during the process.

- E.) The Health & Hospitals budget will be adequate to cover the short-term budgetary requirements.
- F.) Since the two designated members of the C.B.C. have direct input and influence on the Health Policy Board, a natural alliance and relationship between the two is built into the structure.

The appointments to the Health Policy Board are currently under consideration. Statutory restrictions provide for representation from various sections of the Cambridge community. At the present time Affirmative Action is being done to obtain consumers representing minorities and low-income individuals.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Agenda #9

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Response to Awaiting Report No. 10 re: the
establishment of a Cambridge Biohazards Com-
mittee.

In City Council,

Feb. 7, 1977

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