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November 27, 1987

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear Mr. Healy:

In response to Council Order No. 13 dated November 23, 1987, I am providing the following opinion relative to the Police Powers of the M.I.T. Campus Police.

Chapter 147, section 10G of the Massachusetts General Laws provides that "the Commissioner of Public Safety, upon such reasonable terms and conditions as may be prescribed by him, at the request of an officer of a college, university, other educational institution or hospital licensed pursuant to section fifty-one of chapter one hundred and eleven, appoint employees of such college, university, other educational institution or hospital as **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**. Such special police officers shall serve for three years subject to removal by the commissioner, and they shall have the same power to make arrests as regular police officers for any **CRIMINAL OFFENSE** committed in or upon **LANDS** or **STRUCTURES, OWNED, USED** or **OCCUPIED** by such college, university, other institution or hospital.

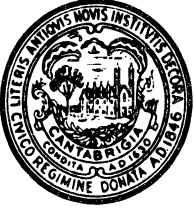
It is my opinion that the M.I.T. Police have the power of arrest for any criminal offense committed in or upon lands or structures owned, used or occupied by M.I.T. They have no power of arrest on a public way in the City of Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

Russell B. Higley
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ROBERT W. HEALY
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December 7, 1987

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to City Council Order No. 13 of November 23, 1987,
enclosed please find a copy of the opinion of the City Solicitor relative
to the Police Powers of the M.I.T. Campus Police.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

Re: Police powers of the MIT Campus Police.

In City Council,

December 7, 1987

Placed on file

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