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AUTHORITY

Ten Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116

June 7, 1985

Mr. Joseph J. Cellucci
Commissioner of Buildings and Housing
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, MA. 02139

Dear Mr. Cellucci:

This letter comes in response to your letter of May 10, 1985 concerning complaints of trash and debris on the MBTA's railroad property in the area between Sherman Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

The MBTA has an ongoing program to remove trash and debris from our right-of-way. Certain areas of our right-of-way generate a tremendous amount of trash and we are constantly fighting to stay ahead of the accumulation. The area you mentioned has been given to our maintenance forces and they will work in this area in the near future.

The cleanup of the debris in this area is only a short term solution to our problem. Inspection of the area indicates that the majority of the accumulation of trash is the result of dumping on our right-of-way by our abutters. The railroad in itself does not generate the kinds of household trash and construction debris which appears on our right-of-way. We would like to solicit your help in controlling the accumulation of debris, and stopping the few people who dump illegally and create this unpleasant condition for the remaining majority. You are obviously in a position where you can provide assistance in stopping the more flagrant instances of abutters dumping on our right-of-way. Your assistance in enforcement of the appropriate laws would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Breen
Engineering Officer/Structures
Railroad Operations

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CITY HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 (617) 498-9013

JOSEPH J. CELLUCCI
COMMISSIONER OF BUILDINGS
AND HOUSING

May 10, 1985

Massachusetts Bay Transportation
50 High Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Sir:

There have been numerous complaints of abandoned material, rotting lumber and rubbish along the railroad tracks extending from Sherman Street to Massachusetts Avenue.

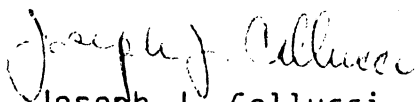
The complaints are by local residents and abutters. As a result of these complaints an inspection of the area was made by inspectors from this Department. Completion of inspection confirm these complaints.

We are notifying you that the nuisance exists and we are asking you to notify us as to your plan to abate the nuisance. Failure to respond to this request within a reasonable time will result in other action by this office as prescribed in M.G.L. 111 § 122-142. This may result in Court action which we hope to avoid by cooperation with this problem.

Please contact me as soon as possible so we may begin to work this matter out.

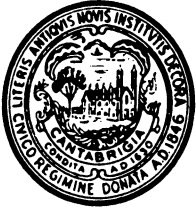
Thank you for your anticipated attention and cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,


Joseph J. Cellucci
Commissioner

JJC:cp

cc: Councillor Francis Duehay



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

November 25, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Order No. 17 regarding the elimination of rubbish along the railroad right-of-way between Porter Square and Sherman Street, I submit the attached correspondence between Joseph Cellucci, Commissioner of Inspectional Services, and Daniel Breen of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. I am happy to report that this area was also a focal point for the activities of the Mayor's Summer Youth Program and the rubbish has now been removed.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Agenda Item No. 7 S-837

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 17
on rubbish elimination along the railroad
right of way between Porter Sq. & Sherman St.

In City Council,

November 25, 1985

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