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July 5, 1985

Mr. Vincent Painco
Chairman
Board of Zoning Appeal
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Painco:

Somerville Cambridge Elder Services, Incorporated is gratified to know of Shelter, Incorporated intent to develop another shelter facility in Cambridge which will have accommodations to meet the needs of elderly and handicapped people. While we do not presently have specific data on the scope of elderly need for emergency and interim shelter, we are aware of many instances of need for such services for which there are no appropriate placement options.

We strongly encourage the Board of Zoning, therefore, to support Shelter, Incorporated request to revitalize the Prospect Street Church into a shelter for the homeless of Cambridge.

Since emergency shelter for elderly people is an authorized home care service, there is no question that Somerville Cambridge Elder Services would make referrals for such service to Shelter, Incorporated on a contractual basis.

We support their effort and will be pleased to give whatever support we can. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John O'Neill
Executive Director

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c.c. Cambridge City Council
David Whitty, Shelter, Inc.

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Comm. from John O'Neill, Exec. Dir., Somerville Cambridge Elder Services, Inc. in support of Shelter, Inc.'s efforts to use the Prospect St. Church as a shelter facility.

In City Council,
August 5, 1985

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