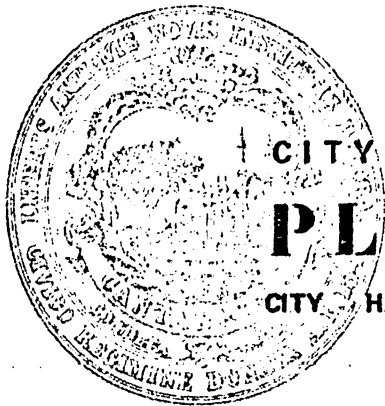




CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 02139

November 16, 1979

President Derek Bok
Massachusetts Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear President Bok:

Harvard's report entitled Long Range Planning Inventory, Policies and Recommendations: 1975 established a voluntary residential real estate acquisition restriction. This policy, delineated on a map in that document, is commonly referred to as the "Red Line." The 1975 report stated that Harvard would abide by the Red Line Policy "until at least 1980."

The Planning Board is concerned that the nominal time limit for the acquisition policy is approaching without any understanding between Harvard and the City of Cambridge concerning the institution's future policy. During the past year this Board has met with representatives of the University Planning Office and the Office of Government and Community Affairs. These sporadic discussions have dealt with several issues of mutual concern on a site by site basis. These meetings did not, however, directly address the overall questions of Harvard's future expansion in Cambridge. We feel that it would be beneficial for Harvard and the City to articulate an explicit, mutually satisfactory institutional growth strategy. This strategy could provide a clear framework for guiding action by both parties.

It is unlikely that such a strategy can be developed during the next six weeks. The Planning Board requests that you exercise your authority to continue the existing Red Line policy through the end of 1980. During this period the University and the City should work together to formulate a new policy and program concerning further physical expansion within Cambridge.

The Community Development Department is working to develop a responsible program for implementing Cambridge's recently enacted home rule legislation, authorizing the City to regulate institutional uses in certain zoning districts. Through Harvard is exempt from Chapter 565 of the Acts of 1979, the Board believes that it is essential to consider Harvard's situation within the context of the broader institutional expansion issues now being examined by the City.

We hope that a series of clearly stated understandings or agreements between Harvard and Cambridge concerning land use and housing policies can be drafted by the end of June and then agreed to by both parties before the end of the year. In order for

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that to be accomplished, discussions must include the direct participation of high level policy makers for both the institution and the City. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and other appropriate Harvard representatives to plan for the future of Cambridge.

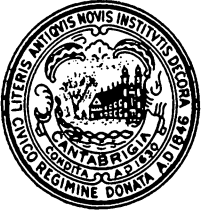
Very truly yours,

For the Planning Board


Arthur C. Parris,
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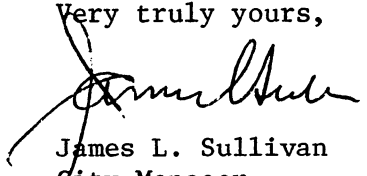
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed please find copy of a communication from the
Cambridge Planning Board to Harvard University regarding the
Red Line Policy of the University.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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