



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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To Robert Healy, Acting City Manager **Date** December 11, 1981

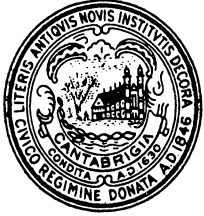
From Charles Sullivan **Reference**

Subject Councillor Vellucci's request for information on temporary housing.

A temporary housing program was operated by the City of Cambridge from 1946 to 1951. To meet the demand for housing caused by returning veterans, the City purchased 49 temporary buildings including 304 units which had been erected by the Federal government during the war at a shipyard in South Portland, Maine. These buildings were moved to Cambridge in 1946 and placed by City crews on recreational land and City-held tax-title properties.

The four and six unit buildings were placed on sites ranging from Hurley Street in East Cambridge (two buildings) to Russell Field (fifteen buildings). Others were located on Cambridge Field, on the site of Putnam Gardens, Rindge Field, and in small scattered sites. A total of 304 units were involved, and all were managed by the Cambridge Housing Authority. Under Federal law the units were to be demolished by February, 1951.

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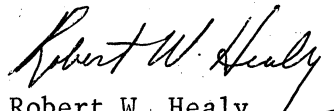
City Manager

December 14, 1981

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 3 relative to actions taken by the City between 1940-1960 to provide temporary housing throughout Cambridge, enclosed please find copy of a report from Charles Sullivan, Director of the Cambridge Historical Commission.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

Agenda Item Number Three

S-674

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 3 in regard to actions taken by the City between 1940-1960 to provide temporary housing throughout Cambridge.

In City Council,

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