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Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Blue Ribbon Committee for
Simplex Development Area

Dear Mr. Healy:

I had difficulty reaching you or the assistant city manager by telephone on Tuesday. I called to let you know the concerns I and other residents had about the composition of the Blue Ribbon Committee, concerns we would have expressed Monday night had Councillor Danehy permitted us to speak.

There is little I would enjoy more than serving on a committee dedicated to seeking out and backing the plan which will best advance the interests of the people of Cambridgeport and Riverside.

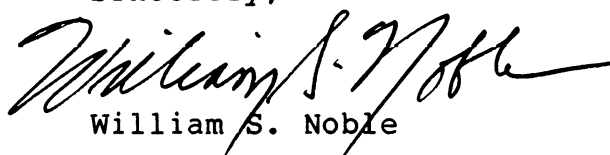
As currently constituted, however, the Blue Ribbon Committee does not appear likely to have that function. It looks more like the advisory committee which MIT's developer, Forest City, once tried to form. Moreover, its membership, as listed on Monday's agenda, does not adhere to the order passed by the City Council nine months ago, on May 13, 1985.

That delay may also tend to put the committee into a purely advisory role since MIT and Forest City are already attempting to make important decisions about land use, siting and design by themselves.

For these reasons, it is with regret that I must respectfully decline to serve on the committee as a representative of the Simplex Steering Committee.

I earnestly hope that your administration will soon realize fully the adverse impact full-bore office and commercial development will have on Cambridgeport and Riverside and that you and your agencies will come to support neighborhood- and community-oriented development. Residents, not developers or MIT, are the ones who need your help.

Sincerely,


William S. Noble

cc: City Council members

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Comm. from William S. Noble, expressing concern Re: composition of the Blue Ribbon Committee on the Simplex Development area.

In City Council,

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