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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Central Square
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts E14-3062

Rev. Lynn Carlton Smith, D.D., Pastor

April 30, 1956

To the City Council
City of Cambridge, Mass.

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We feel that this is an intrusion upon our private property and that the M.T.A. has a moral obligation if not a legal one to make provision to respect the property which is at its immediate terminals. Believing that the City Council has some prerogatives in these matters we request they partition the M.T.A. to either change its location for transfer of passengers or erect a fence which will keep its passengers from the property of The First Baptist Church. Should they consider this a precedent it may be pointed out that a precedent may be both good and bad; and, to properly consider those who are affected by the aforementioned area, it would seem that they should make provisions to respect The First Baptist Church and its grounds by tangible means of assisting their patrons to remain off private property.

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For the General Board of The First Baptist Church

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Copy of letter sent to M.T.A.

Communication
From the General Board of the
First Baptist Church rel. to
Transfer Point of the M. T. A.
on the River Side of The First
Baptist Church, Central Square.

In City Council APR 30 1956

Referred to the Committee on

Public Service

Frederick H. Burke City Clerk

EL 4-3062

In City Council MAY 7 1956

Referred to M. T. A.
For Survey & Report

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City of Cambridge

In City Council May 7, 1956.

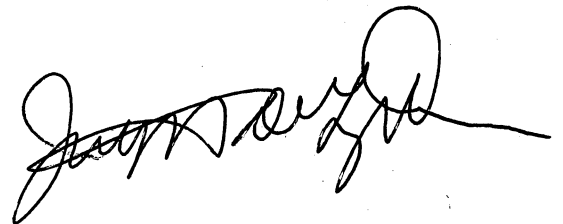
The

Committee on Public Service

to which was referred communication relative to bus stop, Baptist Church, Central Square.

Reports,

Recommending that the Metropolitan Transit make a survey and report back to the City Council, their findings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John A. ...", written in a cursive style.

For the Committee.

REPORT

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Committee on

Public Sense

Ref. report from M.T.A. on
Bus stop.

May 7, 1956,

Report received and
recommendation ADOPTED.

Attest: Frederick H. Beale,

City Clerk