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July 5, 1979

Mr. James L. Sullivan,
City Manager
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Sir:

On Friday, June 29, I met with representatives of the Cambridge Housing Authority, Cambridge CETA, and my own staff to address the problem of security in our City's elderly housing. After some discussion, the following actions were agreed upon:

1. CHA will expand the number of security guards assigned to the four large and two smaller elderly housing projects. They now have six guards; on August 1, they will hire an additional eight. These men will be assigned to two shifts (4:00 PM - 12:00 AM and 12:00 AM - 8:00 AM) seven days a week primarily in the larger projects.
2. CETA has agreed to fund these additional eight slots for an unspecified period which, because of funding constraints, will be less than the usual eighteen months.
3. The Cambridge Police Academy staff and the I.C.A.P. program will assist the CHA in the training of the new guards.

In addition to these substantial security improvements, I have taken the following steps to insure the extra attention of

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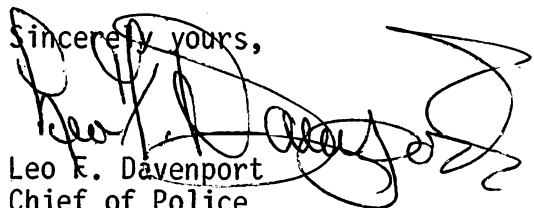
patrol personnel to elderly housing locations:

1. All patrol units have been directed to make periodic stops at elderly projects in their sectors. This will provide some increased police visibility.
2. The Auxillary Police have also been requested to visit these locations on their tours of duty and to spend time in their vicinity talking with citizens and providing additional police presence.

In the long run, the CHA must develop a stable and well-trained force of housing security personnel which is not unduly dependent on the uncertainties of CETA funding. The individuals who victimize the elderly are all too aware of the gaps in security coverage that result when too few personnel are distributed among many locations at all hours of the day and night.

Should you have any questions about these actions, please let me know.

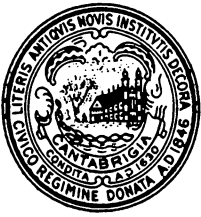
Sincerely yours,



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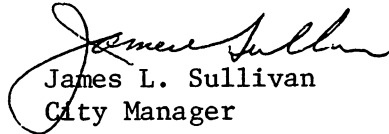
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

September 10, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

As per your request, enclosed is a report on the
status of security in the elderly housing projects.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Response to Council's request for a status
report on security in the elderly housing
projects.

In City Council,
Sept. 10, 1979

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