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Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

This is in reply to your communication of January 12 concerning the appropriate population level for Cambridge, Massachusetts, for use in Federal revenue sharing. The Cambridge City Manager, Mr. Sullivan, raised questions concerning this issue in the spring of last year. Since then there have been several consultations between Mr. Sullivan and Bureau personnel both here and in Cambridge to resolve the problem, not only for Federal revenue sharing purposes but more importantly because of the impact on CETA funding. Mr. Starsinic of my staff early this month gave informal assurances to Mr. Sullivan that Cambridge would not lose its eligibility in the CETA program as a result of the estimates we will be providing the Employment and Training Administration before the end of this month.

The use of the 1975 Massachusetts State census results in developing the current population estimates used for Federal revenue sharing is a prospect which the Bureau has seriously considered since becoming aware of the State's intention to take the census. We have been in contact with the State census office since the spring of last year, and my staff visited with them in early November in an attempt to gain access to the preliminary counts for evaluative purposes. We have felt that this issue should be resolved not only for Cambridge but for all Massachusetts communities, and our concern was to determine the consistency of the State census results with our independent population estimates at the State, county and place level, and to evaluate the impact of known differences in residence definitions. Mr. Guzzi's office did not release the counts to us until late December.

The Bureau has now completed its review of the State census and has opted to use the census results for all Massachusetts communities. For Federal revenue sharing determinations in Entitlement Periods 6 and 7, however, population estimates for 1973 must be used. For



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Massachusetts communities the Bureau will linearly interpolate between the 1970 census and the preliminary State census results, adjusting the interpolated results to our independent State total. This will assure that for Cambridge we will use a 1973 population somewhat in excess of 101,000. The Office of Revenue Sharing will be notifying Mr. Sullivan to this effect.

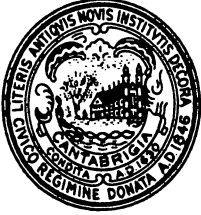
Your correspondence is returned as requested. If you need further assistance please contact Mr. Starsinic directly on (301)763-5072.

Sincerely,



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Director
Bureau of the Census

Enclosure



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

February 9, 1976

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am pleased to inform the City Council that the City has been successful in its extended battle with the Federal Government on the population figures for the City of Cambridge. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a communication addressed to Congressman Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., which was forwarded by him to this office. The significance of the success in the census issue with the Bureau of the Census is that: (1) the figures will be used for revenue sharing computation; (2) the population figure in excess of 100,000 rather than the U. S. Government's 96,000 will insure the continuation of the prime sponsorship by the City of Cambridge of the C. E. T. A. program; and (3) the fact that the State Census has shown an increase of approximately 16,000 over the 1971 State Census should mean an additional million dollar reimbursement to the City of Cambridge from the Lottery distribution over the next ten years.

Senators Brooke and Kennedy and Congressman O'Neill were extremely helpful in assisting the City in the discussions with the Bureau of the Census. The cooperation of their offices was of considerable assistance in giving the City an opportunity to present its case for an adjustment.

Very truly yours,

James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Re: to the census issue.

In City Council,

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