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To the Honorable, the City Council:

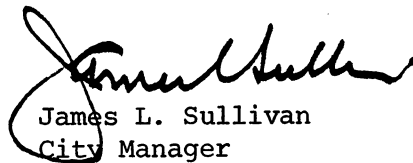
With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 3 regarding the recent death of a prisoner held at the Cambridge Police Department, please be advised as follows:

A complete investigation was conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Cambridge Police Department, revealing that the individual in question was brought to the Cambridge Police Station on the evening of December 6, 1976, at approximately 10:30 p.m., for protective custody (intoxicated). Testimony from all officers associated with the case (Desk Lieutenant, arresting officer, wagon officer, booking officer) indicates no visible injury problems other than a minor cut on a finger. The individual was highly intoxicated, but the detoxification center had no beds available.

The individual was placed in a cell to "sleep it off" and nothing indicated need for any further treatment.

The results of an autopsy conducted indicate that the individual died from an overdose of ethyl alcohol and early acute pneumonia.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
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Response to Awaiting Report No. 3 re: to
the recent death of a prisoner held at the
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