

LESLEY COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 15, 1979

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

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

After nearly two and one half years of discussion with Harvard University officials, the Lesley College Trustees voted in December 1977 to approve the purchase of four properties from Harvard University. The final sale and transfer of the properties was completed today, November 15, 1979. The properties are 7 and 13 Mellen Street and 20 and 22-24 Wendell Street.

The purchase of these properties is consistent with Lesley's long range goal to consolidate the college campus in the two block area bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Wendell Street, Oxford Street and Everett Street, and as expressed in previous communications, to divest itself over a period of time of properties outside this area.

While some of the newly purchased units will continue to be used as rental properties for an indefinite period, two properties will be converted for use as office and student housing space. Resident students at Lesley are required to live on campus in college facilities and therefore do not compete for rental properties in Cambridge.

In view of your interest I thought you should be aware of this change in ownership and of Lesley's plans. If you wish any more information, please call me.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Lewis
Executive Vice President

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cc: D. Orton J. Blake
 J. Tucker A. Culbert

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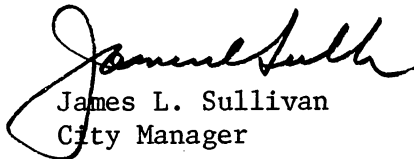
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

November 19, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

The attached communication from Robert D. Lewis,
Executive Vice President of Lesley College, was received in this
office this morning. I am enclosing it for the information of the
members of the City Council.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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RE: communication from Lesley College concerning the purchase of four properties from Harvard University.

In City Council,

November 19, 1979

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