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November 21, 1985

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Providence, R. I. 02907

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Sincerely,

Robert F. Downing

Mrs. George E. Downing

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Enclosure

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Andrew Annaldo

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Rose Mendonca CLERK

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Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
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332-336

Benevolent Street

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Congdon Street

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Congdon Street (cont)

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B. Regulation of Structures.

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Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 9, 1985

TO: City Solicitor Edward C. Clifton

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM PROVIDENCE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

CONSIDERED BY: Councilman Thomas F. O'Connor, Chairman
Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning

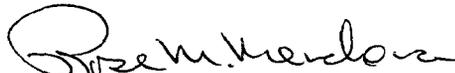
DISPOSITION:

Attached hereto is correspondence from Mrs. George E. Downing, Chairwoman of the Providence Historic District Commission in reference to establishing first and second priority lists for buildings within the Historic District zoning areas.

As stated, these lists are to be reviewed by the Commission at least once every five years and its recommendations for changes submitted to the City Council. The communication is self-explanatory.

Accompanying also are minutes from the Commission, together with the priority list and the portion from the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Providence.

Chairman O'Connor requests an opinion as soon as practical as to whether or not this matter is to be reported out of Committee as a communication, Resolution, or Ordinance. The procedure for this matter does not appear to be outlined in the Zoning Ordinance.


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