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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON
December 20, 1970.

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

To Whom It May Concern:

As Members of the Special Commission established for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to directing the State Department of Public Works to construct an overpass from Birnie Avenue to Rowland Avenue over the railroad tracks in the City of Springfield (Chapter 91 of the Resolves of 1969), the following is our Report:

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At this time each member of the Commission voted in agreement that this bridge was a necessity and should be constructed in the City of Springfield.

This Report, submitted by House Chairman Arthur J. McKenna and Senate Chairman Stanley Zarod, approved this decision and also agreed that the old bridge should be demolished. They also felt that the State Department of Public Works and Springfield City officials should work together in the planning construction of this bridge.

The Commission has also filed legislation in the 1971 Session (copy of which is enclosed, Appendix A) whereby the State would pay no more than \$1 million for the con-

struction of the new bridge and the demolition of the old one.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR J. MCKENNA,
House Chairman

STANLEY ZAROD,
Senate Chairman

JAMES J. BOWLER,
Representative

GEORGE D. HAMMOND,
Senator

VERNON R. FARNSWORTH, JR.,
Representative

K. K. KREKORIAN,
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WYLIE HUBBARD,
Streets & Engineering Dept.

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APPENDIX A

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONSTRUCT AN OVERPASS FROM BIRNIE AVENUE TO ROLAND STREET IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The department of public works is hereby au-
2 thorized and directed to construct an overpass from Birnie
3 avenue to Roland street over the railroad tracks in the city of
4 Springfield. Said department shall consult with the Spring-
5 field Redevelopment Authority, and the traffic engineer and
6 the superintendent of streets and engineering of the city of
7 Springfield in order to determine the proper location for said
8 overpass.

9 Said department shall also as part of the same project
10 demolish the old Birnie avenue bridge in said city.

1 SECTION 2. For the purpose of this act said department
2 may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor not
3 exceeding one million dollars.

