

April 1, 1981

Mayor Kevin White
City Hall

Dear Mayor White,

I beg you to save the USM building.

We have few Art Deco buildings, and that is one of the best. Its lobby etc. are superb and it^{*}is in good condition.

Aesthetically it adds much to the skyline. It is in rich contrast to the too often dull high rise buildings around it, especially when seen from the South Station.

Thirdly, since the United Shoe Machinery Company played such an important role in the industrial history of Massachusetts and of Boston, it would be a great loss to our heritage to tear it down.

Surely this building has economic value and there are more suitable sites for a new high rise building. I hope you will agree with the Landmarks Commission and help save it.

Sincerely yours,

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** The building*