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I HAVE A FEW WEEKS AGO COME IN AND LEFT 3 HANDWRITTEN SHEETS
FOR CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL "COMMUNICATIONS".

NOT KNOWING HOW SUCH MAY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED I AM RESPECTFULLY
LEAVING THE SAME 3 SHEETS ALTHOUGH THIS TIME MACHINE PRINTED
PLUS A NEW 4TH SHEET; IN CASE ANY CITY COUNSELORS - OR, ANY
PERSON - MIGHT CARE TO READ SUCH.

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ON JAN. 15, 1994 – A Saturday – I was "Hauled Off" from a "Harvard University" building ("Littauer") at about 3:30 A.M. in the freezing cold weather.

I was charged with "Breaking and entering in the night with burglary tools to commit a felony"! Read On!

I had been sleeping at night and washing and shaving in the early morning at the "Littauer Building" for about 6-1/2 of the last 8 years, and I had been seen by the same campus policeman once before (and by 2 other male persons once each) sleeping in "Littauer" in all those years.

I was fingerprinted and photographed by "Harvard University Police" and then taken to the Central Square, Cambridge Police Station where I was finger-printed and photographed by a Cambridge policeman. It cost \$25 to "get out of" the Central Square Jail.

On Tues., Jan. 18, 1994 when I went to the Cambridge District Court my "case" was called in the afternoon (I had been waiting since before 9 A.M. in the courtroom). When the charges were read, I yelled that they were lies, etc. – that the person making the charge was "lieing his teeth out". The judge (Sherman) gave me a choice: Pay \$75 for a lawyer or do 25 hours of "community service" for a court-appointed lawyer. I have been "homeless" 10+ years (since Aug., 1983) and I refused to "do community service". The judge then refused to provide any lawyer – which turned out just as well.

I was burdened with "a stack" of papers, I said that I "couldn't handle this" and the judge suggested strongly that I get in touch with "the District Attorney's office" and stay in contact with "the District Attorney's office" until I was due back in court (Friday, Jan. 28, 1994). A man reached over a low wood barrier and wrote, "District Attorney's office" and a telephone number and said to call there Friday, Jan. 21.

When I called on Friday I was finally put into contact with "Asst. District Attorney Alex"^{sic} who said that she had just gotten the case and hadn't had time to look at the papers. Call back on Monday, 3 P.M. Monday at 3 P.M. "Alex" was "in court". I called back at 4 P.M., spoke to "Alex" and she said that she hadn't spoken to the "Harvard University campus policeman" who had "gone on vacation". I said I'd call back on Tues. (the next day) at 4 P.M. At 4 P.M. on Tuesday, "Alex" said that she'd spoken with the "Harvard University campus policeman" and that he had told her he wrote down "the wrong charge". It "was a mistake". I had been sleeping in the building, as I had been for years. "Trespassing". I had told Ms. "Alex" on Monday that I had never been convicted of anything in my life (54+ years) and would volunteer to come to the District Attorney's office to "take a lie detector test" 1) about only sleeping in the building, 2) never stealing anything in the 6-1/2 years.

On Tuesday, when I spoke to "Alex" I told her my defense against "trespass": that "Harvard University" (and, "M.I.T.") don't pay Cambridge real estate taxes on their vast "property", and should. Just as "I.B.M.", "American Tel. & Tel.", etc. recently have downsized, these elitist "schools" too 1) should pay market value real estate taxes on all their property 2) downsize to an amount of "property" they can pay for, thus 1) freeing up a great amount of Cambridge property (land, etc.) and 2) enabling such freed land 1) to be used for the common good (no, "trespassing") 2) and/or to be taxed with the new owners paying real estate taxes to the city of Cambridge.

Instead of Cambridge tax payers paying "Harvard University's" way with a higher tax rate, the Cambridge tax rate would go down and the institutions ("Harvard University", M.I.T.) would "shrink" to much less property.

Since these institutions don't give a damn - in fact - about homeless or poor people outside or inside "their gates", such a "downsizing" of these 2 institutions coupled with more property and/or tax income (plus, a lower Cambridge tax rate) going to the city might offer a new approach to "this country's problems" of homelessness, poverty, etc. These institutions, elitist, don't help nor care; nor does this country have any current "solutions".

Since the institutions "prepare" youngsters ("students") for a well-off socio-economic life, they should "get off the dime" - their fat asses - and pay their fair share, in money, to Cambridge. It is a business.

On Tues., Jan. 18, 1994, I mentioned this defense against "trespass" to Ms. "Alex" and offered to come to the District Attorney's office to discuss it - with her and/or "the District Attorney". I wanted to ask a jury of Cambridge people not to convict me of "trespass" so as to weaken the "property trespass rights" of these institutions: if "Harvard University" wants an ordinary property owner's privacy rights, make "Harvard University" pay Cambridge "ordinary" (full) real estate tax. Also, I hoped to point out that if the jury convicted me, Cambridge or Mass. would, if so, pay for the trial: if the jury refused to convict me and asked the trial judge, perhaps the trial judge would charge "Harvard University" for court costs.

During the time I slept nights at "Littauer", I was seen - up to Jan. 13, 1994 - once, sleeping there other than by the "Harvard University campus policeman", and perhaps a total 7 or so times shaving before 7 A.M. in the 2nd or 3rd floor men's bathroom - not horrible considering what misery that saved 1 homeless person those miserable 6+ years - through no good intent of "Harvard".

On Friday, Jan. 28, 1994, when I went to Cambridge District Court for my "pretrial conference", Ms. "Alex", the Asst. District Attorney, explained to Judge Sherman that the original ("felony") charge "was a mistake"^{sic}. To his credit (in my opinion), Judge Sherman sternly lectured her about such "a mistake", a felony charge not being like sleeping in the building. But, Judge Sherman on hearing of my intent from Ms. "Alex" wouldn't let me stand trial. He said that 1) because of my "almost non-existent record"^{sic} and 2) the cost of a trial, he was "throwing the case" out of court. I told the judge, bitterly, that I didn't believe that I had my day in court (without the jury trial) and that I didn't believe I was given justice. I wanted to argue against trespass rights for "Harvard" until and unless "Harvard" starts paying local taxes. The judge became angry at me, said there was no case since he had thrown it out and that I could not appeal: there was **no case**.

Thus, I respectfully raise to people of Cambridge my appeal on 1) downsizing such "elite" free-loading rich institutions and 2) having the U.S. Federal Government make them liable for payment of local real estate taxes.

Respectfully

H.L.

Harvard University, trust me, doesn't give a damn about the poor

"Indian revolt helps spawn
Mexican rights movement"

"...the guerrillas have shown us
that when you knock on the door
and nobody answers, then you
have to knock the door down
and take matters into your own
hands..." sic

M. Ricardo Olvedo, 21
one of the leaders of the
Teopisca protest.

"...before they struck on Jan. 1, the Zapatistas had
trained for 10 years in the Lacandon Jungle along
the Guatemalan border. The revolt has left the
government reeling, forcing it to make political
reforms... The uprising has also captured the
imagination of Mexican society and turned the
hooded Zapatista leader known as Subcommander
Marcos into a folk hero for many Mexicans.

Nobody can say with certainty where all this
will lead – if the Zapatista uprising will... (improve)
the plight of Indians. But Carlos Gutierrez, a Maya
activist in Mexico City, sees it this way: in the United
States, "the course of a country was changed when
one woman refused to sit in the back of (a) bus." "

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H. Lazarus

Conent Communication #6

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Comm. received from Mr. Lazarus
re: the treatment he received from
the Harvard University Police Dept.

In City Council March 21, 1994

Placed on file.