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Date: October 1, 1991

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Fr: Richard V. Scali, Executive Officer

Via: Alex Rodriguez, Chairman

Re: Lincoln's Inn, 44 Follen Street

This is to update you on the status of Lincoln's Inn and their current lodging house license application.

The Commission issued a decision to grant the lodging house license allow seven lodgers with several conditions in May 1991. Of importance currently is that the decision stated that before a license will be issued, the Lincoln' Inn must provide this Commission with a certificate of occupancy for the first and second floor. A certificate was issued for the second floor for seven people. No certificate was issued for the first floor. The Commission also made it conditional that no parties or public events will be held on the first floor until a certificate is issued. The Commission told the licensee that we would allow the seven students to stay as lodgers but not issue the actual license until they receive that cetificate of occupancy from the Inspectional Services Department.

Thus summer has come and gone and the students are back without a capacity for the first floor. The Commission received a complaint from the neighbors that an event was held on September 14th on the first floor. They also complaints of trash and landscaping problems. I called Adam Weiss, Steve Lurie, two students at the Inn who are contact persons and David Wylie, their attorney. We spoke of problems with the capacity and they thought that Ranjit had issued an approval for 235 persons in May 1991. This was not the case. No capacity was approved. They thus, brought down to Ranjit a second plan for his approval. To date, at 3:15 pm Ranjit has not notified me that there is an occupancy number for the first floor.

In speaking with Adam Weiss, Steve Lurie and David Wylie, they were told that no events, parties or otherwise were to be held on the first floor until Ranjit approves the capacity. This is a condition of the license as well. Also enclosed are letters from Lincoln's Inn responding to my inquiries and to the neighbors complaints as well a letter saying that they are requesting permission to have a cocktail party on October 5th. The letter says that this is assuming that they receive all the necessary approvals on the requirements of this Commission and that they would let the neighbors know of the party.

Therefore the main issue at hand is the issue of capacity for the first floor. The Inn has been advised that no event or party shall take place on the first floor without that capacity approval. If they should come in with the approval before October 5th, I will have to issue the license and allow the event to take place. Any complaints on the matter, capacity, landscaping, trash etc. will have to be heard at a hearing before any action can be taken.

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JOSEPH J. CELLUCCI
COMMISSIONER OF BUILDINGS
AND HOUSING

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT 831 MASS. AVE.
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October 3, 1991

Ellen
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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Kent L. Sevener
Chairman Lincoln's Inn Society
44 Follen Street
Cambridge, MA

Re: Lincoln's Inn Society
44 Follen Street, Cambridge.

Dear Mr. Sevener,

As per your request, to certify the basement and 1st floor for assembly use at the above referenced property, we visited the site on October 2, 1991.

It was noted that several changes and modifications have to be made to the building before it could be used for any assembly uses such as parties or gatherings, to comply with the Massachusetts State Building Code CHR 780 fifth edition.

This building shall not be used for any assembly uses until a certificate of occupancy for such use is obtained from this department. Violating this order may result in court action.

Should you wish to discuss this further, you may call us at 349-6100.

Sincerely yours,

Ranjit Singanayagam
Zoning Specialist

Ronald T. Bentubo
Senior Building Inspector

RS/mp

cc: Joseph J. Cellucci, Commissioner
Richard Scali, License Commission
Robert W. Healy, City Manager

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI

Deputy City Manager

November 4, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Attached is a memorandum and a letter responding to the City Council's request for information about the status of the licensing of Lincoln's Inn. As the memorandum from the License Commission indicates, the final license to Lincoln's Inn will be granted only after the Inn provides the Commission with a certificate of occupancy for the first floor of the premises. The Commission informed the licensee that the lodgers could remain but no parties could be held until there was a license granted. The attached letter from the Inspectional Services Department to the licensee indicates that no certificate of occupancy for the first floor has been granted or will be granted until necessary changes and modifications to the building are made.

The License Commission, the Inspectional Services Department and Harvard University have all informed the students of the serious consequences of holding parties at the Inn without a certificate of occupancy or a license. The License Commission has indicated that no party was held on October 5 as had originally been planned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over the typed name and title.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachments

CONSENT AGENDA # 8

S-1215

Awaiting Report Item Number 45 regarding
the Lincoln Inn.

In City Council,

November 4, 1991

11/4/91 No action taken
11/18/91 Placed on file