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331 WESTERN AVE

CAMBRIDGE, MA. 02139

TO: LEN LEONARDO - WIRING INSPECTOR

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BUILDING DEPT

795 MASS AVE - CITY HALL

CAMBRIDGE, MASS 02139

DEAR MR. LEONARDO:

I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO A VERY SERIOUS MATTER CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION AT THE BUILDING KNOWN AS 331 TO 337 WESTERN AVE CAMBRIDGE. MY FAMILY AND I LIVE IN CONSTANT FEAR OF FIRE, PARTICULARLY ELECTRICAL FIRE BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION OF THE BUILDINGS WIRING AND THE ABSENCE OF A CERTIFIABLE FIRE WALL BETWEEN THE PROPOSED SUBDIVIDED ADDRESSES. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC COMPANY REQUIRES CERTIFICATION, BY THE CITY, THAT-REQUIRED FIREWALLS ARE IN PLACE-PRIOR TO CONNECTION OF SEPARATE ELECTRIC SERVICES TO EACH ADDRESS.

IT IS MY PROFESSIONAL OPINION AS A REGISTERED ARCHITECT, THAT CERTIFIABLE FIREWALLS DO NOT EXIST AT 331-337 WESTERN AVE. THIS OPINION HAS BEEN

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(TO LEN LEONARDO CONT.)

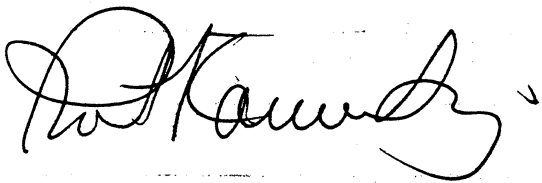
CONFIRMED BY AN INDEPENDENT ENGINEERING TESTING SERVICE.

THIS DEFICIENCY HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE OWNERS, THE CITY, INCLUDING MR. RON BENTUBO AND IS INCLUDED IN PENDING LITIGATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. THE OWNERS AND THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE WERE INFORMED OF THIS DEFICIENCY AS EARLY AS LATE FALL OF 1981.

COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC CO. HAS NOT YET CONNECTED THE NEW SERVICE AT THE STREET, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ACTION IS PENDING THIS WEEK. WE ALSO FEAR THAT BECAUSE OF THE FIREWALL DEFICIENCY OUR CURRENT SERVICE, IF DISCONNECTED, MIGHT NOT BE TURNED ON AGAIN UNTIL FIREWALLS ARE CONSTRUCTED.

I AM HAND DELIVERING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO YOUR OFFICE TODAY TO PREVENT ANY ERRORS THAT MIGHT LEAD TO THE CONNECTION OF ANY IMPROPER NEW SERVICE OR THE DISRUPTION OF OUR PRESENT ELECTRIC SERVICE PREMANRELY.

SINCERELY



C.C. J. Cellucci, Ron Bentubo - City of Comb. building dept.
city council, Commonwealth Electric Co.

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Comm. from Philip Kaminsky, 331 Western Ave.
Re: fire protection & safety at the premises
numbered 331-337 Western Avenue.

In City Council,

September 10, 1984

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Referred to Eng
via
Report -

copy sent to the City Manager
9/13/84 mh