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March 22, 1999

The Honorable Donald K. Stern
United States Attorney
U.S. Courthouse
Suite 9200
1 Courthouse Way
Boston, MA 02210

Dear U.S. Attorney Stern:

Pursuant to the request of the City Council, I am forwarding to you the enclosed resolution submitted by Councillors Michael A. Sullivan, Timothy J. Toomey and Sheila T. Russell and co-sponsored by the entire membership. The resolution expresses the Cambridge City Council's support for Irish groups in demanding an apology and correction of court records in which your office used the derogatory term "paddywagon" in papers filed in Court.

As you will note, all members present were unanimous in their support of this resolution.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

D. Margaret Drury
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City Clerk

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Enclosure



City of Cambridge

38.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 15, 1999

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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: The Ancient Order of the Hibernians has written to Justice Department officials demanding an apology and has received no response; and

WHEREAS: The attorney for the witness whose testimony was incorrectly transcribed to include the offensive term has requested that the record be corrected and has received no response; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the Ancient Order of the Hibernians and other Irish groups in demanding an apology and a correction of the record; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 15, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



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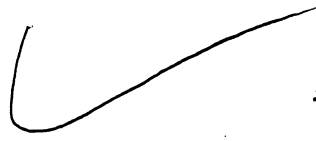
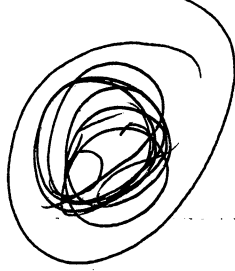
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Whereas: The attorney for the witnesses whose testimony was inaccurately transcribed to include the offensive term has ~~also~~ requested that the record be corrected and has received no response; now therefore be it

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support groups &

demanding a apology + correction

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add name to Cynab & Black 1/281
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Consent Order #38 S-179 S

Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and Russell
re: support the Ancient Order of the
Hibernians and other Irish groups
demanding an apology from the U.S. Justice
Department and correction of the testimony
that was incorrectly transcribed in court
papers to use the derogatory term
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ORDER ADOPTED