

Letter to Cambridge City Council from R Bercaw

human experimentation involving new forms of classified research and testing of high technology military weaponry, including microwave and laser equipment. ... a White House intergovernmental memorandum dated March 27, 1997 [suggested that non-consensual] human subject research may, in fact, be taking place. ... Given the serious negative impacts on non-consensual human subjects that classified research of this type is capable of producing, and given the past history of secret experimentation by the government, these allegations of continuing improprieties involving secret government sponsored human testing should not be dismissed without more thorough impartial investigation."

I never volunteered for any medical experiments. Researchers at Harvard University now use students, alumni and Harvard University police officers to cover up their vile actions. They harass me at my building, conduct surveillance, disturb my sleep and provoke violence using Harvard Real Estate employees. They make frequent non verbal threats.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1998 Harvard University police and supporters of one alumni conducted surveillance, provocations and slander as I travelled about the area. David Oaks runs a business which solicits funds from persons with disabilities. He joined Harvard's campaign to stir up racial animosity toward me.

In support of their notice to quit my apartment, owned by Harvard University, Harvard students and employees harass me each night as I try to sleep. They try to force me to leave the area to avoid accountability.

My frequent reports to the Cambridge Police and to other law enforcement authorities including the Human Rights Commission were ignored for ten years. They too refused to act against Harvard contrary to the First Amendment of the US Constitution.

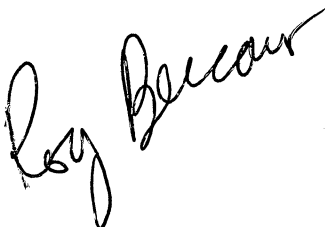
I ask again, "Are Harvard University employees and students above the law?" If the President of the United States is being held accountable for his crimes, why not Harvard students and researchers?

My personal problems are of no importance. My life was ruined by Harvard researchers in Cambridge in 1973 when they drugged me to protect their famous government lawyers. They are beating up a dead man. How long Cambridge city government tolerates criminal experiments by abusive academic criminals is the issue.

How many human lives must be destroyed by elitist researchers in the name of science before some government will act to stop the abuse. It took the US army and millions of lost lives to stop the Nazi doctors. 55 years after the Nuremberg Code was written, Harvard and MIT conduct the same kind of harmful experiments on humans that the Nazi doctors did. They are not held accountable for the harm done. Why is that? Public hearings could shed some light on the reasons.

Thank you for your attention.

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Human experimentation, request
for public hearings.

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Members of the Cambridge City Council,

I write to request that the Cambridge City Council hold public hearings on the subject of human experimentation without consent, treatment without consent and discrimination against persons with non physical disabilities. All three are violations of state and federal laws, but remain unaddressed by law enforcement authorities and the courts. Bias against persons with non physical disabilities is pervasive and not being addressed by the media, nor even the Cambridge Human Rights Commission.

Attorneys who litigate for persons with physical disabilities refuse to accept persons with non physical disabilities as clients. It was not until 1997 seven years after the passage of the ADA that the EEOC issued guidelines for employment discrimination against persons with non physical disabilities. That includes public interest firms like the Disability Law Center in Boston.

Harvard University, Lesley College, and MIT, prominent institutions in Cambridge receive hundreds of millions of dollars each year to conduct research on human subjects. According to the National Science Foundation MIT receives as of November 4, 1998 more than \$460 million in research grants from the NSF alone! By their own admission Institutional Review Boards are unable to scrutinize the proposals they are required to under law (Code of Federal Regulations).

Consequently many human subjects are placed at great risk and suffer irreparable harm to their minds and bodies with no benefit to the subject. Recently the *Boston Globe* published four articles (Nov. 15-18, 1998) about human experimentation with frequently flawed consent procedures, which is no consent at all.

In the *Globe* series Dr. Paul Appelbaum of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center defended abusing persons considered to be mentally ill by accepting them for experimentation. He believes that persons considered to be "delusional and/or schizophrenic" can give informed consent. But police, other government officials and civilians in general deny such disabled persons rights and privileges enjoyed by other citizens due to the perception that they cannot understand what their rights are and wouldn't enjoy them in any case.

Dr. Appelbaum introduced new standards of consent, which he calls, "good consent, adequate consent." He believes that "if the question researchers seek to answer is an important one" it is acceptable to cause harm to the subjects, as long as "they are not causing outrageous levels of harm." Let's see, I wonder how long an underweight bipolar male from Norway can go without oxygen and not adversely affect his brains cells in a manic phase? If the brain damage is only slight due to deprivation of oxygen it will be OK. If we tell them this is an exercise in breathing it will be adequate consent. Huh?

The World Organization Against Torture (Washington D.C.) declared in October, 1998 that "full disclosure of improper experimentation still has not taken place ... Similar concerns also are being raised about involuntary

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A communication was received from Roy Bercaw,
requesting the City Council to hold
public hearings on the subject of human
experimentation without consent.

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