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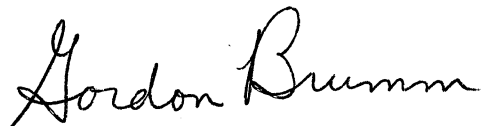
To all City Councillors:

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

As a citizen of a purportedly civilized community, I urge that you give full attention to the recent incident in East Cambridge (on 5th Street) when, as reported in the newspaper, a mob of youths attacked the apartments of a number of iranian students, and in effect forced them to move.

My saying this is not based on any views concerning the ex-Shah of Iran, the present governing powers in Iran, the rights and wrongs of the hostage situation, nor any other aspect of U.S.-Iranian relations. All that is irrelevant. Nor is there any conception of justice at issue. To put the very, very best face on it, what the mob did (if the newspaper report is correct) is vigilantism, and by any standard, accepted by anyone, vigilantism is wrong. And so is vandalism and terrorism. Even if the students did something wrong - and there's no evidence whatsoever that they did - they are entitled to due process of law. In whichever way you look at it, the attack on them was vicious and criminal, and made the worse by being organized. To condone it is to condone a breakdown of standards which we all must support.

I urge that you insure this case is investigated and prosecuted to the fullest.



Gordon Brumm
2 Inman St.
Cambridge

Comm. from Gordon Brumm, 2 Inman St., re:
an incident in East Cambridge where a mob
of youths attacked the apartments of a
number of Iranian students.

In City Council,

August 4, 1980

*Report Requested -
By City Manager
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