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The Honorable Leonard J. Russell (and to each of the City Councillors)
Mayor of the City of Cambridge ... a separate letter
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Jennie
Dear Mayor Russell:

I write to request time on the Council agenda to discuss our proposal for affiliated housing at 8-10 Mt. Auburn Street and explain our reasons for supporting the legal enactment of the Overlay District.

A full discussion of these issues will help all parties, the Council, our neighbors and Harvard sort through much of the confusion and misunderstanding that currently exists. I would also respectfully request that the Council consider deferring action on proposed amendments to the Overlay District until all the facts have been presented and discussed. Amendments to the Overlay District requiring setbacks are likely to have profound effects on our ability to build a reasonable number of housing units on the 8-10 Mount Auburn site. It seems only fair that we all have an opportunity to hear, understand and discuss how proposed amendments would affect the Harvard Square area in general and our project in specific.

Some have maintained that there is an urgent need for the Council to act quickly because we are planning to file for a building permit and begin immediate construction. Let me assure you that we have no intention of filing for a permit in the immediate future. Our architects are currently working to try to amend our design at the request of the Historical Commission and members of the community in order to preserve 10 A-D Mount Auburn Street rather than tear it down. We are seriously considering ways to accommodate this request and will need more time to prepare alternative design proposals, and meet again with the community and the Historical Commission to discuss them.

In the meantime, we would welcome the opportunity to explain our current proposal to you and hope you will agree to hear all the facts before any action is taken.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline A. O'Neill

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Comm. from Jacqueline O'Neill, Assoc. Vice-President of Governmetn & Community Affairs for Harvard University Re: requesting time before the Council to discuss plans for the property at 8-10 Mt. Auburn St. & on the Harvard Square Overlay District.

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5/13/85 10:00 AM*

*copy sent to the City Manager
5/8/85*

In City Council,

May 6, 1985

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*Referred to the
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