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November 20, 1979

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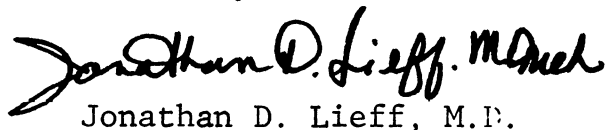
Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

Pursant to my conversation with yourself, Councilman David Wylie and Councilman-Elect David Sullivan, as directed, I am writing this letter.

The new massage ordinance is very good and useful, as far as it goes, that is, as a deterrent and discipline for criminal action, but it in no way satisfies the further need to ensure the quality of individuals licensed. In most other professional services, licensing a required course of instruction and examination is customary. The City of Cambridge, a number of years ago, had a course and examination for massage licensure. As a citizen of Cambridge and a medical professional, I feel strongly that only by having a panel of professional experts in medicine, psychiatry, ethics, relaxation techniques, physical therapy and physiology determining a required course of study and an examination will we insure that licensees actually will know what they profess to know about massage.

As Assistant Clinical Professor at Boston University's Medical School, I have been very interested in the medical and psychiatric uses of Techniques of Relaxation. In this regard, I now teach the relationship of relaxation techniques, anatomy, physiology and psychotherapy for the staff at the Boston City Hospital and I have also taught this subject at Boston University and the Soma Clinic in Cambridge. If the City Council so desired, I would be interested in helping to coordinate a panel which will implement a course of instruction and an examination. If the City Council has another approach to this problem, in which I can be of any assistance, I will help in the way the City Council determines to ensure the detection of criminal action and to examine the quality of massage licensees.

Sincerely,


Jonathan D. Lieff, M.D.

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The Honorable, The City Council:

Enclosed please find a letter from Dr. Jonathan D. Lieff, M.D.,
expressing his concern about the Massage Ordinance and his
willingness to help the City with its implementation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard McKinnon", is written over a horizontal line.

Richard McKinnon,
Administrative Assistant to the
City Council

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Enclosure

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Comm. from Richard McKinnon, Adm. Asst. to the
Council, transmitting one from Jonathan D.
Lieff, M.D. re: Massage Ordinance.

In City Council,
December 3, 1979

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Referred to the
City Manager
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