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Ms. D. Margaret Drury
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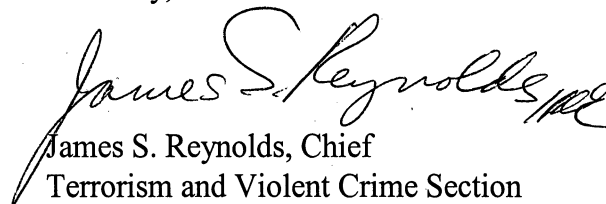
Dear Ms. Drury:

Your letter of July 11, 2002, addressed to Attorney General Ashcroft has been forwarded to the Criminal Division for a response. Your letter enclosed a resolution passed by the City Council of Cambridge which expressed concerns that civil liberties and human rights be respected in the enforcement of the USA PATRIOT Act.

Let me assure you that the Justice Department is dedicated to both a vigorous counterterrorism effort and to protecting the civil liberties of all Americans. While reasonable persons may in good faith disagree about the prudence of particular law enforcement actions, we remain firmly committed to the rule of law and to our Constitution.

Thank you for letting us know the views of your city council members. It is beneficial to all of us that our citizens and elected representatives stay involved in these important issues.

Sincerely,


James S. Reynolds, Chief
Terrorism and Violent Crime Section

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Consent Communication #10

A communication was received
from James S. Reynolds, U.S.
Department of Justice regarding the
enforcement of the USA Patriot
Act.

In City Council September 9, 2002

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