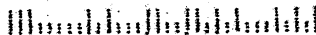


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February 23, 1988

To the Members of the Cambridge City Council

A deplorable condition exists in Cambridge. It is unfortunate that in a city this size, it is virtually impossible to telephone, & get a cab. It makes no difference what time of day or night it is, or what the weather conditions are, one can not get a taxi. I am a senior citizen who does not own a car. Most of the time I take public transportation, but require a cab when it is nighttime, or the distance is long.

Recently my elderly sister-in-law & I were leaving a doctor's office at Mt. Auburn Hospital. A few days before my sister-in-law had had an operation for cataracts & still had a patch on one eye. I used the phone in the hospital lobby to call a cab, & we were the only people waiting. When the cab came & we got in, three men walked up to the cab & our driver asked them where they were going & they replied "The Airport." The driver turned around & told us to get out. We refused, & all the way to our house he cursed us & told us we had prevented

he. taking an airport fare. He must have been going 70 or 80 m.p.h., & every corner he turned the tires squealed & the car swayed violently. Ordinarily, I would have reported him to the cab company, but I was terrified he would come back & do me bodily harm.

I get the distinct impression that Cambridge Cab Companies are only interested in long-distance fares or package deliveries. Can't something be done to alleviate this? Thank you.

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Comm. from Lee Fitzgerald Re: the difficulties
in getting a taxicab in Cambridge.

In City Council,

March 7, 1988

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Referred to the
License Commission.

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