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Honorable City Council
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Re: George Gund Hall
Harvard University

Gentlemen:

In connection with the perimeter fencing installed in conjunction with the erection of Gund Hall for Harvard University, bounded by Cambridge and Quincy Streets, we wish to state that the fencing is installed precisely as set forth in the J. Slotnik Company request dated November 12, 1969 to the City Council, and also in accordance with copy received of the City Council Order dated November 10, 1969, to the Commissioner of Public Works wherein he was authorized to grant J. Slotnik Company a permit in accordance therewith, and further in strict accordance with the bond on file with the City Clerk dated November 18, 1969.

On receipt of copy of order dated November 17, 1969 relative to obstruction restricting the use of sidewalk by pedestrians, I contacted Mr. Dunphy, of Public Works Department, and was instructed that the fence location was not the problem, but the fact that a couple of existing light poles and a couple of trees diminished the space available at these locations. I was directed to place in the street adjacent to the curb a two-plank wide wooden walkway with a guard rail to correct this situation. This I agreed to do, and will still do starting tomorrow morning, if the City Council so desires after reading the remainder of this transmittal.

A visit to the site will reveal the conditions which have influenced me to hold in abeyance the installation of the narrow walkway and rail for the safety of anyone who might traverse the same. In order to properly support the sidewalk, etc. during construction, we have to drive in place steel piles thirty feet in length at a spacing of seven feet in center along Quincy Street. In locating these piles we have a tolerance of only a few inches due to the presence of numerous electric service lines under the existing sidewalk. These street piles are being driven by a steam hammer which ejects steam upon each blow. In my considered opinion, to subject passersby to the hazards involved in the handling of these long steel piles by a crane within a distance of from two to three inches of people



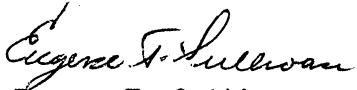
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travelling in a restricted walkway was not a proper thing to do. I elected to suspend the installation of the walkway until such a time as the driving of the piles was completed and this danger was eliminated.

Notwithstanding the long story just given you, Harvard University has been apprised of this situation and have just released a new change in the foundation design which locates the concrete foundation two feet inside the property line along Quincy Street. rather than contiguous with the property line. With this leeway, after the piles are driven, we can relocate the fence on Quincy Street to the inside of the existing concrete sidewalk, giving this area back to pedestrians without having a walkway obstruction in the street. This can be started and completed within two weeks time.

Very truly yours,

J. SLOTNIK COMPANY



Eugene T. Sullivan
Executive Vice President

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Communication from Eugene D. Sullivan, Exec.
Vice President, J. Slotnik Co. relative to
fence on Quincy St. in connection with
construction of George Gund Hall for Harvard
University.

December 1, 1969

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Copy of letter
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