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May 11, 2000

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear D. Margaret Drury:

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We urge you to investigate this matter expeditiously and see to it that the project fully complies with the IPOP requirements and our community's standards. We look forward to presenting this information to the City Council. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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May 9, 2000

Mr. Robert R. Bersani, Commissioner
Department of Inspectional Services
City of Cambridge
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Proposed Telecommunications Building
157 Sixth Street /Rogers Street LLC

Dear Commissioner Bersani:

I own a house where I live at 257 Charles Street across from the proposed telecommunications building site and I am concerned with the permitting process for this project.

The Board of Zoning Appeal granted a special permit on January 28, 2000 allowing demolition of the existing warehouse on the site and construction of a new telecommunications building. However, the proposed building also is subject to the special permit requirements of the Interim Planning Overlay Petition (IPOP) Ordinance. Although the BZA's decision states that "The Petitioners have also applied for IPOP traffic studies so a hearing on the IPOP has not yet been scheduled." I understand that the Petitioners now have withdrawn their IPOP application from the Planning Board. While I, of course, do not know what strategy the developers may be pursuing, it seems clear that an IPOP special permit is required before the project can proceed. and specifically before any building permit may be issued.

I would appreciate your confirming in writing that your Department will not issue a building permit for the project, in whole or in part, until the developers have fully complied with the IPOP requirements.

Very truly yours,



Carole K. Bellew
257 Charles Street
Cambridge MA 02141

cc: City Council Office- Fax 349-4287
Robert Healy- Fax 349-4307
Clarissa Brown, Chair, Planning Board Fax 349-4669
Donald Drisdell, Deputy City Solicitor Fax 349-4134
Susan Clippinger, Transportation Department 349-4747

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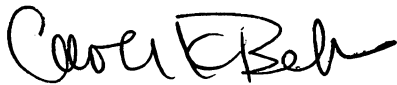
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Consent Communiication #4

A communciaiton was received
from Carole K. Bellew, et al,
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proposed development of
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