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March 11, 1991

David A. Wylie, Esquire
c/o Wylie, Lipman & Freeman
31 Milk Street
Boston, MA 02109

Dear Mr. Wylie:

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Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Sarah Wald, Dean of Students
Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA 02138

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50 Follen Street, Apt. 206
Cambridge, MA 02138

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Ms. Rita Corkery
Associate Director of Community Relations
Harvard University
2 Garden Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

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RITA O. CORKERY
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNITY RELATIONS

2 GARDEN STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138
617-495-4955

January 15, 1991

Mr. Joseph Connarton
City Clerk
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Joe, RE: LINCOLN'S INN HEARING

At a recent meeting with Sarah Wald, Dean of Students at Harvard Law School and Marc Rodwin, attorney representing the tenants abutting Lincoln's Inn, the date of Monday, March 11, 1991 was considered a mutually convenient date to hold the hearing requested by the City Council.

I contacted your office today, and Deputy City Clerk, John Flynn, suggested this proposed date be communicated to you in writing. I thought that this would facilitate your arranging the hearing.

Sincerely,


Rita Corkery

c.c. Sarah Wald
Marc Rodwin

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FAX NUMBER AT CITY COUNCIL OFFICE IS: 349-4287
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City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL FORM

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1990

FROM: Personal Office of Councillor Wm. H. Walsh
954 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA. 02141
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FAX NUMBER: 617 876 9331

TO: Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk
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Cambridge, MA. 02139
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If you do not receive all the pages, please telephone immediately.

REMARKS: As background to the Lincoln Inn matter to which I referred this morning, the attached explain the rationale for the Council Order which will be drafted and filed for inclusion in the DECEMBER 10, 1990 Council Agenda.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON IN COUNCILLOR WALSH'S OFFICE TRANSMITTING THE DOCUMENT(S).

David F. Noonan

November 18, 1990

Councillor William Walsh
Cambridge City Hall
795 Mass Avenue
Cambridge, MA.

Dear Councillor Walsh:

I am writing to alert you to a controversy that has recently become a made public at the Cambridge Licensing Commission. The issue may be written about in the press and I wanted to make the position of the citizen's group clear to members of the city council. The issue concerns the relations between Harvard University Law School, the City of Cambridge, and neighbors of the law school. It also concerns a major public health problem, namely public drunkenness and drunken driving.

Simply put, a group of Harvard Law School students that are members of an official law school club called the Lincoln's Inn Society own a house on 44 Follen Street, Cambridge and have designated that house as an Inn. Although the inn was originally granted a variance to locate at 44 Follen Street solely as a place to receive meals and study, its use has changed and it now regularly hosts drinking parties for large numbers of people. These parties create a public nuisance. The City of Cambridge Licensing Commission held a hearing on November 13th to consider whether to revoke, suspend, or condition the Inn's license. On November 27th the Licensing Commission will reconvene to consider the matter and come to a decision.

The Lincoln's Inn parties last to 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning. The parties attract hundreds of people, many from outside Cambridge. Vast amounts of alcohol are consumed and the drunk party-goers yell, trespass on neighbor's property, harass and intimidate neighbors, foul the surroundings with beer bottles, cups and other debris, and have even occasionally relieved themselves in public. The problem has caused some neighbors to move out of the neighborhood and others not to purchase condominiums in the abutting apartment building. As the statements and testimony poignantly show, many of those who remained have felt "victimized in their own homes."

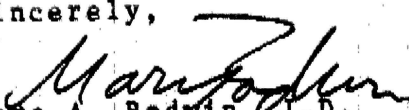
Enclosed with this letter is a copy of materials submitted by the neighborhood to the Cambridge Licencing Commission which provides graphic detail of the problem. It includes statements by 30 individuals attesting to the problem. It also includes documents showing the history of the problem going back decades and demonstrates that past efforts to resolve it through discussions with the Lincoln's Inn and the Harvard Law School have been futile. These documents contain personal testimony of

shocking behavior by Lincoln's Inn members and indicate that the Harvard Law School and the city has neglected to take appropriate action to address the problem.

At the November 13th hearing, the hearing room was packed wall to wall with neighbors testifying to the Harvard Law School Lincoln's Inn nuisance. The commission heard approximately two hours of testimony. A full transcript of the hearing may be obtained from the Cambridge Licencing Commission in approximately three weeks, or immediately from David Wylie, the attorney for the Lincoln's Inn Society, who had a court reporter transcribe the proceedings as well. We believe that you will find the transcript revealing. Graduates of the Lincoln's Inn made remarkable statements including suggesting that neighbors purchase ear plugs and that neighbors who moved into a neighborhood near a university must adjust to the noise of student parties.

Many city councillors and city officials have not heard of these problems in the past. We are writing this letter to keep you informed and would be happy to answer any question you may have.

Sincerely,


Marc A. Rodwin, J.D.
for the neighbors
50 Follen Street, Apt. 206
Cambridge, MA 02138

P. S. For additional information you may wish to contact:

Marc A. Rodwin, Spokesman for the Neighbors 491-0696

Sarah Wald, Dean of Students, Harvard Law School 495-1880

David A. Wylie, Attorney for Lincoln's Inn 423-1233

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FROM RODWIN

TO 8769331

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November 20, 1990

BY FAX: 876-9331
Councillor William Walsh

Dear Mr. Walsh:

I appreciate your support with the Lincoln's Inn matter. Upon further reflection I think it may be better if we postpone raising the issue before the Cambridge City Council.

I do not want to appear to be improperly influencing the Licensing Commission the day before the vote. Moreover, I think fairness would require that the Lincoln's Inn be represented as well. Furthermore, the effect of discussing the problem is likely to be greater if we can organize a turn out of supporters.

I still do want to discuss the matter before the Cambridge City Council but feel this should be done after the Licensing Commission hearing.

I will keep you apprised of our efforts to resolve the matter and am grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

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December 13, 1990

TO: THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JOSEPH E. CONNARTON *JEC*
CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL ORDER NUMBER 14, DATED DECEMBER 10, 1990

Pursuant to the above referenced order as submitted by Councillor Walsh, I have contacted the attorney representing the Lincoln's Inn in an effort to arrange for a meeting with the appropriate parties. The attorney has indicated that his client is willing to attend an upcoming meeting of the City Council, but due to exams being held at the Harvard Law School and the semester break which lasts for several weeks, the President and Officers of the Lincoln Inn will be unavailable until Monday, February 18, 1991.

I will confer with the Mayor relative to scheduling this date for a public hearing.

*Mark Robinson
Feb. 18 91*

491-0696

Harvard

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM
CITY OFFICERS

Comm. from Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk, transmitting a City Council Order relative to a request for a public hearing on complaints received regarding activities of the Lincoln Inn.

In City Council,

December 17, 1990

*Placed on file
Hearing scheduled for
April 1, 1991 at 7PM.*

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Comm. from Rita Corkery, Associate
Director of Community Relations,
Harvard University, transmitting
notification that March 11, 1991 was
considered a mutually convenient date
for a public hearing on the Lincoln
Inn issue.

In City Council,

January 28, 1991

*Placed on file
See also S# 1212 of 1990*