

December 4, 1970

Cambridge City Council

Cambridge City Hall

Cambridge, Mass

Dear Sirs,

This letter is to register my protest over the high-handed and illegal actions taken by Solicitor Cronin in his capacity as Interim Rent Control Administrator. The order issued by him in October appeared to nullify the statute a power nowhere given to him by the statute. In November he finally declared Rent Control in effect as of December 1, 1970 disregarding the fact that, by law, the ordinance took effect in October.

In conjunction with this order he "exempted" certain premises from the rollback provision although no hearings had been held as required by the statute. Although this council protested these "exemptions", Mr. Cronin continues to add to the list. Landlords have been going around to tenants saying that Cronin has "exempted" their properties.

In addition to all of the foregoing the Administrator has called hearings, to start next week, without proper

standards regarding "fair return"
as well as issuing internal rules
which bar access to important
information. I trust that you
will remedy this situation immediately.

Very truly yours,
Philip D. Shaw, esq.
member, C.P.P., C.T.O.C.

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Communication from Philip L. Shaw, Esq.,
Member, C.P.P., C.T.O.C. registering pro-
test over decisions rendered by Mr. Cronin,
Interim Rent Control Administrator and
requesting that said situation be reme-
died immediately

December 7, 1970.

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