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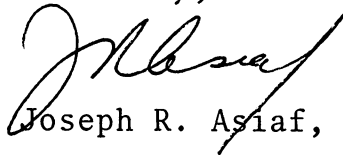
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Cambridge City Council  
City Hall  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter sent to the Chief of Police in Cambridge. This incident has upset us greatly and hope some action can be taken to avoid this type of harassment to my wife and others in the future.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Asiaf, M.D.

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Chief of Police  
5 Western Ave.  
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Mr. Pisani:

I am writing this letter to thank you for your recent help and to clarify the situation that occurred on 5/23/75 Friday. On this date my wife's car was towed away on the request of Patrolman Capello to Pat's Tow Service at 67 Pacific St. My wife was forced to walk through a very dangerous section of Cambridge in order to get to the car. When she produced a check she was told by the person on duty that a check was unacceptable. It was at this juncture she called me and I in turn called you for help. Certainly the police have every right to tow an illegally parked car, however to send a woman to a dangerous section of town and harass her when a tow service could have easily called the bank and verified that a physician's check was good is to my mind very wrong. I pleaded with the man at the tow service, since my wife is under treatment by Dr. C. Miller Fisher at the Mass General Hospital, for headaches and a weakness of the artery (a carotid aneurysm). This episode made her more ill than she was and is very fortunate nothing worse than a severe headache resulted.

I am writing this letter because I do not think law-abiding citizens should be treated this way. It seems that the police are failing to

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to differentiate between traffic problems and criminal behavior. Perhaps this letter will spare some other unfortunate in the future. If the police wish the cooperation of most of their citizens they will have to start treating those citizens with some respect, otherwise the poor cooperation they receive will be well deserved.

A copy of this letter will also be sent to Governor Dukakis and the Cambridge City Council, in the hopes it will make some changes in the attitude of the police department towards honest citizens.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Asiaf, M.D.

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Comm. from Dr. Joseph R. Asiaf, M. D. re:  
towing situation of his wife's car.

In City Council,

June 9, 1975

6/9/75

Referred to the  
City Manager for  
ACTION-

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