

January 3, 1974.

Dear Mr. DiNunzio;

The following conditions have been noticed and discussed by us, the undersigned tenants; and the following decisions reached:

1) Following the last fire, of over one week ago, we have seen no investigation; and demand that a full, complete, and binding investigation now be held. As the owner of the building it is your responsibility to insure the safety and well-being of your tenants. This can only be done through an investigation by the State Fire Marshall's Office. This action is the only binding action that we, the tenants, are willing to accept. As this is the third fire in the past three months, all determined to be of suspicious origin, we wish the following to be included in the final report: Origin of the fire, including time and specific spot of origin; The type or types of persons who could have set the fire, based on information found by the Marshall's Office. Again we state that this investigation is paramount and necessary, as there is no question in the minds of the tenants and others that the fires are arson.

2) Concerning repairs on the building proper: a.) new metal exterior doors for the rear stair wells; b.) securing of front exterior doors; c.) new locks for both front and rear exterior doors; d.) bars placed on the basement windows; e.) fire extinguishers (chemical) for all of the apartments (M.G.L. 142/24; f.) repair of hallways to a clean and new condition, including replacing of defective portions, painting and nailing of steps, and replacing or covering of walls with fire proof or at least fire retardant material; g.) repair of apartments as found defective by the City Health Inspector, including repair and total fumigation of the building and the total repair of the fire damaged apartments. We demand this immediately for all of the apartments, beginning with the address #75.

3) Concerning rent: a.) No rent will be paid by the occupants of the address #75 until such time as all repairs are made to their apartments and hallways. Presently they have no second exit, no heat, no gas, and no electricity; all of which are in violation of the state and city safety and health codes. b.) The rent paid by the occupants of the addresses #73 and #73a shall be in accordance with the maximum rent allowances as set by the City of Cambridge Rent Control Board, as of December 1973. c.) The rents mentioned above (for #73-75 Maga-

zine Street) will be the rents payed for the month of January 1974, unless the tenant shall feel that any past agreement with the landlord is still binding. As concerns overcharges they shall be met at the discretion of the tenant.

In conclusion, we, the tenants, feel that the past fires are arson and that you, the landlord, have done nothing to stop or hinder the reoccurrence of said same fires. We, the tenants, also demand that any further work done by the landlord of his agent shall be prompt and competent, which has not been the case to date. Finally, if the repairs to the building(cited above) are not done by in large as of the First of February, the tenants shall either deduct such further repairs as they feel necessary, or hold a rent strike.

Signed,

C.C.
Attorney McLaughlin
State Fire Marshalls Office
Cambridge City Council
Cambridge Rent Control Board
Cambridge Police Dept.
Cambridge Chronicle

Jaqueline B. Bronson Apt. 102
J. D. N. Armstrong #402
Peter O'Brien #403
Martin Glassberg #104
Mancy McQuillan #103
Arthur P. ... #101
John R. Asp 104
Thomas R. Britton 302
Roberta P. ... 201
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Stephen Shuman 203
John F. Henney Apt. 101
Chief of the Cambridge Fire Dept.

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Comm. received from Jacqueline A. Aronson
et al relative to the safety and well being
of the residents of the premises numbered
73-75 Magazine Street area.

In City Council,

January 14, 1974

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& Traffic Director Copies
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