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January 31, 1975

Mr. Paul Healey
City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Mr. Healey:

I want to register in the strongest possible terms the shock that our patrolmen's union has experienced at the news that the City of Cambridge, which has traditionally boasted a politics-free police department, now is abandoning that much-admired position.

Specifically, I am referring to the fact that Lieutenant Al Lange, who placed Number 2 on the Captain's List, is being passed over.

While normally, as patrolmen, we aren't involved or concerned with promotions of superior officers, the injustices in this particular case cry out for comment. This is a man who is a solid, professional police officer -- a man who on two occasions has demonstrated personal bravery at the risk of his own life in serving the citizens of Cambridge.

If this injustice is perpetrated, and Lt. Lange becomes the first person in the history of Cambridge to be so discriminated against, it will be a dark day, indeed, in a city heretofore justifiably proud of its great traditions in so many areas.

The fact that in my own city of Boston politics too often takes precedence over qualification in no ways lessens our sense of shock that a similar injustice seems about to become a fact in our neighboring city.

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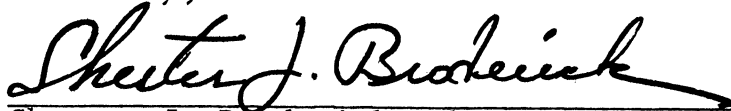
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We would hope that Cambridge doesn't set the bad precedent of "passing" over, something that is an unwholesome fact of life in Boston and all too many other communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chester J. Broderick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chester J. Broderick, Chairman
Boston Police Patrolmen's Assn., Inc.

CJB:ed

CC: Cambridge Police Dept.

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Comm. from the Boston Patrolmen's Association
re: to the appointment of captains in the
Cambridge Police Dept.

In City Council,

February 3, 1975

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