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September 14, 1976

To owners of property in the vicinity of the
Old Burying Ground, in the Cambridge Common
Historic District:

The Cambridge Historical Commission has received from Harvard University an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of an iron fence around five tombs in the portion of the cemetery owned by the University. The specification for the fence are as follows:

The proposed fence, taken from a 19th century prototype at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, is wrought iron, consisting of 35" high vertical members with a crosssection of 1/2" x 1/2", set 6" on center. These stiles are joined by two horizontal rails. One 1" square rail acts as a base, and a second 3/8" high x 1-3/4" wide rail joins the stiles 5" from their tops. The corners are curved, without any special element emphasizing them. The fence is supported on 8" square granite blocks set into the ground at regular intervals of approximately 6 feet, which are attached to the base rail of the fence by a 1" iron strap.

Under the provisions of the Historic District Act, General Laws Chapter 40C, Section 12, the Cambridge Historical Commission may dispense with a public hearing on this application and proceed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed alterations, provided that the alterations are deemed to be insubstantial in their effect on the Historic District and that ten days' prior notice is given to the owners of adjoining property and of property deemed to be materially affected by such alterations. We deem the effect of the alterations described above to be insubstantial and your property to be among those materially affected.

Should you have any objection to the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed alterations, please notify the Cambridge Historical Commission at the above address within ten days.

Robert G. Neiley
Chairman

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Comm. from Robert G. Neiley, Chairman, Cambridge Historical Commission, re: to a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of an iron fence around five tombs in the portion of the cemetery owned by Harvard University.

In City Council,
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