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Cambridge, Mass. 02140

June 15, 1987

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City Clerk Joseph Connorton
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Re: #160-164 Rixdale Avenue, Cambridge, Mass. 02140

Dear Mr. Connorton:

As you may know, I have ^{been} struggling with this property for some eight years. It was very poorly built at the beginning, some 70-90 years ago, and subsequent deterioration has taken it far beyond redemption, in my opinion. Indeed, it has been my strong feeling that it should be torn down, because serious structural problems make it unrepairable/or beyond repair, and unfit for human habitation, as declared by the Board of Survey and Commissioners Cellucci. I was ordered to provide Rent Controlled housing in Cambridge for the ^{residents of the} 5 different apartments occupied. I did this, and 3 of the five moved out; however 2 remain and refuse to leave. The City is, apparently so deeply divided that it is powerless to back its own order. Meanwhile, the insurance company canceled insurance on the building.

At this point the situation has become more than I wish to deal with. I finally decided the best alternative would be to find an optimistic buyer who felt willing to try to restore the building to the rental market, if at all possible. This seemed an unlikely possibility, but in recent weeks I have had discussions with a person with considerable experience in renovating properties. He has agreed to purchase 160-164 Rixdale, and will try to restore it as rental property.

His name is Frank S. Bramley of 254 Governor's Avenue, (OVER-)

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Medford. Mass. 02155, telephone number 395-6440. Title should pass to him on Wednesday or Thursday of this week, thus I do not feel any hearing is needed on the 22nd, as the future of this property will be to attempt to restore it to rental housing.

Very truly yours,
Richard C. Farrington

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Comm. from Richard C. Farrington Re: 160-164 Richdale Ave., said comm. stating that he has found a purchaser for the property who will attempt to restore it to rental property & that subsequently he does not feel a hearing is required.

In City Council,

June 22, 1987

Referred to Hearing
Scheduled 6/22/87
@ 7 A.M.

Hearing Postponed
Indefinitely