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Caroline Hunter/Rockwell St.  
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Riverside/Cambridgeport  
Neighbors - CRIMEWATCH  
March 2, 1989

Mr. John Flynn  
Clerk  
Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge, Mass.

Re: INCREASING & CONTINUING CRIME IN RIVERSIDE/CAMBRIDGEPORT

The Riverside/Cambridgeport Neighbors have been experiencing increasing and continuing crime in our neighborhood. In the period from November and December, 1988 this area has experienced 50 break-ins. This problem has been reported extensively in the Cambridge Chronicle and we have organized ourselves in an attempt to alert our neighbors, increase their physical security, and to combat this serious problem. More than 30 neighbors met on January 12, 1989 to discuss the crime problem, receive materials from the police department's liaison team and to develop a neighborhood network. Unfortunately our efforts have been enough, and between January, 1989 and February, 1989 there have been 35 break-ins in this same neighborhood. Thirteen have occurred since the police have made an arrest related to house-breaks in this area. In addition several of our neighbors have been robbed two and three times in this period. Some of the robberies and attempts have occurred late in the night when people have been home. In addition there are many elderly and infirm

people who are always home and are extremely physically vulnerable. These conditions increase the potential for the ultimate tragedy that someone may be physically harmed or injured. We all feel victimized and that this matter is extremely serious and deserves immediate and specific attention from the City Council and the Cambridge Police Department. We would like to participate in the scheduled hearing on March 6, 1989 concerning the drug problem in Cambridge which we feel is directly related to this increasing and continuing threat to our neighborhood and our personal and physical safety. We need your attention to this most important and serious problem.

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Comm. from Caroline Hunter & Carolyn Shipley,  
Riverside/Cambridgeport Neighbors - CRIME-  
WATCH Re: increased & continuing crime in said  
neighborhood & requesting permission to address  
the Council during this evening's hearing con-  
cerning the drug problem.

In City Council,

March 6, 1989

3-6-89

Referred to Hearing  
of 3-6-89 @ 7:00 PM.