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City of Cambridge

Councillor Crane

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In City Council,
May 5, 1969.

WHEREAS:-

The remarks of U.S. Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell delivered at the Annual Law Dinner of the Detroit Bar Association on May 1, 1969 included the following:

"That time has come for an end to patience with violent disorder on college campuses...

The time has come for us to demand in the strongest possible terms that university officials, local law enforcement agencies and local courts apply the law to end minority tyranny on the nation's campuses ...

If arrests must be made then arrests there should be ...

It is no admission of defeat, as some may claim, to use reasonable force to eliminate physical force ...

The price of civil tranquility cannot be paid by the submission to violence and terror ...

When people may be injured, when personal property may be destroyed, and when chaos begins the university official only aids lawlessness by procrastination and negotiations ...

The university is not an extra territorial community and its officials have the obligation to protect the rights of the peaceful students on its campus by use of the established local law enforcement agencies and the courts ...

University officials are not law enforcement experts or judges and when a violent outbreak occurs they should not take it upon themselves to decide how long the violence should endure and what rights should be trampled upon until local government is called in ...

We have substantial information confirming the widely accepted belief that several major university disturbances have been incited by members of a small corps of professional militants who make it their tragic occupation to convert peaceable student dissatisfaction into violence and confrontation ...

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This hard corps is bent on the destruction of our universities and these violence prone militants should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law ...

The right to be a student carries other fundamental rights besides the right to dissent, including the right to study, use research facilities and communicate with teachers without the interference of sit-ins and disruptions ..."

WHEREAS:-

Attorney General Mitchell stated that the Justice Department which has investigated a wide range of student disorders would offer the information to local officials, therefore be it

RESOLVED:-

That the City Manager be requested to notify the appropriate local officials of this offer and be prepared to accept the same, for action.

In City Council May 5, 1969
 Adopted by a Unanimous Vote
 Aye 8 No 1 Absent 0
Paul E. Johnson
 City Manager

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RESOLVE

Relative to remarks of U.S. Atty. Gen. John N.
Mitchell relative to student disorders

May 5, 1969

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