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City of Cambridge
Community Development Department
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Attention of Mr. Edward A. Handy
Assistant Director

Dear Mr. Handy:

Since your letter to me of July 31, 1975 in which you outline certain procedures which would be followed to correct the bus-stop problem in front of the building at 1875 Massachusetts Avenue, the situation has progressively grown worse, namely:

- 1) the Cambridge D.P.W. has done an excellent job of policing the debris in the area and the sweeper has been able to keep ahead of the litter. They have yet to provide a barrel however.
- 2) the bus drivers persist in picking up directly in front of the building which is not the stop. As a result, persons waiting to board buses congregate at the entrance to the building and within the building. We suffer damage daily - we have had two broken windows since the stop has been relocated, 2 air conditioners have been permanently damaged and we have suffered further damage as a result of this bus stop.
- 3) the bus stop sign has not been corrected to more clearly indicate the proper location of the stop. In fact the proper bus stop is continually parked in and we are going to start a procedure of calling the police department to tag cars in the bus stop.

It seems to me that if everyone did the job that they should do, that is, correct the signs, bus drivers pick up where they should and police tag cars that are illegally parked, we would be a long way toward solving the problem. For some reason these things are not being done which is causing us all sorts of problems.

I know that you have tried but we have reached a point where we cannot afford any further damage. I have lost one tenant already and another is threatening to move. I am therefore putting the City on notice as well as the MBTA that I intend to hold them reasonable for all damages caused by their negligence in this situation.

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cc. MBTA, Robert Delore
Assessors' Office, Cambridge
Hon. Walter Sullivan
Paul Healy, Esq., City Clerk
Police Dept.

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Comm. from William Highgas, Jr., relative
to the movement of the bus stop located
at 1875 Mass. Avenue.

In City Council,
September 22, 1975

9/22/75

Referred to
the City Mgr.-

Copies sent
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