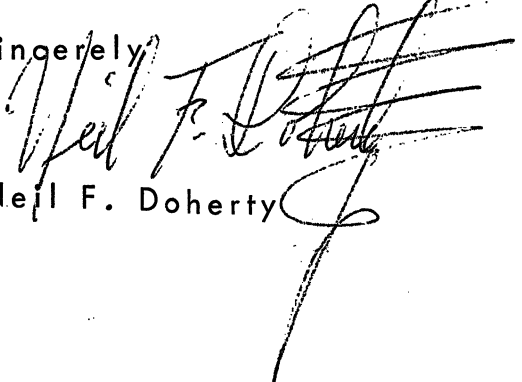


November 7, 1969

I have been requested to be the representative of the Taxi Companies and Driver-Owners of the city of Cambridge who desire to have a Hackney Bureau in the city of Cambridge.

Your consideration, help and assistance will be greatly appreciated by each and every individual engaged in the Taxi industry in the city of Cambridge.

Sincerely,


Neil F. Doherty

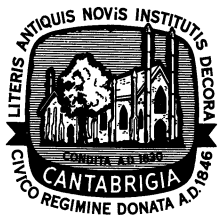
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Communication from Neil F. Doherty,
representing the Taxi Companies and
Driver-Owners of Cambridge requesting a
Hackney Bureau in the City of Cambridge

November 10, 1969.

*10/10/69 Referred
to the Comm. on Finance*

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LICENSE COMMISSION

January 19, 1970

To the Honorable, The City Council:

Pertaining to the request of Neil F. Doherty, representative of the Taxi Drivers and Owners of the City of Cambridge for the setting up of a Hackney Bureau, the License Commission submits herewith its report:

At the present time the supervision and regulation of the Cambridge Taxi Owners and Drivers is under the jurisdiction of the License Board supplemented by the police power of the City of Cambridge. Police report any irregularities and infractions of laws and regulations to the License Board and/or to the Courts for prosecution if the facts so warrant.

There are in the City of Cambridge 49 taxi-cab owners (the vast bulk of taxis are owned by the Yellow Cab Company) and 248 taxi cabs on the road.

The granting of Mr. Doherty's request would mean the creation of a Hackney Bureau whose special function would be the supervision of taxis and report to the License Board and/or Courts

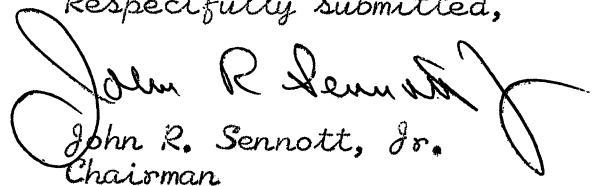
for action. Several years ago such a bureau was brought into being in Cambridge and consisted of two police officers who functioned as the Hackney Bureau. The Bureau was dissolved in 1968 as unrealistic and impractical.

The functions of a Hackney Bureau are now carried on by the entire police force who survey the activities of cabs in their regular line of duty and report thereon. Over-specialization in the Police Department has been found to create more problems than it solves.

Under the present system all new applicants for taxis are processed by the Police Department, Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Applicants are finger-printed, photographed and evaluated. Their criminal record, if any, is procured from the Central Probation Officer, Boston, Massachusetts. In addition, there is assigned to the License Commission Office a special police officer, full time, capable of investigating and reporting on taxi matters requiring special attention.

For the reasons enumerated it is the opinion and recommendation of the Cambridge License Commission that a Hackney Bureau not be created.

Respectfully submitted,


John R. Sennott, Jr.
Chairman

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Communication from John R. Sennott, Jr.,
Chairman of the License Commission
pursuant to the request of Neil F.
Doherty, Representative of the Taxi Drivers
and Owners of the City of Cambridge for
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