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Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency
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Gentlement

This letter will confirm my telephone conversation of this afternoon with Ms. Amy Milman of your office. I was very pleased with the assistance of Ms. Milman. I was equally pleased that Ms. Milman's presentation of your position strikingly differed from the representations made by Mr. Kellogg of Cambridge's Development Department to the Cambridge City Council last night.

This concerns the pending application for government assistance at 871 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

I oppose this project because it constitutes a major office building in the middle of a residential area. I oppose it because it will generate significant traffic in a location which cannot handle more. I oppose it because its size will overwhelm abutting residential structures, and overwhelm the residential neighborhood behind it. I oppose this project because it is proposed under the Central Square Commercial Area Revitalization District, whereas the location is not in Central Square, it is not commercial, and it does not need revitalization.

I am pleased to hear from Ms. Milman that MIFA action which has been taken to date is extremely preliminary, and that it will not be finalized until and unless problems in the City of Cambridge are resolved. This position strikingly differs from Mr. Kellogg's statements to the Cambridge City Council last night that the MIFA action was essentially completed and that the September 19, 1984, public hearing is a formality which would have no impact on the process.

The Cambridge City Council has voted to request that MIFA delay all action until the situation in Cambridge is resolved. MIFA's position concurs. The Cambridge City Council has voted to conduct a public hearing on October 15, 1984 at 7 PM, to determine whether the CARD boundaries should be changed to reduce the area within the Central Square Commercial Area Revitalization District. Concerns expressed in the meeting included the area to the west of Central Square, including 871 Massachusetts Avenue; it included the Prospect Street area, and it included the School Street area. One city councillor spoke favorably about eliminating the district.

It is my firm hope that the Cambridge City Council will remove 871 Massachusetts Avenue from the CARD district, and that MIFA will reject the application.

Sincerely,


Robert J. La Tremouille

cc: Governor's Office, Ms. Anne Pinter; Cambridge City Council

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Comm. from Robert J. LaTremouille, transmitting a copy of a comm. he sent to the MIFA
RE: his reasons for opposing the pending petition for application for government assistance at 871 Mass. Ave.

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