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CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02141

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

494-4050

July 31, 1984

Joseph E. Connarton
Deputy City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Matter of Biswanath Halder

Dear Mr. Connarton:

Upon receipt of the complaint of Biswanath Halder, which was referred to my office by the Cambridge City Council, I asked Stephen Limon, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Bureau, to review the matter. Based on that review I have determined that Mr. Halder's allegations do not warrant action by the District Attorney's Office.

This decision is based primarily on two factors. First, the underlying dispute necessitating the police response was in essence a landlord/tenant dispute, which should be resolved in the civil courts between the parties. Second, the police response to that dispute was not abusive or violative of any criminal laws. Any challenge Mr. Halder may have to the propriety of the seizure of his gun or his arrest also may be resolved, if need be, through ordinary civil process.

Thank you for referring this matter to me. Any questions you may have may be addressed to Stephen M. Limon, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Bureau, either by letter or by phone at 494-4602.

Sincerely,

Scott Harshbarger

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Comm. from District Attorney Scott Harshbarger Re: determination by his office after review of the complaint of Biswanath Halder that no action is warranted by the Attorney General's Office.

In City Council,

August 15, 1984

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