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18th May 1999

Secretary
City Council
Cambridge
Mass.USA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Whilst on a visit to our daughter in Quincy, we spent three delightful visits to Cambridge and I would just like to say that we enjoyed each visit. These included a Recital in the Sanders Theatre and your May Festival on the 2nd of May.

There was one image I brought home, which I can't get rid of and that was of a young man, in a wheelchair, asking passersby to help him get into the Elevator down to the station for the T. My wife and I helped and found that the button to call the elevator to the street level, is in a corner, which this young man could not reach.

Once we had called the elevator and the young man got his chair in, he could not then reach the button, to go down.

We wondered whether these mechanisms could not be converted into pull cords, or chains which could be reached by people in wheelchairs.

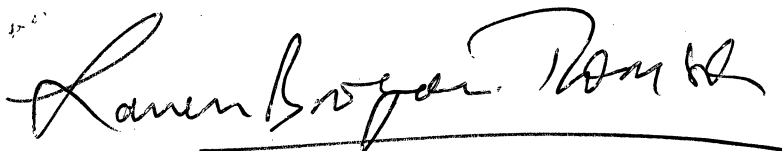
We must encourage as much freedom of movement amongst physically handicapped people as possible. Don't you agree?

I am sure that with all the brains walking around Harvard or MIT that they could come up with something suitable.

It could be called the Cambridge Switch.

We look forward to our next visit, later in the year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Brogan-Thomson', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

L. Brogan-Thomson.

Consent Communication #10 4205

A communication was received from
L. Brogan-Thomson, transmitting concern
relative to the "T" station elevator
buttons being more accessible to the
physically handicapped citizens.

In City Council June 14, 1999

Referred to the City Manager