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August 24, 1990

TO: VICE MAYOR KENNETH E. REEVES
CHAIR OF THE RENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

FROM: JOHN E. FLYNN *JEF*
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE RENT CONTROL
REGULATIONS.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a communication received by this office requesting that said communication be transmitted to you regarding changes to the Rent Control Regulations.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

348 Franklin Street
Cambridge, MA 02139-3731
August 19, 1990

City Clerk
City of Cambridge

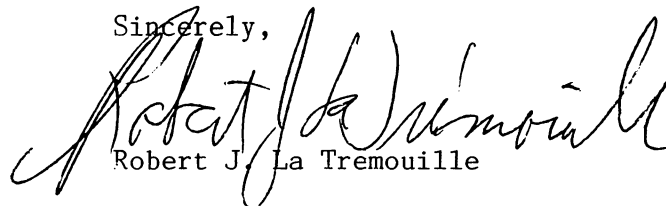
Enclosed are two transmittals of the same document.

One transmittal is directly to the City Council. Please transmit it as a communication at the next meeting.

The other transmittal is to the Committee on Rent Control. Please transmit it to Vice-Mayor Reeves for the Committee, with the appropriate official recordings of that as well.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Robert J. La Tremouille

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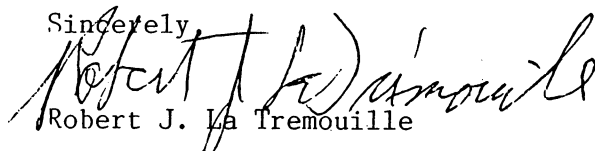
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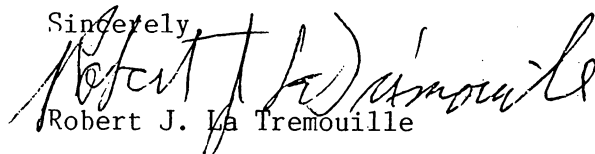
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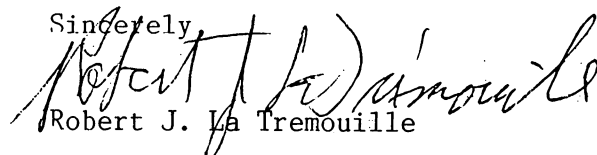
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