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- A) Elderly cannot leave apartments
- B) Apartments are dirty - tenants who live in a dirty manner have roaches
- C) Residents cannot take chemical extermination
- D) They are brought in by grocery bags

While the above may have some merit - it does not mean that extermination by professionals on a regular basis (monthly ideally) or at the very minimum every 3 months should not be offered.

Blaming others - assigning blame keeps the problem ongoing. As a disabled person it is extremely difficult to spend hours cleaning up chemical residue and leaving the apartment, emptying cabinets every week to have roaches return because they live and enter from other parts of the building. In addition the ongoing cost of washing sheets full of chemicals and purchasing roach spray on a fixed income. Then, too there are the elderly who cannot see due to blindness or those bed ridden.

I suggested an alternative to manager a non-toxic gel called MatForce Gel which was placed by a private exterminator - hired. Elderly don't need to leave apartment or empty cabinets.

Two exterminators stated roaches will re-visit your apartment - the whole building's needs to be attended to.

Another exterminator stated - I need to see the unit in order to effectively treat it.

Boric acid, roach motels have not worked - there exists a closet with roach products at the Burns building - if there are no roaches why are products →

being given out ?

What can be done ?

CTS inspector stated building can be evacuated, that he knew of an elderly building that was exterminated even with those on oxygen tanks.

Appeal to CHA - ignored - no response to letter to John Kane
Director of management

Letters exist from tenants in fire at CTS stating roaches exist
How come theres never enough time to do it

right the first time but theres always time to do it over ?

I ask to be heard at city council meeting - perhaps
a fellow tenant would accompany me also.

Please consider the request to find a solution

Sincerely

Ms. Denise Sontag

50 Churchill St unit 337

Cambridge MA 02140

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NOTATION SHEET

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NOTATION

INSPECTOR

50 Churchill Rd.

24 JULY 95 - I spoke to the CHA
Office - the Building has
Never been fully fumigated.
Whenever there has been a
problem, it was dealt with
on a individual, unit by
unit, situation. TEN.
maintains there are cockroaches
through out the Building
IF so, the whole Building
will have to be done.
APT. with TEN. ON TUES.
PM @ 3:15

Recheck 25 JULY 95 - Dusty

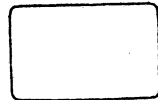
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City of Cambridge
Inspectional Service
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
499-6100

L. MAGUIRE
7-12-95
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INSPECTIONAL SERVICE
95 JUN 23
2 42
Scheduled Appointment



Sector

COMPLAINT RECORD

Building Elevator Housing Sanitation other

DATE

6/23/95

Rec'd by

Myron

INSP.

LOCATION

Cherhill Apt. Grand Housing

OWNER:

(name)

ANNA Desir 334

(tel.)

(address)

COMPLAINT:

Leak's All over Apt
and Building / will not
spray Hole Building

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14 July 95 - I went through the
COMMON HALLS ON THE 1ST,
2ND AND THIRD FLOORS. Lot
OF DEAD COCKROACHS ON
ALL THREE FLOORS. APT. 337
is to be BOMBED ~~THURSDAY~~ TUESDAY
THE 18 JULY 95

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18 JULY 95 - APT. FRIDAY @ 3³⁵ PM

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21 JULY 95 - APT. CANCELLED BY TEN.
TEN. WANT TO KNOW WHEN
THE LAST TIME BUILDING
WAS EXTERMINATED
F. BURNS - NELC

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CITY HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 (617) 498-9013

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JOSEPH J. CELLUCCI
COMMISSIONER OF BUILDINGS
AND HOUSING

HOUSING INSPECTION REPORT AND ORDER

ADDRESS OF PREMISES: 50 CHURCHILL AVE.
Number Street Apartment Number

OCCUPANT: Last Name First Middle I. TELEPHONE:

OWNER: C H A TELEPHONE:
Last Name First Middle I.

OWNER'S ADDRESS: 1 JUDY Johnson 499 7143
Number Street City
FRANK BURNS 499-7153

INSPECTION REQUESTED BY: DATE
DATE OF INSPECTION: MO. 6 DAY 19 YEAR 95 HOUR

STATE SANITARY CODE

ROOM(S)/VIOLATIONS REGULATION 105 CMR 410.

INFESTATION - RENTACHES
- FUMIGATE
- 550

STATE BUILDING CODE	CODE REGULATIONS
Building	Section
Plumbing	Section
Electrical	Section
(Other)	Section

Referral to Other Agencies DATE

One or more of the violations cited above is a condition which may materially impair the health, safety or well-being of the occupant(s) as determined by Regulation 410.750 of the State Sanitary Code or the Authorized inspector.

(INITIAL)
The OWNER is hereby ordered to remedy the above cited violation within 30 days or face prosecution by the City of Cambridge.

RECEIPT OF THIS INSPECTION REPORT BY THE OWNER IS NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 239 SECTION 8A.

SIGNED UNDER PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY: S. M. [Signature]
INSPECTOR APPROXIMATE DATE & TIME OF REINSPECTION 19 JULY 95

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
I THIS DAY DELIVERED A TRUE COPY WITHIN
IN HAND TO ON TIME
CONSTABLE OF CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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Cambridge,

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To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

Roach Infestation - Long standing at Burns Building 50 Church Hill Ave Cambridge

My tenancy began 3/10/95. First nite in apartment roaches crawl out of heating element. Spoke with manager of building - Spoke to other tenants. Manager stated "residents are lying about the roaches". Manager assisting Mr Burns stated "you're gonna have roaches all the buildings have roaches".

Discovered Apt 334 hundreds of roaches crawling over every inch of apt. flooding hallway on 3rd floor until 4AM. Tenants dabbing roaches with paper towels and spray.

I waited after sending a letter to the manager requesting the problem to be addressed on a larger scale. I was told apartments above & below my apt would also be sprayed. I questioned a tenant to see if this had been followed through. It had not. I waited and understood roach infestation was not getting better. I called upon Cambridge Inspectional Services. CIS suggested I come before the City Council.

My apt. has been exterminated 4 times. Roaches still prevail in building as the entire building is not exterminated professionally at the same time.

Reasons given by maintenance and management:

Please see
attached

PETITION

S-257

of Denise Sontaly

for permission to speak regarding
roach infestation at premises.

No. 56 Churchill Avenue

July 31 1995

In City Council, July 31 1995

Referred to the Committee on

Attest:

City Clerk.

Referred to Cambridge
Housing Authority for
report back