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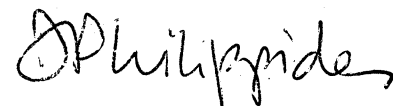
I have just witnessed a horrible accident at the intersection of Garden St. and Chauncy St., outside the Harvard Police Station. A car is flipped over, with smoke/steam pouring out of its radiator.

This might not be so terrible for all of us, if it were a unique case. But living near this intersection, I witness such accidents there often. A last one that I happened to see was only a few days ago: one car ended up on the sidewalk behind an electricity pole.

What I am asking you is how long shall we wait, and how many more accidents shall we tacitly allow to happen at this intersection, before we take some action. Cars are allowed to park much too close to this intersection, hindering the drivers' view as they try to inch out, gain visibility and then cross. Perhaps the relatively new traffic lights at the intersection of Garden and Concord were intended to lessen the danger, but they apparently have not eliminated it. At least signs are needed, "Dangerous intersection ahead", as one approaches this intersection from the three permitted directions. Or perhaps the City traffic experts can think of some other solution.

Please at least review the accident records for this intersection. I think that you will find in them compelling reason to act. We shall all be guilty to some extent through inaction if accidents continue to pile up.

Thank you.



D. M. Philippides

cc: Traffic Office (City Hall Annex)
and Cambridge Police

Consent Communication #1 S-285

Communication was received from
D.M. Philippides, 14 Concord Avenue,
regarding an accident at the
intersection of Garden Street and
Chauncy Street.

In City Council May 12, 1997

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