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Honorable Members of the
Cambridge City Council
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November 26, 2001

As per my conversation on November 29, 2001 with Sally Zimmerman of the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission (MCNCDC), at about 2:30 PM, I write to express my concern about the scheduled meeting of the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission (MCNCDC) for December 10, 2001 at Gund Hall; as published in the November 28, 2001 *Cambridge Chronicle*. Harvard posts *No Trespassing* signs on all of their buildings.

Harvard University Police maintain a list of persons they prohibit from entering onto their land. They arrest such persons and incarcerate them. The *Harvard Crimson* has published the fact that university administrators abuse their police powers and direct their police officers to arrest persons deemed undesirable. This was done to me twice for personal and political reasons. I am on that list and have been warned not to enter onto Harvard property. On two occasions their officers threatened me when I was on City owned land.

The notice states "The public is invited to attend." This will not stop their renegade officers from making an arrest they want to make.

It is just one more instance of Harvard's abuse of power given to them by government agencies. Contrary to law, HUPD refuses to comply with the requirements of the Public Records Act. Though they are empowered by Mass General Laws, Middlesex and Suffolk Sheriffs, and the Superintendent of the Mass State Police, to make arrests and to carry firearms, they say, according to Orwell, that they are private police officers.

Scheduling a meeting for Harvard property is a violation of the Open Meetings law (M.G.L. Chapter 39, § 23B) due to this practice by Harvard. I do not know how many other persons are similarly situated. The law states, "All meetings of a governmental body shall be open to the public and any person shall be permitted to attend any meeting ... "

I will not jeopardize my freedom to attend this meeting or any meeting on their property. I will refer this to the Attorney General and to the District Attorney for Middlesex. If my allegations are correct, the Superior Court may issue an "order [which] may invalidate any action taken at any meeting at which any provision of [M.G.L. Chapter 39 § 23B] has been violated, ... "

Thank you for your consideration.

Roy Bercaw

12/10 PUBLIC HEARING

LEGAL NOTICE

Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 10, 2001 at 6:00 PM in the Stubbins Room, Gund Hall, 42 Quincy Street, Cambridge to review the proposed Construction Mitigation Plan for the Center for Government and International Studies (Knafel Center) in fulfillment of conditions cited in Certificates previously issued for the following cases listed below. The public is invited to attend.

MC-1831: 1730 Cambridge St. For review of conditions relative to previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness to construct new Knafel Center south building. By David Zewinski on behalf of President and Fellows of Harvard College.

MC-1832: 1727 Cambridge St. and 1737 Cambridge St. For review of conditions relative to previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness to lift existing wood-frame building on site, construct new foundation, and renovate the building in the same location and in conjunction with the construction of the portion of the proposed Knafel Center north building that would be within the Mid Cambridge NCD boundary. By David Zewinski on behalf of President and Fellows of Harvard College.

MC-1833: 96 Prescott St. and 18 Sumner Rd. For review of conditions relative to previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness to remove existing dwelling from 96 Prescott St. to 18 Sumner Rd. By David Zewinski on behalf of President and Fellows of Harvard College.

John Moos, Chairman

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Consent Communication #10

A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding a schedule meeting of the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission on December 10, 2001 at Gund Hall, Harvard University.

In City Council December 3, 2001

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