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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL:

I wish to thank the City Council for its action concerning Corporal Burns. I believe this decision stems from an opinion that people in non-rich neighborhoods deserve just as wide a variety of city-services as do people in rich neighborhoods.

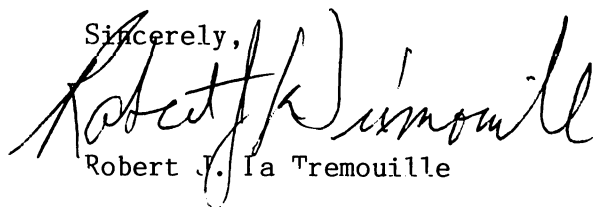
I would suggest that, if the City Council is of the opinion that Cambridge has too much open space and playgrounds, the City Council should research the excess in an organized manner.

Look at the administrative neighborhoods with the largest amount of open space in comparison to population. Look at the fact that two administrative neighborhoods had a lot of open space twenty years ago and have had massive increases since. These are the Kennedy Memorial and Danahy Memorial projects placed in administrative neighborhoods "9" and "10", known as the Brattle Street neighborhoods. It is possibly that these neighborhoods "9" and "10" may have excess open space.

As a matter of fact, there is an Administrative Neighborhood 10 park whose end closest to Everett Street appears to be unused. This particular location might be of interest to Harvard for, say, 20 years of affordable housing, followed by Harvard expansion. Offering of this site is not something which I would propose, but it would demonstrate real good faith.

I, personally, look very much askance at destruction of open space whether public or publicly beneficial. I have no use whatsoever for using city land for condo conversion or Harvard conversion schemes. I very strongly disagree with the concept that people who are being shorted on city services, particularly open space, are anti-affordable housing or anti-education or anti-some other project simply because they expect to get the same services as the rich neighborhoods and don't want their open space destroyed for anything.

Once again, thanks and I am looking forward to the inclusion of that unused Neighborhood 10 open space near Everett Street should Corporal Burns be put back into the discussions, although I do not support destruction of either.

Sincerely,

Robert J. La Tremouille

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Comm. from Robert J. LaTremouille, 348
Franklin Street, in appreciation for the
City Council's action concerning
Corporal Burns.

In City Council,

October 28, 1991

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