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March 1, 1999

The Honorable Francis H. Duehay
Mayor, City of Cambridge
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Dear Mayor Duehay:

On behalf of the Thai citizens in the Greater Boston area, I am pleased to submit through you to the City Council a proposal to erect a modest-sized stone structure honoring His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. I have enclosed ten copies of the proposal.

Charles Intha, who accompanied me to your office, has secured approval from Chief Hampton of the Cambridge Fire Department, assuring him that the proposed monument would not block the existing fire lane.

I hope that these materials will be sufficient for forwarding to members of the City Council. Should there be questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

With many thanks again for your help and with warmest best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Vernon R. Alden
Honorary Consul General

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A PROPOSAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMBRIDGE

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand is the only monarch of a foreign country to be born in the United States. King Bhumibol was born in Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge on December 5th, 1927, giving him the distinction of being the longest reigning king of any country in the world. Cambridge has thus become like a Thai capital city away from Bangkok.

In 1992 devoted Thai citizens in this area erected, with the assistance of the Cambridge City Council and the Mayor, a modest sign at the intersection of Eliot and Bennett Streets near the Kennedy School, designating the square King Bhumibol Adulyadej Square. The Square was originally dedicated by his youngest daughter, her Royal Highness Princess Chulaporn on April 8th, 1990 and was unveiled by Her Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on November 14th, 1992.

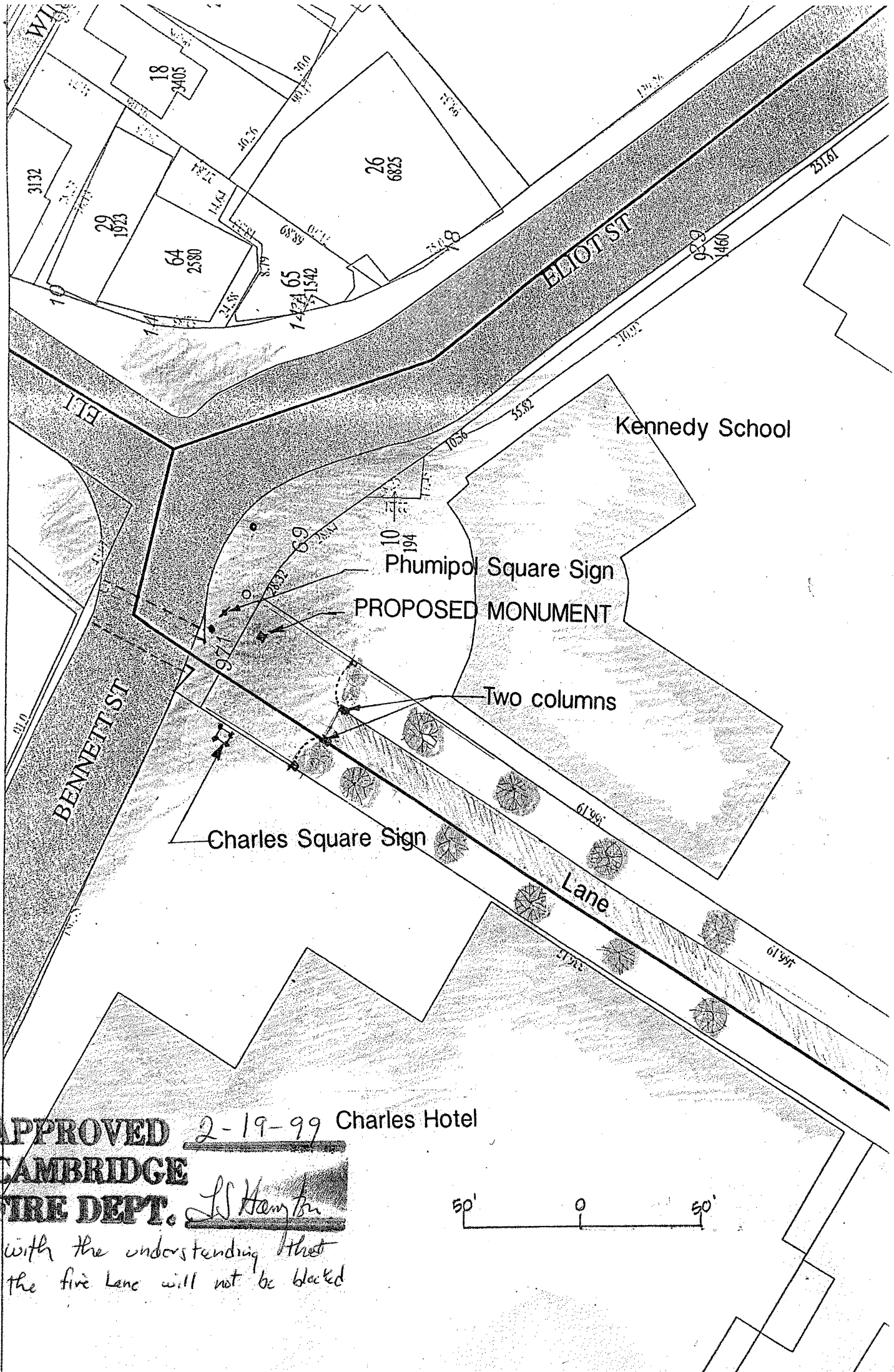
This year Thai citizens throughout the world will be celebrating the King's 72nd birthday. This "6 times 12 birthday" has special significance in the Buddhist religion and in Thai customs. Elaborate and festive celebrations will take place in Thailand and wherever Thai citizens are located; unusual homage will be rendered to the King.

As their contribution to the birthday events, and a gift to the City of Cambridge, local Thai citizens wish to supplement the sign at King Bhumibol Adulyadej Square with a small and more appropriate stone structure to be located on City property adjacent to the Square (drawing of proposed structure attached).

The square has been an appealing site for visitors from Thailand as well as Thai citizens throughout the United States. It has been good for tourist business in the Harvard Square area. The Thai community in Cambridge continues to grow rapidly with high-quality professional and medical people as well as students. With their strong interest in the arts, the influx of Thais has had a positive influence on the cultural life of Cambridge.

Although Thailand is a small country, it has remained a close friend and supporter of U.S. interests dating back to the original New England States. The first Treaty made by the United States with a foreign country was with Thailand in 1855.

With these close ties with the United States and especially with Cambridge in mind, we the members of the King of Thailand Birthplace Foundation respectfully request the approval of members of the Cambridge City Council to supplement the present sign with a more attractive stone memorial. All costs will be borne by the Committee, and there will be no financial burden on Cambridge.



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CAMBRIDGE
FIRE DEPT. *L. S. Hampton*

*with the understanding that
the fire Lane will not be blocked*





Consent Communication #2

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A communication was received from Vernon R. Alden, Honorary Consul General of the Royal Thai Consulate General, transmitting a proposal to erect a modest-sized stone structure at the intersection of Eliot and Bennett Streets near the Kennedy School honoring His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

In City Council March 22, 1999.

Referred to

Public Service Committee