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March 24, 1995

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Subject: City Council Order # 32, dated 3/6/95

David Degou
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Sir:

Michael Giacoppo
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There are no laws or statewide regulations which govern the licensing and training of armed guards privately employed. The approval of licenses to carry firearms for employment purposes rests with the respective issuing authority. Individuals can apply for a license to carry firearms in either the city/town they are employed in or the city/town they reside in.

Yvonne Hall
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Likewise, there exist no laws or statewide regulations which govern firearm use in crowded areas by armed guards privately employed. Such procedures exist for law enforcement agencies but they do not pertain to private entities.

Lt. Thomas O'Connor
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Police staffing at the time of the incident in the area of Harvard Square included one (1) mobile uniformed lieutenant (citywide), one (1) mobile uniformed sergeant, two (2) mobile marked units, four (4) uniformed officers on detail assignment, and four unmarked mobile units (detectives).

Mr. Frank Pasquarello
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cc: Superintendent Walter Boyle
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RICHARD V. SCALI
Commission Executive Officer
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Date: March 9, 1995

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Fr: Richard V. Scali, Acting Chair/Executive Officer 

Re: Council Order #32, dated 3/6/95 Issues Surrounding the Incident in Harvard Square

The License Commission is in receipt of the above order. The License Commission does not license armed guards nor does it require licensed businesses to provide armed guards unless there was a specific incident involving danger to the public.

The only licensed establishment in Cambridge which has a condition of an armed guard, imposed following a hearing and voted on by the Commissioners in 1992, is Sony's Fresh Pond Theatre, due to robberies at this site. This requirement is being challenged in court by Sony as highly restrictive and unreasonable. Gail Gabriel in the Law Department is handling this case.

The Commission has not looked at the issue of how an armed guard is trained or whether he or she should be licensed, as the armed guard at Sony Fresh Pond Theatre, is a Cambridge Police officer. Any other licensed establishment, primarily restaurants, bars or clubs, which provides security, is usually in the form of Cambridge Police Officer on detail.

If you need further information, please let me know.

cc: Mary Ellen Vera, City Manager's office

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April 3, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 37, regarding issues surrounding the incident in Harvard Square, please find attached reports received from Police Commissioner Perry Anderson and Acting Chair/Executive Officer of the License Commission Richard Scali.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 2 8-124

Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
Thirty-Seven regarding issues surround-
ing the incident in Harvard Square.

In City Council,

April 3, 1995

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