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MASSACHUSETTS 02174

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May 24, 1976

Nicholas J. Fratto, Chief  
Cambridge Police Department  
City of Cambridge  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140

Dear Sir:

The Board of Selectmen wish to express their appreciation to you for the prompt and efficient manner in which the members of your department responded to a call for assistance to quell a disturbance in the town on Saturday, May 15, 1976.

As a result of the cooperation and mutual aid provided by your department, the incident was brought under control in such a manner, that peace and order was restored with an absolute minimum of effect to public and private property.

To achieve such an action under the circumstance and in the manner that it was done, is a credit to all the members of your department that aided our town.

Would you kindly extend to the members of your department who participated in this activity, the Board's commendation and appreciation for the professional manner in which they conducted themselves.

Very truly yours,  
Board of Selectmen

*Frederick E. Pitcher*  
Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE  
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY

Police Services Division

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JOHN F. CARROLL  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
TELEPHONE 643-1219

City of Arlington  
MASSACHUSETTS 02174

May 19, 1976

Chief of Police  
Department of Police  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Chief:

During the evening of May 15, 1976, this Police Division was faced with a problem that required outside assistance. In the vicinity of Appleton Street a group of about 500 young people became violent and began throwing rocks and bottles, causing much concern to the residents of the area.

At 11:05 P.M., a request was made of the Cambridge Police to provide assistance. A Lieutenant and about fourteen Patrolmen responded to the scene.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for this response by your department, and ask that you so inform the officers involved. May I also say that I have received several comments on the restraint exercised by the officers, and to the effective and efficient manner in which the area was cleared. This is attested to by the minimum number of personal injuries and the amount of property damage.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John F. Carroll".

John F. Carroll  
Director of Police Services

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## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139  
Tel. 876-6800

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JAMES L. SULLIVAN  
City Manager

June 7, 1976

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith copies of two communications received from the Town of Arlington, one from the Board of Selectmen and one from the Police Services Division, commending the Cambridge Police Department for assistance in quelling a disturbance in the Town of Arlington on Saturday, May 15, 1976.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
Assistant City Manager

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Re: letters received from the Board of Selectmen and the Police Services Division of the Town of Arlington, commending the Cambridge Police Dept. for assistance in quelling a disturbance in the Town of Arlington on May 15, 1976.

In City Council,  
June 7, 1976

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