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February 17, 1971

Honorable Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

ATTENTION: PAUL E. HEALEY, CLERK

Dear Sir:

At this time we wish to bring before you and have you investigate what we consider a violation of City policy regarding the eight (8) hour work day.

Early this year, Dr. Hartgering, the Commissioner of Health, for the City of Cambridge informed the Health and Sanitation Inspectors that they would be obliged to carry small pocket radio receivers during the course of their normal working hours.

He further informed them that they would be obliged to carry these receivers after the completion of their normal work day. He then further set up a schedule whereby each Inspector would have to carry the receiver on his person on a designated weekend.

We believe that the carrying of the receiver during the eight hour work day enhances work performance which makes the Inspectors more responsive to the public. Our objection is that such receivers carried on the weekends and after the normal eight hour work day in effect extends the work day to twenty four hours per day.

The radius of the receiver is twenty miles, hence, during the time which the Inspectors must carry the receiver they are confined to the limits of the receiver.

As you recognize, an individual out on bail is



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confined within the limits of the State, hence, the Inspectors are in a worse position than prisoners who are out on bail.

We challenge this unreasonable work rule on the basis of "Hours of Work", Page 10 of the City Employees Handbook which reads as follows:

The standard work week for city employees consists of five eight hour days for a total of forty hours a week.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harvey Berman".

HARVEY BERMAN
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

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ATTENTION: PAUL E. HEALEY, CLERK

Dear Sir:

We wish to be placed on the Agenda for the next Cambridge City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, February 22, 1971, relative to the enclosed matter.

Yours truly,

Harvey Berman

HARVEY BERMAN
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

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Dear Sir:

We the Executive Board and members of Local 1889, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, wish to be placed on the Agenda of the City Council scheduled for Monday, February 22, 1971 for the purpose of explaining the delay in the current contract negotiations.

The facts will be explained fully at that time.

If there is any change in the negotiations we will withdraw the request to be heard.

Very truly yours,

Manuel Tasher
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MANUEL TASHER
PRESIDENT, LOCAL 1889

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cc: H. Berman

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Communications from Manuel Tasher, Pres.,
Local 1889 and Harvey Berman, Council Rep-
resentative requesting that they be placed
on the Agenda for Feb. 22, 1971 for the pur-
pose of explaining the delay in the current
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