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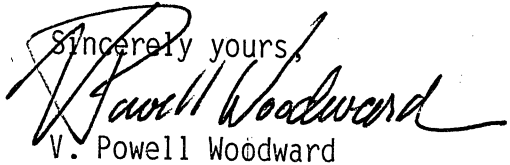
City Clerk
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear Sir:

I have written a letter to City Manager Robert Healy, and I wish to have copies distributed to the members of City Council. I enclose nine copies. Would you kindly distribute them to the councillors.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,


V. Powell Woodward

V. POWELL WOODWARD

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Mr. Robert Healy, Manager
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Dear Mr. Healy:

Re: 1564 Massachusetts Avenue

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- That the density and height of building approved in the earlier certificate of appropriateness be thoroughly reviewed for their impact on the neighborhood, particularly as regards the proposed Follen Street townhouses.
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- That the city press all relevant officials and agencies, including the state fire marshal, to give special priority to the ongoing investigation of the two 1982 fires at the house, to issue an interim report which includes the names of any putative suspects who have been cleared, and to issue another report of progress no later than the end of the moratorium period.

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Comm. from V. Powell Woodward, expressing
his concerns regarding the future uses of
the site of the historic Francis Allyn
house located at 1564 Mass. Avenue.

In City Council,

August 15, 1984

8/15/84

Referred
to

City

Manager-

Copy sent to City
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