

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Form numbers in this area Area no.

Old Cambridge

OCI.7

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")

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Photo number 1095-7

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1. Town Cambridge

Name of area (if any) Harvard Square

National Register District

3. General date or period spanning from

1782 - 1908

4. Is area uniform (explain):

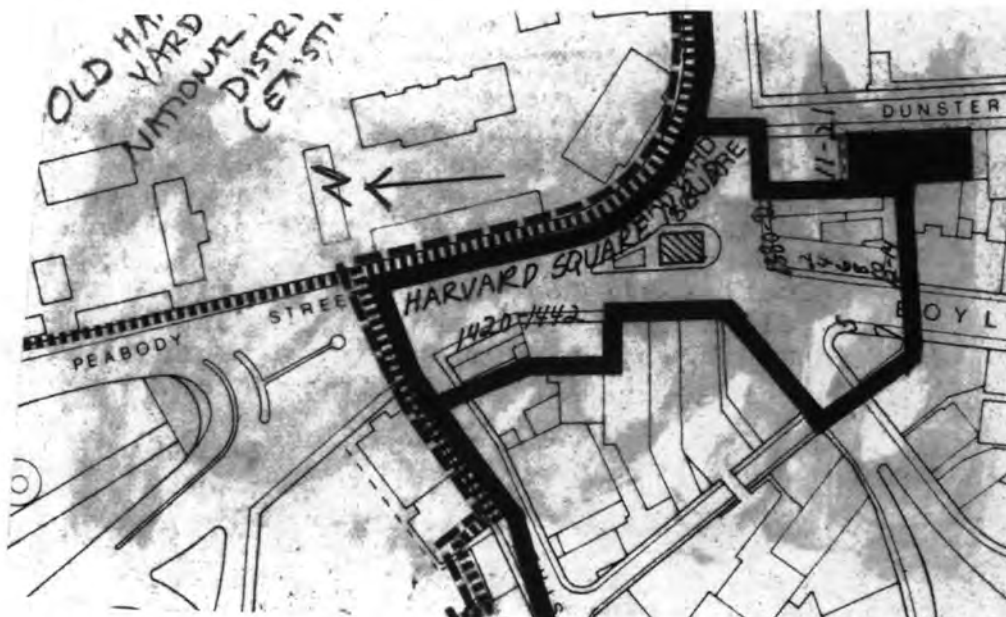
in style? No, mixed styles

in condition? Yes, fairly good

in type of ownership? Yes, private

in use? Primarily commercial

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

NOV 14 1980

6. Recorded by R. Rettig

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1969, 1980

1.865 ACRES

(over)

UTM - BOSTON SOUTH
19/325A8041693220

7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

The Harvard Square National Register District encloses within its boundaries the most famous of Cambridge's many squares. It includes two of the most famous of Cambridge's many squares. It includes two of the most significant surviving commercial buildings in Cambridge, 1384-1394 Massachusetts Avenue to 2-8 Boylston Street (which incorporates three eighteenth century commercial buildings), and Graduates Hall, begun in 1832. The Harvard Square Subway Kiosk, which was placed on the Register in 1977, is also in this district.

1. 1380-1394 Massachusetts Avenue and 2-8 Boylston Street (1782-1790; 1896)

The commercial block at the southeast corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Boylston Street is the most prominent building in Harvard Square, and incorporates the three oldest commercial buildings in Cambridge. Because of the size of the original parcel these buildings cannot be dated exactly, but include the Owen Warland tailor shop at 6-8 Boylston Street (1782 or before); the Joseph Stacey Read house at 1380-1382 Massachusetts Avenue (between 1782 and 1784), later Read's Store; and the Joseph Bartlett House at 1386 Massachusetts Avenue to 4 Boylston Street (between 1782 and 1790). These buildings were brought under single ownership in the nineteenth century and refaced with a common facade in 1896.

2. Levi Farwell Tenant House (Farwell's Corner) (1820), 10-14 Boylston Street

This early Greek Revival building appears on the 1833 Wadsworth map. It is a brick structure with brownstone lintels and a simple projecting band of brick for a cornice. Levi Farwell was a prominent Cambridge citizen and Deacon of the First Baptist Church from 1818-44. In addition he was a State Senator (1838); a Representative in the General Court (1823-25) (1833-35) and (1844); a Selectman (1817-21); Town Clerk (1817-21); and Town Treasurer (1821-36). He played an instrumental role in organizing a central market for Cambridge, and in the building of the Town House.

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8. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Old Cambridge	Form No: OCI.7
Property Name: Harvard Square NRI	

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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

3. Abbott Building (1908), Newhall & Blevins, 1-7 Boylston Street

A Georgian Revival flatiron building, with a recessed polygonal entrance vestibule flanked by monolithic granite columns. Built for Edwin Abbott, whose house is now the Longy School of Music, this commercial block stands on a triangular lot that survives from Cambridge's seventeenth century street pattern.

4. Graduates Hall - College House (1832, 1845, 1859), 1408-1442
Massachusetts Avenue

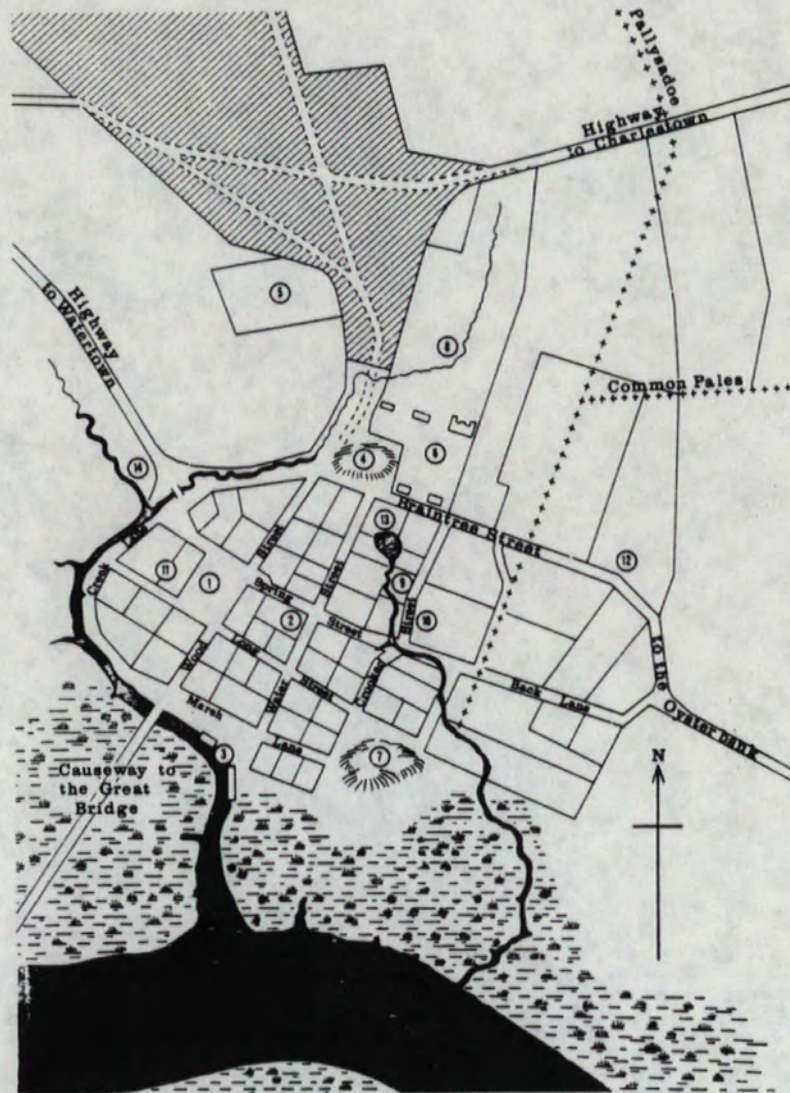
This structure is one of the oldest buildings in Harvard Square. First called Graduates Hall (because it housed law students) and later College House, this dormitory was extended in 1845 and 1859 until it stretched for 260 feet to Church Street. It contained stores on the ground floor and students rooms above. A further enlargement of 1870 added a Mansard roof and central pavilion. Graduates Hall, constructed of red brick, has its walls erected right on the property lines with no allowance for front or side yards. It was thus markedly different from the wooden dwellings of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries which had previously served as shops. Graduates Hall is significant for pioneering the private dormitory, a building type that would dominate Harvard Square for the next three-quarters of a century. Of the eighteen private dormitories ultimately built, Graduates Hall is one of two built by the College. It was converted to offices in the 1920s.

The Harvard Square National Register District includes properties at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, Boylston Street and Brattle Street (see Cambridge Community Development P. D. Quad Map 9). Boundaries were drawn to include buildings related to the commercial and transportation activity which caused this area to become a focus in this area, but to exclude other buildings while including the street area of the Square itself.

- END -

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HI/YO



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|-----|---|-------------------|
| 1. | MARKET PLACE, 1635 | |
| 2. | SITE OF FIRST MEETINGHOUSE, 1632 | |
| 3. | TOWN WHARF AND FERRY LANDING, 1635 | |
| 4. | WATCH HOUSE HILL; SITE OF LATER MEETINGHOUSES | |
| 5. | BURYING GROUND | |
| 6. | HARVARD COLLEGE | |
| 7. | SITE OF PROPOSED FORT | |
| 8. | BROOK FROM COLLEGE YARD TO CREEK LANE | |
| 9. | FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE | |
| 10. | FIRST JAIL | |
| 11. | SECOND JAIL, 1681 | 13. BARRIT'S POND |
| 12. | PARSONAGE, 1670 | 14. TOWN SPRING |

THE TOWNE IN 1670

Harvard Square National Register District
Cambridge, MA

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

OMB NO. 1024-0018

EXP. 12/31/84

For NPS use only

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 3 of 7

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

✓ 21. Harvard Houses Historic District

*owner objection
withdrawn*

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/12/86

Attest

John L. Savage 9/12/86

✓ 22. Harvard Square Historic District

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brannan

Attest

4.13.82✓ 23. Old Harvard Yard Historic
District (Boundary increase)*see #193*

Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Harvard 12/6/10/82

Attest

✓ 24. Old Cambridge Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Romer Van Dyke 12/6/82

Attest

Harvard

✓ 25. Winthrop Square Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

12/6/10/82

Attest

Harvard

✓ 26. Hubbard Park Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

Attest

✓ 27. Fresh Pond Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Reject 4.13.82

Attest

✓ 28. American Net and Twine Company
FactoryEntered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 4/1/82

Attest

✓ 29. Athenaeum Press

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

Attest

✓ 30. Barnes, James B., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William A. Brannan 4.13.82

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Harvard Square Historic District
(Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
 State, County: MA - Middlesex
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2868
 Fed. Reg. Date: _____
 Date Due: 4/17/82
 Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/13/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

photos 5
 maps _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*- Most famous square in
 Cambridge. Includes already listed
 subway station*

Recom./Criteria C
 Reviewer Braham
 Discipline 4.5.82
 Date _____
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ original site
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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HARVARD SQ.

Cambridge MA, Ma

10-14 Boylston

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HARVARD SQ.

Cambridge MA 02138

1-7 Boylston

1095-8



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HARVARD SQ.

Cambridge MA, Ma

9140

1408-1442 Massachusetts Av.

1095-9



1108-31

0630

Cambridge MRA, Ma

HARVARD SQ.

Intersection of Massachusetts Av.
+ Boylston - looking north

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NOV 14 1980



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NOV 14 1980

HARVARD SQ.

0630

Cambridge, MA, Ma

2-8 Boylston

1108-37

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275

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M. DANA & SONS, INC.
REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT
HEARTHSTONE PLAZA
111 WASHINGTON STREET
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS 02146

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July 10, 1986

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

RECEIVED
JUL 14 1986

Attention: Valerie A. Talmage,
Executive Director

MASS. HIST. COMM.

Re: ✓ 1380-1390 Massachusetts Ave. and 2-14 J. F. Kennedy St.,
1739-1743 Massachusetts Ave. and
~~47-49 Brattle Street~~
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you that we are the property managers for the owners of the above three properties, which owners are Justin L. Wyner, et al, National Shawmut Bank of Boston and/or State Street Bank and Trust Company and/or Old Colony Trust Company, Trustees u/w George Wyner and/or Thelma G. Alper, Trustee of the David Gorfinkle Trust.

Please be advised that all correspondence from your office with respect to said properties should be directed to us at:

111 Washington Street - Suite 306
Brookline, Massachusetts 02146

Very truly yours,

M. DANA & SONS, INC.

By: *Myer R. Dana*
Myer R. Dana

MRD:kc

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Brookline, MA 02146

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Re: ~~47-49 Brattle Street~~
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Ms. Talmage:

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We hereby acknowledge receipt of your notice dated June 30, 1986,
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National Register of Historic Places.

Very truly yours,

Trustees U/W George Wyner


Richard Ember

Donald Wyner

Justin Wyner

State Street Bank and Trust Company

By: _____
Charles Sterling
Vice President

STATE OF Texas :

Harris County , ss.

July 21 , 1986

Then personally appeared the above named Richard H. Ember
_____, and acknowledged that the execution of the fore-
going was his free act and deed, before me



Ann Ingle
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3/10/89

Justin Wyner, et al,
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Thelma G. Alper and Melvin Bergheim
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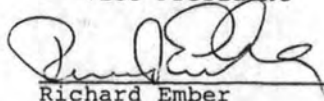
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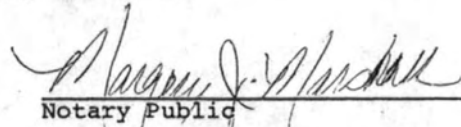
Thelma Alper

STATE OF Massachusetts

Suffolk, ss.

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Then personally appeared the above named Charles A. Sterling, Senior
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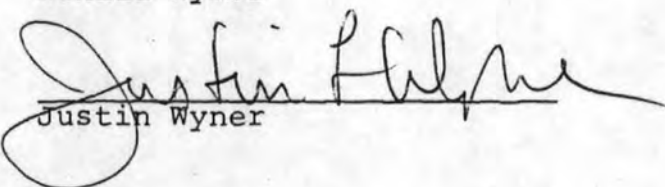
Richard Ember

State Street Bank and Trust Company

Donald Wyner

By: _____

Charles Sterling
Vice President


Justin Wyner

STATE OF Mass :

Weymouth, ss.

July 23, 1986

Then personally appeared the above named Justin L. Wynne
_____, and acknowledged that the execution of the fore-
going was his free act and deed, before me

Heather J. Wynn
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3/28/90

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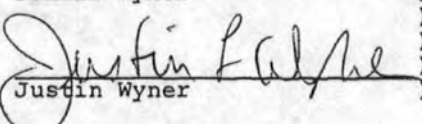
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STATE OF

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, ss.

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Justin L. Whiner

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Hyman Whiner
Notary Public

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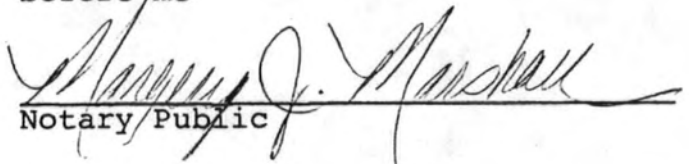
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Notary Public

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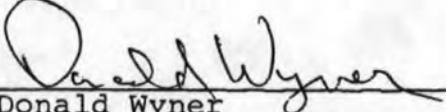
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Charles Sterling
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STATE OF New Jersey :

Passaic, ss.

July 18,, 1986

Then personally appeared the above named Donald Wyner
_____, and acknowledged that the execution of the fore-
going was his free act and deed, before me

Donna L. Tittle
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: DONNA L. TITTLE
Notary public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires Oct. 29, 1989

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Harvard

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Richard Ember)

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Donald Wyner)

Justin Wyner)

Melvin Bergheim

Thelma G. Alper
By Marilyn Steward
Thelma Alper

under power of
ATTY

STATE OF Virginia

City of Alexandria, ss.

July 15, 1986

Then personally appeared the above named Melvin Lewis Bergheim
_____, and acknowledged that the execution of
the foregoing was his free act and deed, before me

John L. Davis
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9-19-87

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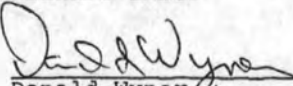
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Thelma Alper

STATE OF New Jersey

Passaic, ss.

July 18, 1986

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Donna L. Tittle
Notary Public **DONNA L. TITTLE**

My Commission Expires: Notary public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires Oct. 29, 1989

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c/o M. Dana & Sons, Inc.
111 Washington Street
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Massachusetts Historical Commission
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
80 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

Attention: Valerie A. Talmage, Executive Director

Re: 1380-1390 Massachusetts Avenue and
2-14 John F. Kennedy Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Talmage,

Please be advised that we are the owners of the entire parcel of real property referred to above; Trustees U/W George Wyner owning 60% thereof and Thelma G. Alper, of Brookline, Mass. and Melvin Bergheim, of Alexandria, Virginia, as individuals, owning 20% each.

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your notice dated June 30, 1986, regarding the consideration of the establishment of the Harvard Square Historic District and its proposed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We hereby notify you that we object to the nomination and listing of our said property and/or the Harvard Square Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.

Very truly yours,

State Street Bank and
Trust Company

By: Charles Sterling
Vice President

Richard Ember

Donald Wyner

Justin Wyner

TRUSTEES U/W
GEORGE WYNER

Melvin Bergheim

Thelma Alper

STATE OF Massachusetts

Suffolk, ss.

July 25, 1986, 1986

Then personally appeared the above named Marilyn J. Stewart,
acting under power of attorney
for Thelma G. Alper, and acknowledged that the execution of
the foregoing was his free act and deed, before me

Tamara A. Hudak
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 11/28/91

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED