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Page 3.

In closing, I trust all matters have been cleared up to your satisfaction. If it would be helpful or desirable I would be glad to see you the afternoon of November 25, or 28, preferably the latter date.

Yours very truly.

Robert E. Johnson

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November 14, 1955

Itr. Philip G. Clifford J. B. Brown & Sons 57 Exchange Street Portland, Kains

Dear lir. Clifford:

I wish to acknowledge your lotter of November 4th and the accompanying copy of lotter from Mr. NoDomald dated November 3. I am not overly concerned about the projection mentioned in Mr. McDomald's letter. I believe that this masomy projection would be amply stable if unreinforced by additional steel work. The architect, however, has elected to introduce some additional steel work. The architect, however, has elected to introduce some additional steel work. The architect, however, has elected to introduce some additional steel work requirements. Since this additional steelwork is actually show on his drawings I think that to make it most effective a little change in totalls might be adopted. Specifically, the architect's drawing shows a horizontal 10 inch channel which presumably would stiffen or support against lateral thrust the upper edge of this masomy projection. Instead of supporting this channel upon small vertical channels it would appear preferable to weld it to plates extending horizontally to the lower flanges of the existing lintel beams and to weld the a plates to those lintel flanges. The plates, in other words, would lie in a horizontal plane and provide a relatively rigid connection between the lintel beams and the 10 inch channel. This would be far more effective than supporting the 10 inch channel upon 2 or 3 three inch vertical channels as proposed by the architect.

I would not be concerned particularly with this projection, but as long on the architect has shown this additional steel I think that it might be just as well used in the most efficient possible manner.

I have not been sure whether Mr. McDonald expects me to check all details of the proposed alteration or not. I have so far devoted most of my attention to the actual underpinning operation and to consideration of the major supporting items such as the Ially columns. Consequently, I cannot say that I have checked every single detail in the proposed scheme, rather I have checked important items and a good many of the minor ones. I have already mentioned the fact that the architect in a number of places failed to specify sizes of plates and dimensions of wolds and that I thought that all such information would be required by Mr. McDonald's office.

There is a detail shown on the architect's plan, sheet 3, for which I do not care particularly. This is at the mid-height extreme right hand side of the sheet titled "Section 3-3". Not only does the vertical 4" I-beam appear imadequate to sustain the moment transmitted to it from the steel facia beam, but whatever vertical beam is used in this location would create a thrust of the order of one half ten on the lower flanges of the limitel beams. The vertical I-beam should certainly be made heavier and I

believe that some other type of connection is desirable so that the lintel beams are not subject to a fairly large horizontal thrust.

The 12^n x 12^n timbers carrying second floor leads to the existing pilasters are not long enough to obtain direct bearing on the new Ially columns. The architect's most recent revision shows this beam bolted with $43/4^n$ bolts to two channels which extend to the Iallys. These bolts do not appear to me to be adequate to develop, as they should, the allowable beam reaction.

Paparding, of course, upon the assumptions indo as to the weights of the existing walls, it is possible that the smaller folly columns, eight-5/8" extra heavy weight, are not entirely adequate to carry the loads to which they would be subject. I would be interested to see the architect's figures on the loads which these smaller fally columns will be called upon to support. By own figures leave-some doubt in my mind as to the adequacy of anything less than 10" folly columns.

I have been working under the assumption that Mr. McDorald would specify his own requirements on the general structural design and that he would require my recommendations as a basis for his issuing a building permit only with respect to the temporary timbering and method of transferring loads. I am, in short, a little uncertain as to the exact intent to which Mr. McDorald wishes to rely on my comments. Perhaps it may be that it would be best to have no division of responsibility, and that he would be willing to rely upon my approval of the entire plans in deciding whether to issue a building permit.

I rather imagine that Mr. McDornld would issue a permit only the basis of a set of final architect's plans and the corresponding set of final contractor's plans together with the supporting specifications. Such plans should show all necessary dimensions and figures. Should Mr. McDornld wish to proceed on the basis of my recommendation I would also wish to have the same sets of plans for approval.

I gather from if. NeDomald's letter that many of his carlier objections to the architect's plans have been discussed and changes made in accordance therewith.

cc: Mr. Warren McDonald Inspector of Buildings Portland, Mains Vory truly yours,

NV. Hamilton Gray

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Sovember 10, 1955

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Hr. Bernami Goop Egrnard Suop Associates 711 Zoyleston St. Boston, Hass. Goples to Resers Etenstein, Clifford, ...linen, 2 copies to Ar. cosp for Angers. Johnson and Mallon

It may be that I ame you an upology in that through lack of knowledge of the Jear lir. Avent organizational actup of Acrived Soon Associates, none of my several letters with regard to the above job have been addressed to you, and, therefore, I can not be sure that you are fully advised of all of the developments. Since our negotiations have been long drawn out and of considerable volume since the permit was applied for on June 29 this letter to you needs necessary to help clear the atmosphere and to dispraye the claim, so often and so suchly made, that a job does not get started because for some systerious reason the City is withholding the building permits This seems particularly appropriate because no onever has been received to our letter of Getober 3 addressed to Kr. Johnson, which, as explained shows, you may never have need. There was in this letter, by the way, in arror with regard to fireproofing steel, and that will be taken up later on in this letter. Hr. Ebenstein is receiving a copy of this letter, and will be be good stough to note that later on a contenent as to the maximum number of pursons to be on the new messenine, is requested. The same sanner of peragraph numbering will be used as in the four preceeding letters to Hr. Johnson, this being the fifth letter, the implor of the namegraphs will begin with the figure 5, the ligures after the decimal point indicating the next muturical paragraph, the first paragraph in the lebter of July 7 being numbered 1.

5.22 Reference par. 1.1, 3.9, 4.15 Probably the dingrams and specifications for fireproofing fally columns, strate and brackets on these I (this last revision 9/19/55) are maked to follow one of the nine specifications for securing 4-hour fire resistance of columns in HOFU extra-decistance Matings" but cannot determine which for them. For. 4.15 was secondard in error since it indicated that veradculite fill of them. For. 4.15 was secondard methods coalt the fill. It is still not clear should be used. Some of HOFU standard methods coalt the fill. It is still not clear whether planter or solid concrete to to be used for fireproofing the facia beam whether planter or solid concrete to to be used for fireproofing the facia beam whether planter or solid concrete to to be used for fireproofing the facia to inform all of this should be determined and conclusive and inclusive opecifications given in writing to the contractor with copy to this office, thus to inform us that the contractor has the same information we are approving and is authorized by the owner to follow it.

5.23 Heference par...2, 3.10 Standards for the terrance veneer were approved by our Beard c. October 3, thus allowing this part of the work, and a copy of these standards is enclosed to you and the contractor. If your proposal will work out under these standards, there is no need to do anything further about it, but the parent will be issued subject to them.

5.24 heference for. 2.1,2.2.3.11 to 3.14 inclusive. There has been such conjuston about these structural matters since the beginning before Dr. Gray entered the Job as a consultant, we being particularly concerned about the approximately four fact projection of the kasonry wall from the side wall of the building over the Casco St. sidewalk. We have very little of Dr. Gray's comments on the Job, but in his latter of October 4 to Kr. Johnson, indicates that at that time he was fairly well estisfied with the job, but he did not then give his whole approval, but rather named contain details that he thought ought to be changed. Presumably those certain details which he mentioned are not shown the way he would prefer on the latest revised plan. It is important for you to decide whether or not you meen to follow his suggestions in that letter, and, if so, to so advise the contractor, with copy to us, and a print of the revised plan.

All along we have been concerned about the lateral stability against vibration of the projection of the facia wall over the Casco St. sidewalk—prompted not by any fear that that portion of the wall would fall, but that it might crack due to the vibration or deflection caused by severewhal load on either side, gusts of whats seeding to be particularly violent at the common of side streets with Congress St. I have heard-only indirectly that Br. Gray is catisfied with this arrangement, but I understand that we will soon have either his approval of the entire job, as far as structural work is concerned, or additional suggestions.

5.25 Reference Per. 2.3,2.4,4.16 In case the matter of means of egress from the new monantur encapes Mr. Ebecatedn, will you be good enough to ask his to give this department a letter establishing that there will never be more than five persons on the repromine at one time, he have been told verbally that this number would never exceed three or four. This is important because if more than five were to be accormodated the ladder would not be adequate but a regular stairmy would be necessary for the emergency means of agrees. If no erro than five persons would be involved, the Fire Chief is authorized to approve any Leans of egross satisfactory to him. On the busin of not more than five persons the Fire Chief has approved the general arrangement of the ladder but only on the condition that the proposed arrangement be changed by moving the door from the memumine further from Casco St. and providing a platform with railing around it outside of the door and at the same level as the mezzanine floor, the platform to be at least two feet wide, the railing to extern clear to a secure featuring at the outside wall of the building, the ladder to be an lose than 18 inches wile, and a space loft between the edge of the platform and the ladder and adequate for a person to comfortably room down the ladder. Please rowing the plan accordingly and furnish prints of the revision to the contractor for him to file one here.

V5.26 Haference Far. 4.17—Projection of entrance doors over jubic cidewalk; 1.18—Locks and hardware on entrance doors; 1.19—Projecting—sign: 4.20—Adjustment and extension of sprinkler system and 4.21—Clearances for future assing are still undetermined; but we have teen told that the projecting sign will not go shead for the present and the ratter of type of awaing is not included in the building permit anyway, but leases will have to take care to get the right type according to the location of the awaing box. Presumably, if the projecting sign is over to be eracted, its weight and reaction from wint load upon it have been taken into account in the design of the facia wall and . frame; and one would think that anchorage and supports would be provided when the wall is being built. A separate permit for the projecting sign is required anyway, which is issuable only to the actual bowled sign hanger who is to eract it.

5.27 Reference P.S. letter of October 3. Nothing has been haird about this, but appearsonable solution of the matter of water from the top and the face of the facia wall falling on the public sidewalk, should be sought to avoid embarrassment to owner, lesses and the fity and perhaps added expense to someone if the arrangements shown on the plans/\$1370 to be such a maisance after it was constructed that the City would be compelled to take some action to get correction either on the ground that the arrange-

ment did not comply with the Building Code or unier the police power giving the City jurisdiction over the public midewalks.

How, Mr. Hosp, without the fault being that of anyone is particular, this job has been delayed far beyond the plans and expectations of the legies, and this letter is the best effort I know how to make to "roundap" the contraine details to the end that we may very soon be in possession of the facts so that the Suilding Code will allow issuance of the permit. While I am not presuming to act as a referes in this matter, it is the hope that you will take the initiative, whether it is yours or not, so that all of the loose only may be gathered together and the job get underway shor by.

Very truly yours,

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Warren Kalemeld Inspector of Buildings

. Enclosure to Kr. Sorp and Kr. Cullinan: Copy of standards for terranzo veneer

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November 4, 1955

Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings Department of Building Inspection City Hall Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I have your letter of November 3 and I am sending a copy of it to Dr. Gray.

On October 21 I wrote Dr. Gray a letter, a copy of which I enclose. He answered me by letter of October 28, a copy of which I enclose. I sent a copy of Dr. Gray's letter of October 28 to the architects, to Rines Brothers and to Cunningham & Sons. I answered Dr. Gray's letter by one of October 31, of which I enclose a copy. I have later received a letter of November 1 from Cunningham & Sons and I enclose herewith a copy and I sent a copy of that letter also to Dr. Gray.

It seems to me that as soon as Dr.Gray answers the second paragraph of Cunningham's letter of November 1 the matter will be closed.

Yours very truly,

J.B.BROWN & SONS

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Boysmber 3, 1955

AP 529 Congress St .- Alteration of riors front for Hines Bros.

Philip G. Clifford J. B. Brown & Scns 57 Exchange St. Copy to Mr. Arthur Cullinan F. W. Cunningham & Sons 181 State St. Mr. Clifford

Dear Mr. Clifford:

This letter is an effort to clear up the confusion still surrounding the Rines job, so that the building permit may be issued and all preparations made so that the job may be started after the holidays. Though I know that the delay is no fault of yours, I note that the permit was originally applied for on June 29. Now the delayed date of starting, which I understand would probably be about January 1, is fast approaching.

We are/being able to issue the building purwit, but there are a few details in connection with Dr. Gray's work which I would appreciate having cleared up, so that when the architect has taken care of the few details about which I shall write to him in a few days, the way will be clear to proceed.

After he began active work, Dr. Gray has had no direct communication with this department. It is understood that he has examined the architect's plan, and has had conferences and inspections with the architect' and the contractor, but we have no record of any of this, nor do we need any.

Since I had raised a number of seemingly important structural questions early in the negotiations some of which have not been fully cleared up, it would be most helpful if we could know whether or not br. Gray has examined the entire job and whether or not he approves it. When a man of his standing in his profession approves a job we feel that there is little for this department to be concerned approves a job we feel that there is little for this department to be concerned approves a job we feel that there is little for this department to be concerned approves a job we feel that there is little for this department to be concerned approves a job we feel that there is little for this department to be concerned approves a job we feel that there is little for this department to be concerned approves a job we feel that there is little for this department to be concerned approves a job we feel that there is little for this department to be concerned.

The only indication which we nave of his approval is a copy of his letter to Architect Johnson dated October 4 in which he seems to partially approve the job but then goes as to make further suggestions as to certain details of the steel work.

I mean to communicate with the architect within a day or two and find out whether or not he plans to follow Dr. Gray's suggestions in the letter of October 4, for I am sure that you will understand that we are required to have plans which show actually the way the job is to be built.

There in one particular feature, a structural one, about which I have been much concerned from the beginning, and that is the projection of the facia wall a distance of about four fact over the Ock Street sidewalk in such a way that there will be a masonry wall with terrazzo venser with wind apposure on both sides of it and braced only by a cort of campilever support from the main wallding at the corner column. You will perhaps remember that I mentioned this problem in one or

more of my lotters last summer and the designer added toma additional stiffening members. Because of this peculiar structural situation, however, I am still concerned that this projection, if built that way, will be permanently secure, realizing that masonry is quite susceptible to any type of vibration.

I am wondoring if you would feel free to secure a statement from Dr. Gray as to whother or not he has approved the entire job, whether or not he has taken into account this particular projecting wall and does approve it. If these answers are in the affirmative we are in good position to issue the permit with a letter to clear up some of the things still in doubt. While it is no great concern of mine, if he has not approved the entire job, it is certain that his action would be appreciated all around if he would quickly send a directive to the architects so that they can incorporate any changes in their plans and file them here and get the permit issued at an early date.

Very truly yours,

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Warren McDonald Inspector of Buildings

P. S. I am enclosing a copy of this letter so that it may be sent to Dr. Gray if you think best.

November 2, 1955

F.W.Cunningham & Sons 181 State Street Portland, Maine

Att. Mr. Arthur J. Cullinan

Dear Arthur:

I have your letter of November 1 with respect to the Rines' matter:

I am sending a copy of it to Mr.Gray with the request that he answer the second paragraph in your letter. Please let me hear from you if you do not hear from him.

Very truly yours,

J.B.BROWN & SONS

Treasurer



November 1, 1955

Mr. Philip G.Clifford, Treasurer J.E.Brown & Sons 57 Exchange Street Portland, Maine

Daar M-. Clifford:

With reference to the copy of Mr.Grey's letter of October 28th, and which you have sent us under date of October 31st, we would say that we will agree to do this work in accordance with Mr.Grey's letter of October 3rd.

We would like to know, however, whether he thinks it necessary to have shoring in the center of the span over the present entrance, as the tunant is likely to find this objectionable.

This matter of shoring is not one which affects in any way the granting of the Building permit.

Very truly yours,

F.W.CUNNINGHAM & SONS

(9) Arthur J. Cullinan
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October 28, 1955 J.O7 Brown Hall Ohio State University Geluner 10, Ohio

Mr. Philip G. Clifford J.B.Trown & Sons 57 Exchange Street Portland, Kaino

Dear Mr. Clifford:

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I have received your letter of Cotaber 21st. I have not heard anything further from Mr. Johnson, the Architect, ir reply to my letter to him of October 4th, copy of which mes tent to you. The matters mentioned in that letter are relatively minor and yet I think they would be well worthwhile looking into in order to improve the recentive develop of the tent. the respective decalls of the job.

I was a little puzzled by a notition on the contractor's drawings indicating that if intermediate shores were placed at the middle of the lintel spans somewhat lighter main shores would be used at the pilasters under the ends of these spans. This led no to believe that possibly he had contemplated the omission of the intermediate shores entirely. Mr. Culinous letter to me of Catabor 10th indicator shores entirely. Mr. Culinan's letter to me of October 19th indicates shores entirely. Mr. Culinan's letter to me of October 10th indicates that they were considering the possibility of using a single intermediate diate shore at the center of the spans rather than two intermediate shores placed at the third points. At any rate, I am not in favor of shores placed at the third points. At any rate, I am not in favor of any such reduction as was indicated on these plans which F.W.Curring-any such reduction as was indicated on these plans which F.W.Curring-ham had prepared. I have not heard from its Gulinan anything further in reply to the suggested increase in dimensions of sporing which I outlined in my letter to him of October 3rd.

I would say that if they are willing to go along with the recommendations in my letter of October 3rd, I would be perfectly well satisfied. Similarly if Mr. Johnson would make the slight rediffications which I suggested to him in my letter of October 4th I would be satisfied with the architectural plant. fied with the architectural plan.

I have, in other words, been more or less waiting to hear of further developments from both Fr. Johnson and F.W. Cunningham and then. I do not imagine that either would have any particular object tion to the modifications suggested in my letters of early October.

Thank you for your good wisher. I am plenty busy I can assure you, but nevertheless am enjoying the new environment and the new nuction of the country.

With best regards.

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Sincerely yours,

HAMILTON GRAY Hamilton Gray

October 21, 1955

Dr. Hamilton Gray 1775 Arlington Avenue Columbus 12, Ohio

Dear Dr. Gray:

I have read over your various letters which came during my vacation:

I am writing to ask you if you are now satisfied with the plans of the architects and the methods to be employed by architects and contractors on the Rines' job.

I would appreciate an answer to this matter at your earliest convenience.

I hops you are enjoying your new work. With kind regards, believe me

Yours sincerely, J.B.BROWN & SONS

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HAMILTON GRAY Consulting Engineer 1775 Arlington Ave. Columbus 12, Ohio

October 4, 1955 Bernard Sout

Ifr. Robert E. Johnson Architoct 5. Commonwelath Park Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Dear lir. Johnson:

This will admowledge receipt of your letter of September 28th enclosing print of alterations to Rinos store revision dated September 19. I am pretty well satisfied with the details shown on this revised drawing. I would feel a little happier if it were arranged to have a would feel a little happier if it were arranged to have a short piece welded to the ends of the outer lintel beams. Short piece may be triangular or rectangular, but should be this piece may be triangular or rectangular, but should be of the same section, as near as possible as the existing of the same section, as near as possible as the existing lintels. An enclosed sketch illustrates the manner in which this should be done. The purpose is to lengthen the amount this should be done. The purpose is to lengthen the mount of bearing of the outerworst lintel on the steel capital at the corner column. This lengthening of the bearing will tend to move the working points closer to the outer corner of the steel capital and provide a better distribution of bearing pressure. This will admowledge receipt of your letter bearing pressure.

In the upper left hand corner of this sheet no dimensions are given for the plate used to connect the facia beam to the corner column. As a final minor point I suggest that the ends of the mezzanine beams wich bear upon the collection of the mezzanine beams with the collection of the mezzanine beams. upon the collar at the corner column be cut so that the centers of bearing of these two beams rost on the extensions of a diameter of the column.

Very truly yours,

Hamilton Gray Consulting Engineeer

Mr. Philip G. Clifford

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October 3, 1955

AP 529 Congress St .-- Alteration of store front for Rines Pros.

Hr. Robert E. Johnson
Architectural Associate
Parnard Sosp Associates
711 Boylston St.
Eoston, Mass.
F. W. Cunningham & Sons
181 State St.

Copies to Rines Brothers
529 Congress St.
J. B. Brown & Sons
57 Exchange St.

Gentlemen:

It is likely that our Eoard of Municipal Officers will approve a new standard, which will allow the use of the precast terrazzo venear, on October 3. We have been "marking time" on checking this job against the Building Code because of the negotitions with the consulting engineer of the owners of the building, Dr. Gray.

We do not know what instructions the consultant gave, nor the findings resulting from the investigation which he requested in his letter of August 23. Evidently as a result of these negotitions, we received a print of Sheet 3 of the plans revised Sept. 19, sult of these negotitions, we received a print of Sheet 3 of the plans revised Sept. 19, 1955. We have been over all of the plans revised since the original set was filled here in a general way; but we were advised that the revised plans have been sent to Dr. Gray for his consideration and approval.

Naturally we will not be able to issue a building permit until the results of his check are known. However, in going over the plans and our former notes, we find a few questions which may well be settled now and avoid possible delays when the structural plans have been approved. Numbering system of paragraphs will take up where our letter of August 9 left off, this toing the fourth letter of this character.

1.15 It is noted that Vermiculite plactor fireproofing is now indicated for the columns, the brackets and struts. The only record which we have of Vermiculite planter being allowed to afford 4-hour fire-proofing of columns calls for the lath to be spaced out one inch from the column, the plaster to be one inch thick measured from the face of the lath, but it calls for loose vermiculite fill. The plan makes no mention of this vermiculite fill, and it would seem practically impossible to use it.

The best schedule we have of fire-proofing is the pamphlet entitled Fire-Resistance Matings by the Mational Board of Fire Underwriters, January, 1954. Our Code allows acceptuace of the ratings given as long as they are based on standard fire tests. There are many combinations for fire-proofing columns for 4-hours. It is suggested that this are many combinations for fire-proofing columns for 4-hours. It is suggested that this are many combinations for fire-proofing columns for 4-hours. It is suggested that this are many combinations for fire-proofing columns for 4-hours. It is suggested that this are many combinations for fire-proofing columns for 4-hours. It is suggested that this are many combinations for fire-proofing the planter as specified in the list. Thus and then specify it, including the make-up of the plaster as specified in the list. Thus this matter will be settled and we will not have it to delay us further when everything else is ready.

nine depends upon the approval of the Fire Chief, and we will seek that approval at once. Obviously the locks, if any, provided on the door leading to this ladder will have to be always openable from the sezzanine side, and there must be careful arrangements to excide always openable from the sezzanine side, and there must be careful arrangements to excide accident by opening the door, thinking there is a floor on the other side. Please specify accident by opening the door, thinking there is a floor on the other side. Please specify this hardware. This arrangement is, of course, only allowable on the basis of a verbal statement that we have that there will never be rore than five persons on the measurance. It is hoped that Kines Erothers will check the proposed use carefully, and if nore than it is hoped that Kines Erothers will check the proposed use carefully, and if nore than five persons might be there at one time, some other arrangement than the ladder must be made—one that complies with the Building Code for a standard means of egress, Section 212014

4.17 It appears from the plan that the outside entrance doors may project over the public aldewalk about six inches when wide open. These doorways should be recessed so that no part of the doors will project over the public aldewalk.

4.18 The specificat. As call for dead bolt locks on the inner and cuter entrance doors. We had some verbal communication in answer to one of our earlier letters to the effect that this would be taken care of since it does not comply with Section 212e2.5 of the Code. We have had considerable difficulty with the matter of locks on entrance doors, and it is hoped that the architect will sand a directive in writing to the contractor with regard to the locks on these doors and let us have a copy so that detail will not bother us when we are otherwise ready to issue the permit.

4.19 In an earlier letter we have called attention to the projecting sign shown on the plans. Somewhere we get the verbal information that nothing would be done about the projecting sign for the present. The attention of Rines Brothers is particularly called to this sign, nince if it is ever created, it will have to be under a separate permit to be applied for by and issuable only to the actual sign hanger. Naturally at that time the question will be raised as to whether or not the weight of the sign and the wind load upon either face have been cared for in the original design of the front, which we are now engaged in.

4.20 We find nothing about adjustment and extension of the sprinkler system to care for the new mezzanine, the new stairs and the new arrangement of show windows. Perhaps that is not in the general construction contract, but, of course, this work will have to be cared for as the construction work progresses. The work on the sprinkler system requires a separate permit to be applied for by and issuable only to the sprinkler contractor. Complete plans of the changes must be filed with the application for that permit and the plans are required to bear upon them the stamp of approval of the New England Fire Insurance Sating Association or some squivalent authority.

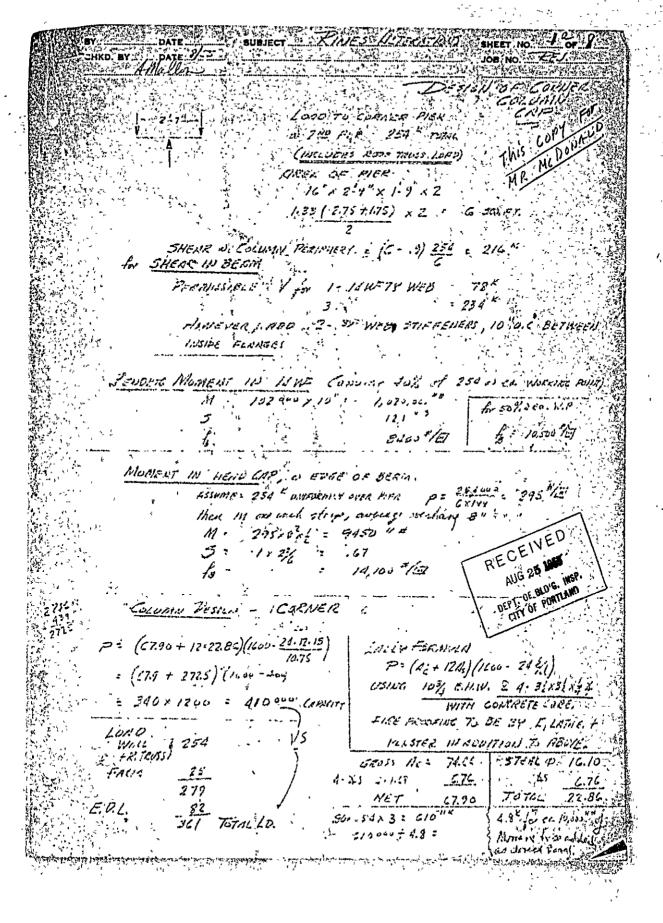
4.21 Care should be taken in the location of the awning box and the selection of type of awning, so that no part of the awning will be closer/the plant of the curb line projecting upward, and so that no part of the awning can over be closer/thin accordance to the surface of the public sidewalk at any point.

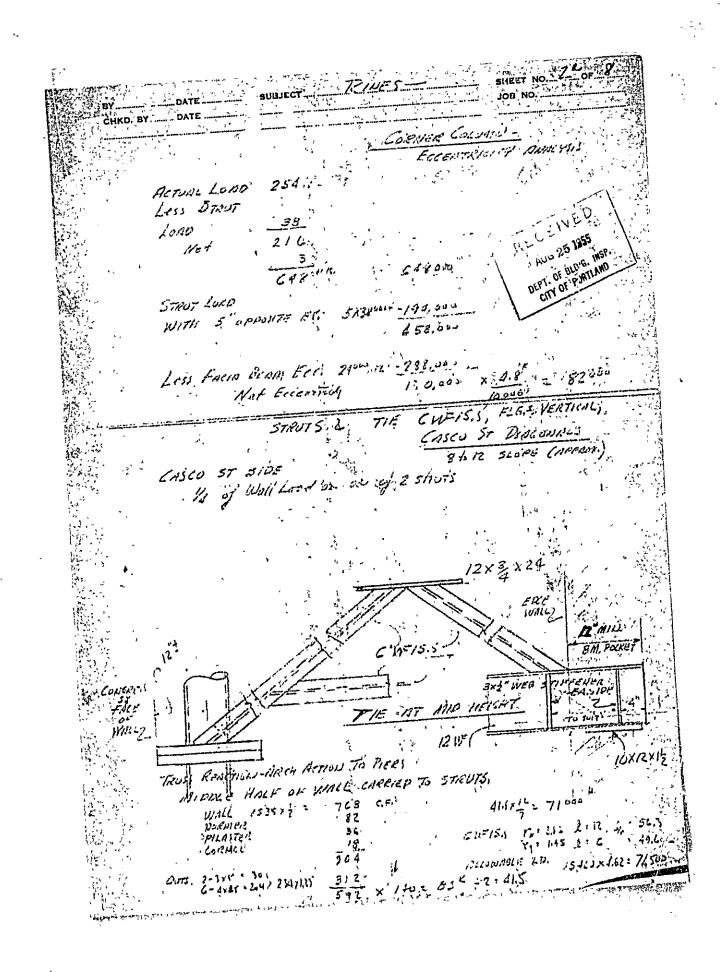
Very truly yours,

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Warren HeDonald Inspector of Buildings

P. S. Since dictaking this letter I have become conderned about the drainage of what amounts to a shallow roof over this projection over the public sidewalk of Congress St. The Eunicipal Officers in approving this projection added the condition that all terms of the Duilding Coie should be complied with. I am concerned with the likelihood that snow accumulating on the top of this projection and melting, and in case of heavy rain the water implies on the top of the projection and against this 9-feet high projecting wall will have no other place to go but to pour down upon the public citawalk, which would certainly be contrary to the spirit of the Duilding Code if not the letter. On all sixable projections such as marquees the Building Code requires that the roof shall be drained in such a way that water will not run upon the public cidewalk. It may be a "far cry" to call this a roof; but it is batter to have the matter cleared up now than to have the work completed and receive severe complaints from the podestrians compolled to use the public cidewalk. It seems necessary that the architect take steps to dealgn some relief from this cituation.





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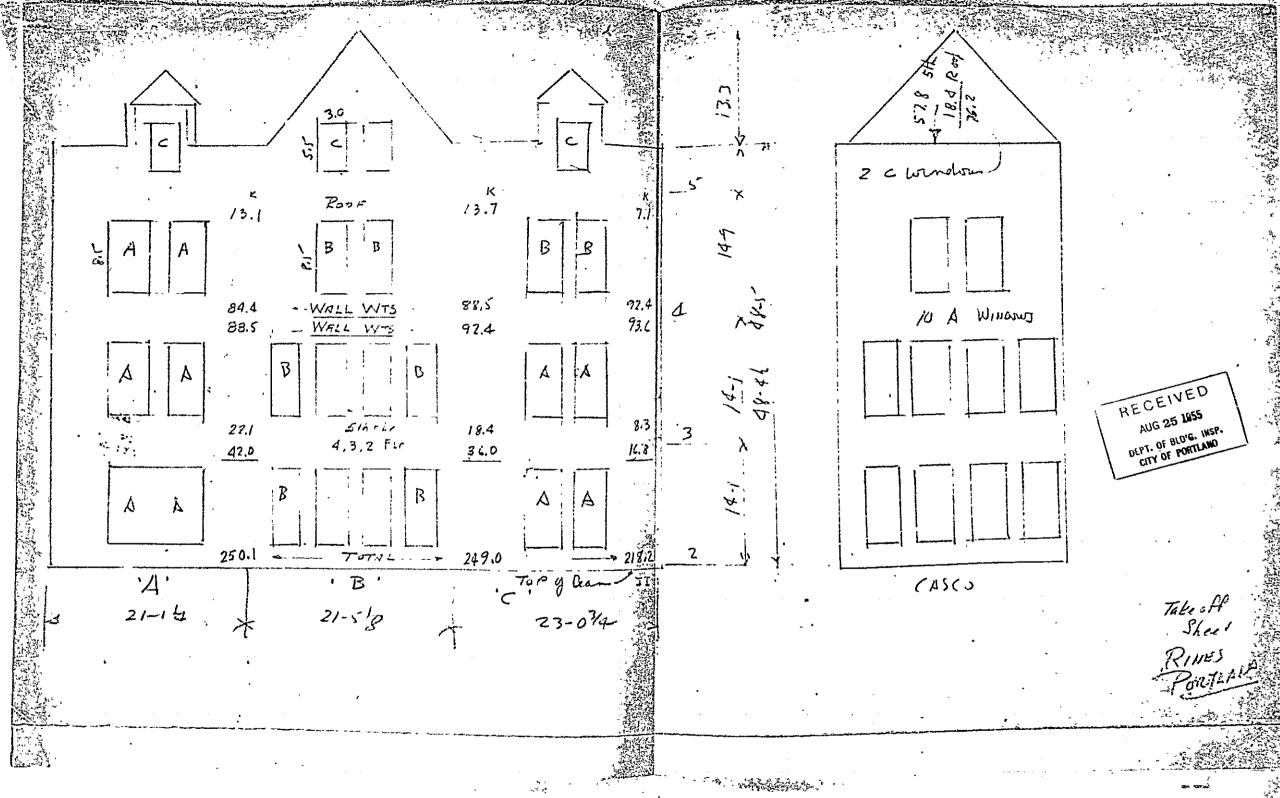
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181 STATE STREET PORTLAND 3, MAINE

August 25, 1955.

Mr. Warren McDonald Building Inspector City of Portland, Maine City Hall Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Herewith are computation sheets of Mr. Mallon, in connection with the Alterations at the Rines Building for J. B. Brown and Sons.

Very truly yours,

F. W. CUMPINGHAM & SONS

President

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August 24, 1955

Mr. Warren McDonald Inspector of Buildings City Hall

Portland, Maine

re. Rines Brothers Company 529 Congress Street Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I enclose, herewith, copy of a letter received from Dr. Hamilton Gray this morning. I am arranging to have F.W.Cunningham & Sons supply us with a man who will cut and dig under Mr. Lund's direction in order to acquire the information requested in the enclosed letter.

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Thank you for the copy of the letter you sent me this morning.

P.G.C.

August 23, 1955

Mr. Philip G. Clifford, Treasurer J. B. Brown and Sons 57 Exchange Street Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Clifford:

The answers to the following questions should be obtained in order to plan the details of substituting Lally columns for brick piers, and the elimination of mullions in the display windows of the Brown Block:

- 1. Are the existing steel lintels continuous over the mullions and through the brick piers? If not, what are the widths of the gaps between the ends of the individual beams? Has any extensive corrosion occurred such as to seriously reduce the strength of the lintels?
- 2. What are the loads on the lintels? If these have not been computed by the architect, the dimensions of the supported wall and of the floors and roof tributary to the wall should be secured so that the loads can be estimated.
- 3. What do the existing Lally columns, alongside the brick piers, support?
- 4. How are the lintels ;ied to the second floor framing?
 .The following dimensions should be secured:
 - 1. Depth, flange width, web and flange thicknesses of lintel bears.
 - 2. Cross sections of brick piers.
 - 3. Length and width of each stone slab in each footing which supports a pier.

The nature of the material upon which the lowest facting stones bear should be ascertained.

The foregoing information may prove sufficient, but conditions uncovered in obtaining it may require supplementary investigation.

I think Mr. Lund can secure all the required dimensions without excessive trouble. In case the footings are found to bear upon soil rather than rock, some examination of the soil may be needed if the alterations will increase the bearing pressures appreciably.

Rei'd 8/275

August 23, 1955

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The verb "underpin" is commonly associated with subsurface and foundation work. However the proposed alterations to the Brown Block constitute a form of underpinning operation and must be carried out in a very careful manner if the brick wall above the lintels is not to be damaged. The average contractor is not familiar with, nor experienced in, this type of work and hence the details of transferring loads must be very clearly specified if the work is not done by a specialist. I am sure that all concerned would agree that the lintels must not be permitted to deflect sufficiently from their present position to cause cracking of the brickwork. This requirement will undoubtedly require the application of the best of underpinning techniques, and the work is likely to be considerably complicated by absence of continuity in the lintel beams.

Very truly yours,

Hamilton Gray Consulting Engineer Orono, Maine

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August 16, 1955

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Mr. Warren McDonald Inspector of Buildings City Hall Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

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Re.: #529 Congress Street Brown Block

I have your letter of August 15 and am grateful to you for having written it.

I talked with Mr. Sears on the telephone this morning and told him that we could not approve any plan for the new front until we had the favorable opinion of some competent engineer whose services I would immediately try to obtain and whose fees I felt should be paid by Rines Brothers. I shall get in touch with Mr. Ebenstein today and tell him in effect what I have written you. have written you.

Thanking you again, I remain

Very truly yours,

Treasurer

J.B.BROWN & SONS

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Comparence concerning the rines job at 529 concress St. On august 16, 1995

Two Copies to Mr. Johnson (one for Mr. Mallon).

Copies to: Rines Bros.
529 Congress St.
F. W. Cunningham & Sons
181 State St.
J. H. Brown & Fons (2)
57 Exchange St.

Mesors. Johnson & Mallon came in from Boston and Mr. Clifford came up and talked with us. Mr. Clifford and that his Board of Directors had instructed him to procure the services f an independent designer to check through the foundation problems, if any, and the entire structural arrangements proposed by the Rines architect and engineer. He talked of contacting Dr. Gray of the University of Maine and said he would write to him that afternoon. Mr. Clifford was particularly concerned lest foundation difficulties be encountered later as had been the case of another building of the same ownership (Loring Short & Earmon) later as had been the case of another building of the same ownership (Loring Short & Earmon) Mr. Clifford asked me to let him know when we had reached the point that under the Building Code we could issue the permit. He expressed the opinion that the period of time to complete the jot was such that it seemed most likely that it would be better to postpone the work until after the Christmas chopping season.

Mesurs. Johnson and Hallon went over with me our latter of August 9th in considerable detail and the following references are to the paragraph numbers in that letter.

3.9 The plane will be revised to show completely the materials and thicknesses of fireproofing al beams supporting facts wall and the bracket supporting these beams. Wr. Mallon said that it was the intention to use two inch thick pre-cast concrete hung from Mallon said that it was the intention to use two inch thick pre-cast concrete hung from the rottom flange of the beam to fireproof that flange and that unit masonry would be used above this to be detailed.

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In the absence of any other method which may comply with the Code, the Lally columns in the absence of any other method which may comply with the Code, the Lally columns will be fireproced with two inches of poured concrete (this was later confirmed by Mr. Cullinan of the contractors).

- 3.10 Thus were told that approval of the pre cast terratio veneer would have to await consideration of our Board of Standards and Review, that we have come tests of strength of this product and a partial report on freezing and thewing tests.
- 3.11 Mr. Malien said that most of the roof was a steep pitch so that he feels that the 30 points per square foot live load is sufficient. He said that the Congress St. floor of the fifth floor is used for offices and only a small portion of that floor between the Congress St. wall and the nearest supports of the girders at right angles to the twell would probably never be used for storage (it appears that the floor joists in that wall would probably never be used for storage (it appears that the floor joists in all cases run parallel to the Congress St. wall). It was concluded that we could accept the 75 pound per sphere feet load for that floor, but the condition would have to be attached that the position of the floor toward Congress St., indicated above, would never be used for storage.

he used for storage.

Mr. Mallon explained that his figures actually allow for only a 30% reduction in the live loads of the floors on the Lally columns, and this turns out to be true. The 8 5/8-inch Lally columns will be reinforced to take the full load without any

reliance on firepreceding concrets.

Mr. Mallon was not sure as to whether or not he had taken into account the equivalent tentric loads from the steel knee braces designed to support the existing lintels against centric loads from the steel knee braces designed to support the existing lintels against

the Lally columns on one side only of the columns. He is to look into this and give us his calculations and conclusions.

- 3.12 Attempt will likely be made by the contractors to determine whether or not and how the existing lintels of spandrel beams are anchored back to the second floor framing. If that is not done before the issuance of the pormit, investigation and correction of any defects will be made a condition of the issuance.
- 3.13 Mr. Mailon is to reconsider the supports of the cantilevered wall over Oak St. sidewalk and to revies the plans to assure proper support and stiffness and precautions against vibration and deflection together with calculations.
- 3.14 Apparently there are no "as is" plans of the structural part of the present building though Mr. Johnson said that he had an apparent elevation of the Congress St. wall. Mr. Clifford told us that the building was built in 1862. Thus the existing "stoell is probably wrought iron or east iron. It developed that no one knows whether the existing lintels are spliced over the cast iron columns, (which may be only mullions or divisions of the windows) or whether or not these cast iron members afford any support to the existing lintels. The structural steel knee braces were designed as a precention in case it was found that these cast from members do furnish support for the existing lintels. Whether or not these knee braces are designed to take the full reaction which would cook if the cast iron members do give full support to the lintels, was not developed.

Warren McDonald Inspector of Buildings Conform mith mours Johnson mallon god for a time M. Elford. August 9, 1955 8/6/11

AP 529 Congress St.-Alteration of store front for Rines Brothers in building owned by J. E. Brown & Sons

Mr. Mobert E. Johnson Architectural Associate Bernard Seep Associates 711 Bogston St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Kr. Johnson:

Copies to Rines Brothers
529 Congress St.
F. W. Cunningham & Sons
181 State St.
J. B. Brown & Sons
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Evidently the owners of the building were not consulted in detail as to the proposal of kines prothers for ornaranting the first story, and we still have not the assurance that the owners approved the plans—an assurance that we sust have before a building persit can issue. In the meantime, when time was found to examine your plans revised on July 12, we were quite dispayed to find that so little had been done to meat the requests in our letters of July 7 and 8. This is our third letter and the paragraphs will be numbered recordlegly:

3.6 Approval of the Municipal Officers of the projection over the public sidewalk has been secured but subject to full coupliance with all terms of the Build-ing Gode.

3.9 Details of the materials and thicknesses of fire-proofing of the beams supporting the facia wall and the brackets supporting these beams from the Lally columns have not been shown. The only indication in reply to our letter in this connection appears to be a notation that those members will be fire-proofed and another one that two inches of fire-proofing will be used on the teams. These details should also include the fire-proofing of the angle strat which seems to support the bracket in Section 3-3.

The Lally columns formerly shown as 10 and 3/4 inch SEA have now been changed to 12 and 3/4 inch EM—an increase of two inches in director (one inch all around the circumference) perhaps half of this one inch being steel instead of concrete. Our Code requires a two inch thickness of concrete for the 4-hour fire-proofing required for these columns. We have been unsuccessful in securing from the Lally column Co., any particular rating for their so-called "firsproofed columns"; but their handbook indicates that they will menufacture these columns to any degree of fire-resistive rating desired.

Additional confusion appears from Mr. Hallon's description because he indicates that the hally columns will be 8 and 5/8 inches encased in a 12 and 3/4 inch heavy weight shall with structural concrete core and fire-proofing. If his statement is correct, it appears that you would still be lacking about 1/2 inch thickness of concrete for 4-hour fire-proofing. It may be possible that some allowance should be made for the outer metal shell, but the column people have never been interested an allowance established by a competent testing laboratory as far as we can determine. He are aware that the Poston Building Department have allowed acceptability less than the usual thickness of concrete in helly columns, but we have never had this allowance justified in any way. If you or the helly column company, or any other competent party, can support such an allowance, we shall be glad to learn

3.10 There is still a question as to whether or not this department has authority to allow the use of the 2-inch thick Terraszo vencer since we are authorized only to allow such thin vencer of granite. Your plans seem to indicate anchorage about

the same as required for thin granite, and we may be able to accomplish the allow-

3.11 There has not been opportunity to study Mr. Mallon's figures thoroughly, but some questions arise, and 1 am giving you a copy of this letter for him. I believe the roof is flat and the live load, therefore, should be taken at 40 pounts per square foot instead of 30. It is my impression that the fifth floor is used for storage in which case the live load should be 100 pounts per square foot instead of 75. I have not been able to satisfy myself about his method of taking reductions for live loads on the hally columns. Since the hally columns are the only ones involved and they support four stories, some reason appears to say that a straight 30 percent reduction should be taken from the total loads on the columns instead of accumulating the reductions for each story. Parhaps he will be good enough to support this method.

His figures seem to show a maximum load on one column as 189,600 pounds. He figures the capacity of the columns by using the Lally column company formula at 256,600 pounds. The Lally handbook which we have is 1946 and that gives the allowable load on 8 and 5/8 inch heavy weight Lally column as 155,600 pounds. I have roughly tried to check his area of concrete and am wondering if he took into account the concrete used for fire-proofing, which is not allowable according to Lally columns standards or any other that we know of.

We have not been through all of his figures and computations but if he has not given us the design of the brackets and especially the angle strut in Section 3-3, we would like them.

- 3.12 Nothing has been fourt to give an answer to our paragraph 2.1. Nothing appears in the plans to show how the escent floor framing gets support on the existing linkels, if indeed that framing to get its support on the lintels, and nothing is shown as to how the floor count to not list list into these listeln.
- 3.13 Very little additional detail has been shown in reply to our query as to how the projection of the facis wall nearly four fact boyond the side wall is to be made silff and properly supported—only a few vertical and horizontal reds are indicated, presumably embedded in the concrete block in some manner. We would like Mr. Vallon's figures on this also for it appears very much as though a definite cantilover beam to needed at the top of this projection as well as at the bottom. Mr. Hallon has algoed the required statement of design without any reservations, and it is assumed, therefore, that he is taking responsibility for this design as well as all other parts.
- 3.14 We have no plan shatever showing the present structural arrangement. It seems as though you must have, or you could not have worked out these plans of the new work. It appears that there are nore vertical columns in the first story now than there may be aplices in the lintels or spanifel beams. He can only guess that you mean to replace the support afforded by those columns by the steel knee braces indicated in framing elevations on Shoet 3.

Now, hr. Johnson, we are not trying to be unkind or unfully critical; but we do have a duty to perform toward the owners, the lessee and the general public to see to it that the job is constructed in compliance with milding Code standards. It will be much appreciated if you will promptly give us the information that we need for that purpose. It seems to be that the information needed should include an "as is" plan of the framing and supports of this part of the building.

Very truly yours,

7. 3. It may be that a considerable portion of the roof has a pitch steeper than 4 inches to the foot where normally the roof load allowance is 25 pounds per square foot.

Since this letter was dictated, we have received a letter from the owners of the building giving qualified approval to the project.

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HAROLD LEE BERRY
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August 5, 1955

Mr. Warren McDonald Building Inspector City Hall Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I understand from F. W. Cunningham & Sons that you want an approval of the general appearance of the new front at Rines Brothers Company. Therefore, I submit herewith a copy of my statement to Mr. Ebenstein contained in my letter to him of July 19, 1955.

"At a meeting of my Directors this morning it was voted to approve in general the appearance of the new front, colored sketches of which you have sent me. I presented them to the meeting and, after long discussion, it was decided to approve them, subject, of course, to our being convinced that whatever structural changes were made would in no sense weaken the strength of the building. It may be that we will require the opinion of an engineer in addition to Mr. McDonald's assurances, because the question of the removal of the pilasters is a very serious one."

I hope this will be satisfactory to you.

Yours

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Yours very truly,

J. B. BROWN & SONS

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City of Portland, Maine

IN BOARD OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

July 18, 1955

ORDERED:

That a building permit, to include projection of about 10 inches over the public sidewalks from the building occupied by Rines Brothers Company and owned by J. B. Brown & Sons at 529-535 Congress Street and 2-10 Casco Street of a masonry fuscia wall (bottom of walk about nine feet shows above sidewalk and wall to extend upwards about nine feet generally on both streets, and at the street corner to project over Casco Street about three feet six inches), be and hereby is approved, subject to compliance with all tarms of the Building Cods applying thereto.

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

BUILDING INSPECTOR

July 14, 1955

Julian H. Orr, City Kanager

CC: Corporation Counsel

FROM: Warren McDonald, Insptr. of Bldgs.

SUBJECT: Froposed M.O. Order for Approval of Projections Over Public Sidewalks at 529-535 Congress and 2-10 Casco

This project is to "beautify" (?) the first story front of Rines Bros. on Congress and Casco. It is unusual in that they propose to project a light-weight masonry wall from the face of the present wall above the show windows to effect some appearance which is not new clear. Architects are from Boston, and the contractor is F. W. Cunningham & Sons.

Important engineering problems are involved and we are awaiting better plans. There are other extraordinary features, but because of the infrequency of Board meetings, it seemed best to give it to you in time

Phillip Clifford, who represents the owners of the building, is quite concerned about the appearance of this odd arrangement. He has known dure concerned about the appearance of this odd arrangement. He has known that Rines wanted to modernize, but was not told of the details up to the time he received a copy of a letter from us. He is in the middle of it now, however, and means to be satisfied before he gives his required approval.

As I go on my vacation I am leaving it so that we will get Mr. Clifford's approval of the step before this memo and proposed order is sent to you on

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Inspector of Buildings

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July 8, 1955

Rines Brothers Company 529 Congress Street, Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:-

I have a letter from Mr. Warren McDonald addressed to Mr. Robert E. Johnson, dated July 7, 1955, with the respect to the new front which Rines Brothers proposes building. I have looked at the plans in the Building Inspectors office.

I have perfect confidence in Mr. McDonald so far as the supervision of all structural work, and stresses and strain, are concerned. However, the outward appearence of the building is very difficult to visualize without some more detailed plan of the elevation on Congress Street. Would it be possible to obtain such an elevation and in color?

Very truly yours,

Philip G. Clifford

Treasurer J. B. BROWN & SONS

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cc: Mr. Warren McDonald

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July 8, 1955

AP 529 Congress St.—Alteration of store front for kines Bros. (This is the second of two letters and numbered paragraphs will be designated as 2.1 etc. Please consider the numbered paragraphs in the first letter as 1.1 and 1.2.)

Nr. Robert E. Johnson,
Architectural Associate Fernard Scep Associates
711 Boylston St.
Boston, Kass.

Copies to: Rines Bros.
529 Congress St.
J. B. brown & Bons
57 Exchange St.

N. W. Cunningham & Sons 181 State St.

Gentlemen: -

Faragraph 2.1. Bearing in mind that you plan to remove one or more massive brick and stone piers and perhaps a few cast iron columns which now support the massnry walls and presumably floor and roof loads of this multi-story building, it appears that the large tally column at the street corner would be fairly well braced in two directions. However, the lateral bracing of the other large tally columns in a direction at right angles with Congress St., including the eccentric load of the massnry facia is not in evidence. Please furnish in detail what is planned in this connection and your reasoning as to its adequacy.

- 2.2. Please furnish theory and computations together with details of existing conditions to show:
 - -the cantilever arrangement for supporting the new facia wall, including the effect of the eccentricity on the auxiliary framing above the 12-inch wide flance, upon the inner wide flance beam and upon the column.
 - -- the projection of the facia wall about four feet out into Casco St., the main support of which appears to be projection of the outer wide flange boam as a cantilever from its eccentric support upon the corner Lally. How is this nine foot high wall to be stiffened at the top and at the outer edge?
 - —it is sy impression that there are at present certain columns or piers or supports for existing lintels between the locations shown for the large Lally columns and that the truss arrangements shown on Framing Elevations on Sheet 3 are for the purpose of supporting the lintels where present supports are to be removed. Flease show all of these details and furnish computations etc. to justify the arrangement.
- 2.3 What precisely is to be the use of the mezzanine marked for Display Department? How many persons will be habitually there.? If nore than five persons might be there at one time, difficulty will orise as regards the ladder intended for emergency exit. If five or less, the smargency exit or the type of it, since it does not comply with specific Building Code requirements for a means of egress, would have to receive the approval of the Chief of the Fire Department.
- 2.4 In any event it will have to be demonstrated that these two means of egress of from the mercanine will be so located with relation to means of egress to the exterior of the building that one fire or emergency in the main store near the entrance would not block all nears of egress from the nezzanine, as per Sect. 212e1.2(a) of the Code.

- 2.5 The projecting sign requires a separate parait from this department which must be applied for by and is issuable only to the actual installer who must be a bonded eight hanger. The weight and eccentricity effect of this sign should be taken into account in the design of the supports of the facia wall.
- 2.6 What is the significance of the "booster heater" indicated as over the vestibule?

 Tend steam whater connected to heating plant!
- 2.7 All of the new doors will require what we term "vestibule latcheste" which are a type wherely any person can always leave the building from the inside merely by turning the knob or presenting on the usual thumb lever without requiring a key or any apecial knowledge. Of course anti-perio hardware with "crash bar" full width of each door will be satisfactory.

Now that there has been application for the building permit, all changes in the plans and specifications should be indicated eventually (before the permit is issued) by written instructions to the contractor to carry out the revisions, giving this office a copy.

Very truly jours,

Warren McDonald Inspector of Buildings

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P. S. We still cannot guarantee an exhaustive check of the plans which can hardly be completed until the revised plans are received. Please also attach to the revised plans Mr. Johnson's signed statement of design as called for by Sect. 104b3 of our Code.

July 7, 1955

AP 527 Congress St. -Alteration of store front for Rines Brothers

Mr. Nobert E. Johnson Architoctural Associate Bornard Scep Associates 711 Moylaton St. Boston, Mass. W. Cumningham & Sons 181 State St.

Copies to Rines Brothers 529 Congress St. J. B. Brown & Sons 57 Exchange St.

If we understand the plane, you propose to construct a facia of light-weight Centlement concrete blooks faced with precast terraszo slabs with the bottom of what amounts to a mesonry well varying from nine feet to 11 feet above the public sidewalk and projecting remaps as raich as eight inches over the public sidewalk on both Congress Street and Casco with a sention of this facia wall at the corner of the streets projecting about four feet over the public sidewalk of Casco St.

These features of projection over the public side alk will exuse much delay in issuing the remit because all such projections must be authorized by the approval of the Board of Municipal Officers on the building permit. In order for such approval to receive consideration at the earliest possible date, the order for their consideration must be on file with the City Clerk before the close of business on Thursday, July 14. This order cannot be propared until we have much more accurate information that now as to the amount of projection over the sidewalk.

Someone, presumably Kr. Johnson, phoned me a lew weeks ago indicating the intention of coming here to talk over the important features. Unfortunately no one came; so this and other important questions must be settled now before we can issue any termit. We can discover no indication of the street line (inside edge of public sidewalk) on the plane, but examination of Public Morks Department records indicate that while the main entrance is recessed considerably the existing corner of the building at Congress and Casco is on the street line, as is also the pier or pilaster at the upper end of the Rines occupancy. We have no "as is" plans of the front, and it is expected that these plans will be quickly revised to show clearly how much projection there is to be and this information filed at this office by Wednesday if you are to get consideration of the Board as soon as possible.

While we have not completed check of the plans and specifications against the Duilding Code, there are a few important details called to your attention below:

- 1. All of the steel, including the large Lally columns, which contribute to the support of the masonry facia wall require 4-hour firoproofing. The plans do not make clear that this is intonied.
- 2. Difficulties arise as to the precast terrazzo vencer for the facia. Copies of page 112 and 203 of the Building Code are enclosed to Mr. Johnson so that he can sine-up the problem. Note that Section 308b8.5 (a) allows this type of vencor if approved, but requires that it shall be no less than three inches thick except as provided in 303c for less thickness, the latter reference being to our stock reference clause as adopted by the Municipal Officers and published in Appendix B. The only equivalent standard we have is for thin granite veneer shown on page 203. If we are to stand on this precisely, approval of the veneer would have to wait for a long-time

Hr. Robert E. Johnson F. W. Cunninghan & Bons

\ July 7, 1955

to be referenced to our Board of Standards and Roview. Ferhaps a way can be found to include this under the allowance for thin granite veneer, but we shall need written record of approval by authoritative testing laboratories as to the stability, and weather-standing capacity of the material and the erection would have to be as stipulated for thin granite veneer.

You will hear more as we proceed with the check.

Yorr truly yours,

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Warren McDonald Inspector of Huildings



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure . Second Class...

Portland, Maine, June 29, 1955 02216 NOV 29 1955

	To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE
	The understance hereby applies for a permit to exect after representativemental the following building structure equipments accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications; if any, submitted herewill and the following specifications:
	Location 529 Congress St Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No 1
	Owner's name and address Rines Bros., 529 Congress St. Telephone
	Owner's Execution of Sons, 57 Exchange St Telephone
	Contractor's name and address F. V., Cunningham & Sons, 131 State St Telephone A-0246.
•	Architect
	Proposed use of building store
	Last use
	Materialbriick No. stories 5 Heat Style of roof Roofing
	Other building on same lot
	Estimated cost \$ 30,000
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	To make alterations to ground floor as per plans.
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•	Permit 1864
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	It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO F. W. Cumningham & Sons
	Details of New Work
	Is any plumbing involved in this work?
ĺ	Is connection to be made to public sewer?
	Has septic tank notice been sent? Form notice sent?
	Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof
	Size, front depth
	Material of foundation
	Material of underpinning
ì	Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering
	No. of chimneys Material of chimneys fuel
	Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?
	Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size
7	Girders
	Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Joists and rafters: 1st floor
	On centers: 1st floor , 2nd , 3rd , 100f
	Maximum span: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof
	If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height? .
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	If a Garage
	No. cars now accommodated on same lot . , to be accommodated
	Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?
,	PROVED: Miscellaneous
	Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no
,	Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to
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•	observed? . Yes

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August 15, 1955

AB 529 Congress St .. -- New store fronts

Mr. Fhilip G. Clifford Treasurer J. B. Brown & Sons 57 Exchange St.

Dear Mr. Clifford:

Your letter of August 10 relating to the above job is sincerely appreciated.

It is doubtful if any Municipal Building Department is competent or should be relied upon for procuring the right answer to the technical and engineering problems which arise in such jobs as this. The answers cannot be found in the Building Code, but must come from sound engineering experience and judgment.

Inasmuch as contractor, architect and even the lessee are acting as agents of the owner in the matters of applying for and securing the building permit, I certainly would welcome the employment of an independent engineer by the owner to pass upon these details of design (several of them I consider very important) before the building permit has been issued.

In a somewhat similar job, with which I am sure you are familiar, this was done with considerable advantage to all concerned; and it further relieved this department of a great deal of responsibility which it ought not to be called upon to bear.

Very truly yours,

WMcD/B

Warren McDonald Inspector of Buildings

P. S. I am to have a conference with the architect and his engineer tomorrow at 2 o'clock, and I shall do the best I can to handle the situation fairly. In the final analysis, however, I shall be compelled to issue the permit unless it is clear that some features do not comply with the Building Code.

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August 10, 1955

Mr. Warren McDonald Inspector of Buildings, City Hall, Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:-

Thank you for the copy of your letter of August 9th addressed to Mr. Robert E. Johnson with respect to the Rines improvements.

I want to say that we have perfect confidence in you and we never should give our approval to improvements or repairs until such improvements or repairs have your approval. It might be that, if you were doubtful about some point, or we were, we would require the services of an outside engineer before giving our approval.

In all events, do not feel that you are in any way treading on our toes by adhering strictly to the code as you have it.

Thanking you again, I remain

Very truly yours,

Treasurer

J. B. BROWN & SONS

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DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

May 21, 1953

Hr. J. H. Kennedy 105 Proble St. Portland, Maine

Copy to: J. E. Palmer Co. 543 Congress St.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:-

Building permit to enlarge existing opening in wood stud partition in third story of building at 543 Congress St. from six feet to sixteen feet is issued herewith subject to the following conditions:

- 1. It is thought that the partition where the opening is located is non-bearing. On this basis it is understood that a header is to be provided for the opening consisting of two 2x10's separated by solid bridging or fillers to furnish support for the full thickness of the partition of that portion of it above the opening. The permit is issued on this basis.
- 2. Should it turn out after tearing out has been started that the partition involved is a bearing one, an application for an accordant to this permit is to be filed giving full particulars as to the loads carried and the header to be provided on that basis for the new opening.

Vory truly yours.

Harren McDonald Inspector of Buildings



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT | GO776 MAY 21 1953

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Portland, Maine, May 20, 1953

in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zo	NANGALI the following building structure equipm ming Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans a
specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:	
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Owner's name and addressJ_E_Palmer Co., 543 Cong	-
Lessee's name and address	Telephone
Contractor's name and address J. H. Kennedy, 105 Preble St.	
Architect Specifications	
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Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?______

Miscellaneous

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Statement of Agraement Relating to Removal of Stairway Enclosure in Second Story of Building at 543 Congress Street

This Statement of Agreement is to be considered as much a part of the application for a building permit to make certain alterations in the second story of the building at 543 Congress Street as though written on the application form; but failure to cention herein any requirements of the Building Code or any other law relating to the same subject matter therewith.

In consideration of the requirements of the Building Code as to omission of stairway enclosures, it is agreed that the arrangement at third floor stairwall will be made such that the well is completely separated from the third story by one-hour fire-resistive partitions, with the odding fire doors made self-closing by automatic door-closers, and that the stairway to the fourth floor is or will be separated from the enclosure thus formed by one-hour fire resistance. It is also agreed that the automatic sprinkler system will be altered and extended and other and second stories, in accordance with current recommendations of the National fire Frotection Association.

J. E.	Palmer Co., Leases,
Ву:	

February 3, 1953

J. E. Palmer Co., Att: Hr. John E. Palmer 543 Congress St., Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Please find enclosed two copies of agreement concerning proposed alteration to stairway in your store, one to be signed and returned to this office and one for your files.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald' Inspector of Buildings

AJS/B

January 17, 1953

Hr. J. H. Kennody 105 Preble St., Portland, Hains Copy to: J. E. Palmer Co., 543 Congress St.,

FO. Briley Co. FAC.

Dear Mr. Lennedy:

As indicated in a previous letter, we are unable to approve removal of the existing enclosure around the stairway in the second story of the building at 543 Congress St., because Sect.205-f-l of the Duilding Code specifies that every stairway in sprinklered buildings more than four stories high, except stairways leading directly to the open air from the first floor or basement, shall be enclosed by separations of one-hour fire resistance to stop passage of smoke or fire.

Sect. 212-f-5 of the Code provides that such an enclosure may be in the story in which the stairs are located or around the stair well in the floor at the top of the stairway. Since in this case the stairway in question is not enclosed in the first story but is enclosed in the stories above, the present arrangement meets Code requirements, and to remove the enclosure in the second story would be a violation of the Building Code.

We understand that the new opening shown in the brick wall between the dress shop and the coat department in the second story is not to be provided, and since the other opening proposed in the brick wall between the coat department and the stairway enclosure in the same story would open up that enclosure, we cannot approve cutting in of that opening. Therefore we are unable to issue a permit for any of the work indicated in the application for Ameniment #1 to permit 53/38 as filed at this office.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald Inspector of Bulldings

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT Class of Building or Type of Structure

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Contractor's name and address _K.	J. H. Kennedy,	105 Preble St.		Telephone_3=5639
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