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Mr. William D. Rice
12 Joan Avenue
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Re: **The Union League Club**
38 East 37th Street
New York, New York 10016
Local Law 16/84

Dear Mr. Rice:

Your letter of December 26, 1990 to Commissioner Rinaldi has been forwarded to this office for review and response.

Section 27-353.01 requires elevator vestibules on all floors above the street floor in all existing buildings classified as Occupancy Group J-1. In lieu of the elevator vestibule, the building containing spaces classified in Occupancy Group C or F shall have an automatic sprinkler system protecting all such spaces and all exits and corridors serving such spaces located on or below the lowest floor containing sleeping rooms and all storage closets no matter where located.

If the building does not contain any C or F uses, all corridors, public areas and storage closets are required to be sprinklered.

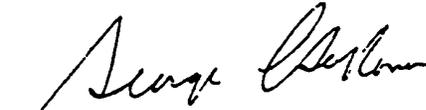
The above referenced building contains F uses (clubs, dining rooms, lounges, billiard rooms, etc.). Therefore, these spaces must be sprinklered.

The Fire Department inspection reveals that these spaces are located on the 2nd and 3rd floors with open exits and directly opening into elevator lobbies. They are recommending sprinklers in these spaces.

Intro No. 492 pending before the City Council if passed will require automatic sprinklers for entire existing hotels, which would require augmenting the water supply for the additional sprinklers either by an additional tank or fire pump.

Since, we do not have a complete description of the spaces in question (size, height of ceiling, location, etc.) and what other alternate method of fire protection is proposed in lieu of sprinklers, this Department cannot consider your request for relief from sprinklering of said spaces in the above building.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Commissioner R.J.Rinaldi
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