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GREETINGS AND HAPPY NINETEEN-NINETY-SIX:

1995 HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR for me, as I hope it has been for you. In October I celebrated my first year on the staff of the Northern Textile Association and the American Flock Association. There has been much to learn and it has been much work, but I love my job and look forward to many years here. The disastrous mill fire December 11 at Malden Mills Industries in Methuen, Mass. has been quite a shock to us. Malden is one of the largest and most successful mills in New England. Aaron Feuerstein, Malden's president, has vowed to reopen in Massachusetts, and to pay the 1,400 workers while rebuilding. This man of devout Jewish faith has justly paid back the workers for the concessions they made in the 1980's when Malden was losing money and nearly went out of business.

IN SEPTEMBER I MOVED. My new address is
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I take rooms with my fellow Republican City Committee member Peter Sheinfeld. It's a nicer place to live and in a better neighborhood than my former place.

IF THE SNOW CONTINUES we shall see one of the snowiest winters in Boston history. Already we have seen more snow than falls the entire season some years. Our current overabundance of frozen precipitation contrasts with the drought that afflicted New England through the summer of 1995. Last winter saw record warm, so much so that, for lack of ice, I skated on the frog pond in the Public Garden but once.

LAST YEAR, I WAS 35 YEARS OLD, the age of Dante in "The Divine Comedy," and a few friends who were also *nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita* agreed to meet weekly to eat, drink, smoke, and read Dante. We have been reading aloud on Friday nights, on and off, since January of 1995. Some weeks we read other poetry.

MY CIVIC AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES in Cambridge continue and prosper. I am now finishing up my first year as an officer of the Cambridge Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and my second year as chairman of the Cambridge Republican City Committee. My City Committee had its first substantial victory this year when a Democratic incumbent School Committee Member switched parties and was re-elected this November as a Republican, becoming the first Republican to win a local office in Cambridge in many years.

The founding of a Greater Boston Chapter of the Christian Coalition with its headquarters in Cambridge and the relocation of the Conservative Society of Massachusetts from Boston to Cambridge have made Cambridge the center of conservative thought in the Commonwealth. As could be expected, my success has made me the target of liberals in the city, in particular the mayor who recently attacked me in a front page story in our local weekly paper, the Cambridge Chronicle.

I CONTINUE TO WORSHIP, and occasionally help as an usher, at the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) in Boston. Unfortunately the parish is in the midst of an internal struggle that has broken out into a civil law-suit.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS 1996, I remain

Your servant,

The
angel said
unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring
you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all
people. For unto you is born
this day in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ
the Lord."