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Last Sunday we had trouble in our house (T-170) due to overheating caused by the defective functioning of the heating system. The firehouse was notified and workmen were sent to fix the heating system.

This morning at 6:30 the temperature of the walls in the apartment reached such a point that there was obviously immediate danger of fire. I got out of bed and went to the nearest fire alarm telephone (in front of Mr. Hawkin's house). I tried very hard for about 7 minutes to get a connection with the firehouse, but to no avail. I then went to the firehouse (6:45) and again somebody was sent to check the heating system. In the meantime, the fan had started to blow again and whoever came to inspect the heating system found that it was all right.

The repetition of such occurrences and the precarious state of the alarm system on the Post makes me exceedingly uncomfortable, especially because having two small children at home I don't feel safe leaving them alone even for a very short time.

I would appreciate it very much if effective immediate steps were taken to remedy the situation, which is obviously dangerous to the whole project.

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