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Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal No. 17249

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I recently learned that a hearing is scheduled for January 18, 2005 on a matter that could deny the public's access to commercial activities located in The George Washington University buildings and on its campus. I am firmly convinced that this is a prime example of the extent to which the local cadre of professional George Washington University haters will go to make life difficult for the university, and as an unintended consequence, the Foggy Bottom residents and workers as well. If I, a resident of Watergate East, requested that access to the Watergate shops be restricted to Watergate residents and workers, I can imagine that if I survived my lynching, I would be forced to undergo a mental examination! If supposing my request were favorably received, how long would you guess that we would have a Safeway, CVS, one of the finest bakeries in the city, etc. in the neighborhood?

I implore you to reject this outrageous attempt to limit public access to commercial activities located on the GWU campus. I would hate to see these businesses disappear. I wonder how they survive in the summer months now. You know, we don't have all that much retail activity in Foggy Bottom as it is; and we certainly don't need what currently exists jeopardized.

Sincerely yours,

Donald V. Lincoln

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