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Mr Mark B Loud, Chairman  
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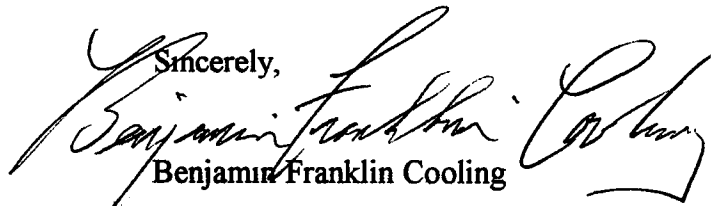
Re Emory United Methodist and Beacon of Light Church, BZA#17964  
6100-20 Georgia Avenue, N W

Dear Chairman Loud and Members of the Board

Having learning late this afternoon of the inability of the Emory and National Park Service, U S Department of the Interior to reach accommodation on the project affecting historic Fort Stevens and environment, I write one final time to urge rejection of the present Emory application and project Others locally and nationally join in heartfelt sorrow that two parties with so much at stake cannot work compromise in a city of politics based on compromise Of course, we see daily where this word seems incapable of entering the vocabulary of public discourse so perhaps it is symptomatic of the era

Thus, the future of Brightwood community and Northwest Washington, the Region and the Nation rests upon your decision The fate of posterity's understanding of the historical significance and scene of events that transpired at Fort Stevens with President Lincoln, freed people of color and citizens in uniform that saved the Nation's Capital rests with the Board's judgment The Emory project in concept is most commendable and apparently needed - nobody denies that fact The travesty of size, extent and intrusion beyond its strict parameters is palpable and decided unsatisfactory in the larger scheme Present and future public understanding and appreciation of our common heritage as reflected at Fort Stevens demands better

Thank you for your long deliberation, willingness to listen to all parties and eventual decision for the common public good

Sincerely,  
  
Benjamin Franklin Cooling

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