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Re: Statement concerning BZA Application No. 18564
of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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I would like to respectfully reinforce my letter dated 22 May 2013 to the members of the Board.

In addition to the points mentioned in the letter that emphasize the dangers of a chancery operation on this small residential street, there has been a real example of the problem. For a number of years, the Brazilian Embassy had a small building located on Whitehaven Street in back of their modern embassy on Massachusetts Avenue. The purpose of the structure was to deal with the chancery business functions of the Embassy. The entrance was on Whitehaven Street. For years, cars would line up single and double parked along the street waiting for their papers to be processed in this small building. The individuals who were waiting on our street were quite belligerent and over the years caused some serious issues for the neighbors. A few years ago, the Brazilian Embassy finally re-located this function to a downtown Washington office building. It took considerable pressure off of the parking situation on Whitehaven Street. It was a real-time example of the potential serious problem that we are faced with today with this application to locate a chancery on the residential Whitehaven Street.

There has been a consistent pattern in Washington of foreign embassies asking for property concessions from the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustments stating all the procedures that they will adhere to if they are granted permission to locate a chancery on a residential street. In almost all of these situations, the embassies have changed their policies and the D.C. government has been unable to reverse their original decision. There seems to be very little concern for the D.C. residents by these foreign embassies.

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