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RE: BZA Application No. 19091
Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic
Square 2507, Lot 50
2360 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Dear Ms. Bardin:

The Department of State hereby provides its comments concerning the application submitted to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) by the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic regarding its desire to extend the rear deck at its Embassy located at 2360 Massachusetts Avenue, NW. The application was submitted pursuant to 11 DCMR § 1002.66 and section 206 of the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. § 4306). This case is scheduled to be heard on September 22, 2015.

On behalf of the Secretary of State, and pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. §§ 4301-4316), particularly sections 4303 and 4306, I hereby convey to the BZA the following comments and determinations concerning the subject application. These comments and determinations relate to the statutory criteria governing BZA determinations that lie within the purview of the Federal Government, namely 22 U.S.C. § 4306(d)(1), (4), and (6), as well as the pertinent portion of (d)(3).

First, with respect to the criterion set forth in 22 U.S.C. § 4306(d)(1), we have determined that favorable BZA action on the present application would fulfill the international obligation of the United States to facilitate the provision of

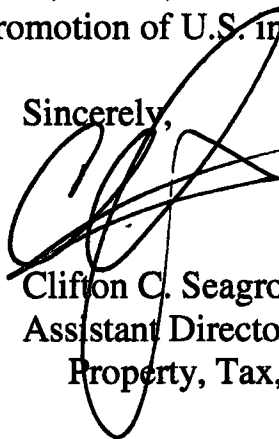
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adequate and secure premises for the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in Washington. Specifically, although the BZA approved the location of the chancery in 2007 (BZA Order No. 17543, dated January 24, 2007), without a proper deck, the rear of the structure is not adequate and secure.

Second, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 4306(d)(3), after consultation with Federal agencies authorized to perform protective services, we have determined that there exist no special security requirements relating to parking in this case. I have also determined, after similar consultation, and pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 4306(d)(4), that the subject site and area are capable of being adequately protected.

Finally, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 4306(d)(6), there is a federal interest in this project. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has generously assisted with the United States' zoning and permit needs required for the construction of a new U.S. chancery facility in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (which is scheduled to be completed in October). Such cooperation was essential for successfully achieving the Federal Government's mission of providing safe, secure, and functional facilities for the conduct of U.S. diplomacy and the promotion of U.S. interests worldwide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Clifton C. Seagroves', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Clifton C. Seagroves
Assistant Director for Diplomatic
Property, Tax, Services, and Benefits

cc: Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic