re: GWU Campus Plan

August 23, 2000

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Metropolitan Police Department
300 Indiana Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20020

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SUBJECT: Temporary Removal of Street Parking

Dear Chief Ramsey:

If your department did, in fact, grant approval to the George Washington University (GWU) exclusive use of numerous public, metered parking spaces on Virginia Avenue, NW, for several days, SHAME ON YOU!

20 metered parking spaces along that avenue in the area of the abomination now known as "Hall on Virginia Avenue" (2601 Virginia Avenue, formerly a Howard Johnson Hotel) have police signs on them indicating that parking is prohibited from 5:00 a.m. on August 23 through 7:00 p.m. on August 27, 2000. That doesn't include other substantial spaces along that area marked as bus and taxi zones also reserved with such signs.

The restriction is obviously to accommodate GWU students moving into the "surprise" dormitory located outside of GWU's farcical campus boundaries.

FIVE DAYS of parking privileges taken away from the general public, around the clock, and three of them work days!!!

When GWU and its president, Stephen J. Trachtenberg, executed that huge now-it's-a-dorm slap in the face of the general Foggy Bottom community, little did we realize that the community would have to put up with not only the obnoxious site of a GWU dorm in an inappropriate location, and the associated problems caused by students. Now we see that precious parking spaces are apparently to be regularly taken away from the general public during move-ins. These parking spaces are in a densely populated residential/commercial area, now further encumbered because of GWU/Trachtenberg's selfishness and, apparently with the approval of your department.

One might ask what students are to do with the logistical problems inherent with their mass move-ins. GWU/Trachtenberg created this situation with the outrageous

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decision to put a dormitory in such a location. Let GWU/Trachtenberg find a way to coordinate the student move-ins without further sapping public resources and burdening the general community.

Sincerely,

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