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To ANC 2E

Re: Dumbarton Oaks library
building project

The Georgetown Garden Club strongly opposes any construction on the grounds of Dumbarton Oaks, which would in any way compromise the beauty, integrity, and historic preservation of any and all parts of the Dumbarton Oaks gardens, which are part of the unique fabric of Georgetown. Visitors come from all over the world to view these gardens, which are the work of Mrs. Robert Bliss, who, with her husband, willed the estate to Harvard, and landscape architect Beatrix Farrand, who is known internationally for her garden designs of 1891-1949. There is no way that the gardens could be removed and put back "as they were". There is invariably an artificiality in the results of such schemes.

The members of the Georgetown Garden Club believe that the plans set forth for the building of an underground library would compromise the gardens, and urge ANC 2-E to reject this proposal and suggest that the library be built above ground on adjacent S Street property that Dumbarton Oaks owns.

Respectfully submitted,

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