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Honorable Anthony A Williams
Mayor of Washington DC
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Respected Mayor

The construction of Sikh Temple at 3801 Mass. Ave. NW is progressing well. Some neighbors have remarked that this is the quietest construction work that they have seen.

We plan the Temple to be a beautiful addition to the mosaic of picturesque houses of worship on the Embassy Row of the Nation's lovely capital. We assure you and your Government once again that it will be in harmony with all citizens, particularly the neighbors. We are holding a prayer meeting at Temple Micah and have invited Rev. Robinson and some of our immediate neighbors to it.

We are aware that a few individuals continue to bear grudge in their hearts against the Temple and spread baseless and false rumors. We wish to mention two recent ones.

i) a person called Council Member Kathy Patterson's office to report that we planned to purchase a house on 38th. Street NW and then convert it into a parking lot. A cheap flight of imagination
ii) someone called Mr. Bill Beck of your Tree Division that we had planted non-conforming trees on 38th. Street. Mr. Beck must have wasted precious Government time to discover the falsehood!

Since 1996, when we submitted Temple plans, Government officials have sometimes ruled against the interests of the Temple and sometimes for. Record supports this. We developed a measure of respect for the officials for their impartiality and their professionalism. We give you the latest example.

On Friday, 8 June,2001, Inspector Victor Hines ordered the shutting down of steel works in progress. I along with two other Board members happened to be at the site. Inspector Hines has been with the project from the beginning. Over time we have developed respect for his fairness, impartiality and professional integrity. We complied immediately, without argument.

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We reckon that false reporting is aimed at harassing the Temple even when it is targeted at Government officials. We firmly believe that ***Truth Triumphs*** *in the end. We pray for peace and well being of all Creation.*

Temple policy has been steadfast:

obey the laws, follow the rules, respect everyone and be humble.

With best assurances, we remain

Yours sincerely

Shamsher Singh Babra

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Chairman, Board of Directors

cc Council Member Kathy Patterson
Commissioner Blanchard, ANC 3C
Rev. Robinson
Ms. Sundra Hill
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