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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Expansion of the Phillips Collection
BZA Case No. 16618

Dear Ms. Reid:

I represent several neighbors of the Phillips Collection who are parties in opposition to the granting of variances and special exceptions to the Phillips Collection in connection with their proposed expansion.

As you may know, the Phillips, the neighbors, and ANC 2B have been engaged in mediation with the helpful assistance of David Julyan as mediator. The discussions have been productive and we believe we are close to a comprehensive settlement. Additional time is needed, however. In order to remain on the mediation track, rather than abandon mediation and prepare for the hearing on May 22, we request a continuance of the May 22, 2001, date but not later than June 30, 2001.

I am authorized to represent that Peter Kolker, Esq., representing Solange MacArthur-Muller, a party to the case, joins me in this request.

Yours very truly,

Stephen N. Gell

Cc: Michael Cain, Esq.
Peter Kolker, Esq.
Vincent Micone, Chair, ANC 2B
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