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July 17, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Room 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Authorization of Hamilton and Hamilton, LLP to Act as Agent for Owners of the Property Located at 1618 21st Street, N.W. Before the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

Dear Ms. Reid:

We are the owners of the property known as 1618 21st Street, N.W. (Square 66, Lot 827). This letter authorizes the law firm of Hamilton and Hamilton, LLP to appear before the Board of Zoning Adjustment on our behalf regarding the application of The Phillips Collection, contract purchaser of Lot 827, for approval of certain variances and/or special exceptions necessary to facilitate development of its new Art Education Center and improvements to the museum. It is our understanding that such variances and/or special exceptions are calculated with reference to the combined Phillips/Giannattasio parcels, and would allow (a) a net increase in permitted building area, (b) a corresponding increase in permitted lot occupancy, and (c) the efficient location of a new stair/elevator penthouse. It is out further understanding that such approvals will not be binding upon our property unless and until The Phillips Collection acquires it from us and the 3 parcels are officially consolidated.

Sincerely,

Brian E. Giannattasio

Jennifer B. Giannattasio
1511 S Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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