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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Andrew Altman
Director

DATE: February 16, 2001

SUBJECT: BZA Application 16631 - Supplement

APPLICATION
This application from the Alliance Francaise requests to establish a single-family dwelling on the second floor of an accessory garage located at 2142 Wyoming Avenue, N.W., pursuant to Section 2500.5 under Title 11 in the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), Zoning.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION
The Office of Planning recommends approval of a use variance to allow the relocation of the apartment approved for a caretaker or teacher employed by the school on the subject property, from the principal building to the accessory garage.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Prior to the public hearing on November 28, 2000, the Commission deferred action to allow Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1D to meet and discuss this proposal.

The applicant presented this application to the ANC on December 19, 2000. The community will meet to decide on this request on February 21, 2001. Concerns were expressed that approval of this variance not be interpreted as allowing two apartments (since the 1970 variance approved a caretaker's apartment on the third floor of the school), and that area residents would not be encouraged to request garage apartments, thereby changing the neighborhood's character.

In response, staff amended the recommendation to the more specific.

Additional letters of support have been received from A. d/Aleueourt (2146 Wyoming Avenue, N.W.), W.M. Seneviratha (Minister, Embassy of Sri Lanka), Namadou Seme and D. Bishop (Embassy of Barbados).

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