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From:	Barbara F. Kahlow for the West End Citizens Association		
Subject:	WECA's Initial Response to GWU's 7/2/01 Request to Reopen BZA Appeal No. 16701 & its Motion for Reconsideration (1957 E Street, N.W.)		

COMMENTS:

Last night, counsel for the George Washington University (GWU) served the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) and the parties with an unusual request prior to issuance of the Board's written order granting BZA Appeal No. 16701, 1957 E Street, N.W. GWU requested the BZA to reopen the case or to reconsider the not-yet-issued order claiming there is "good cause." In fact, the well-established standards for a good cause exemption are very strict and GWU does not meet them for its self-inflicted injury. The community questioned GWU's secret plans well before any shovel of dirt was turned. Also, GWU's filing includes new information not previously in the record and mis-information already proven to be incorrect (e.g., the nonexistence of meetings between the Zoning Administrator and the Foggy Bottom community organizations about GWU's building permit).

Intervenor West End Citizens Association (WECA) considers this unusual filing to be improper since the record is closed and the order has not yet been issued. The WECA asks the BZA to return without acceptance this filing. In the alternative, if the BZA accepts this filing, the WECA requests full notice in the DC Register, an opportunity to be heard and have cross examination at a public hearing, and an opportunity to respond.

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BZA
Case No. 16701
Exhibit No. 52

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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EXHIBIT NO.52