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June 4, 20001

Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
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Government of the District of Columbia
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Dear Ms. Kress:

This letter is in reference to BZA application no 16715. I received a telephone call on June 4th from Mr. David J. Murphy at the National Park Service concerning my application. Mr. Murphy stated that the Park Service was asked to submit a written response to my application. I understand from the discussion that the Park Service is not opposed to my request for an area variance but they have some concerns, which I believe I have satisfactorily resolved with Mr. Murphy, and I would like to make my response part of the record before the BZA.

Mr. Murphy raised three areas of concern: (1) Plans for the large maple tree on the Southwest corner of the lot facing Nebraska Ave. (2) Type of construction and finishes, and (3) Property access across parkland.

In response, I assured Mr. Murphy that the large maple tree is being protected and will not be removed. I will border off the maple tree from construction equipment and continue to protect the health and well being of the tree which I recently had inspected and deep fed by a tree service. In regard to construction type and finishes, the house will have all red brick exterior walls and a gray slate roof and copper gutters. Access to the property will be from Nebraska Ave. and I have no desire and will not be requesting to access the property from the street which runs through Park Service property.

Please let me know should you desire any further information.

Sincerely,

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Copy: Maxine Brown Roberts, Office of Planning
David J. Murphy, National Park Service

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