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Re: **Embassy of Latvia – Application No. 16739 – Request for Postponement**

Dear Ms. Kress:

The public hearing on this Application is scheduled for September 11, 2001. The Applicant is scheduled to appear before Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D next Tuesday, June 19th. Last night, at an informal meeting with the two ANC Commissioners and a number of other neighborhood representatives and individuals, it was recognized that there may not be sufficient time before next Tuesday evening to work out any understandings or potential agreements between the Applicant and the community. The ANC representatives indicated that they will not meet during the months of July and August and that their next meeting after June 19th will be three months later, on September 18, 2001. Instead, they requested that we seek a postponement of the public hearing until after the September 18th ANC meeting.

We have discussed this matter with the Embassy, the current property owner, and the Department of State and accommodations have been made by the parties in order to allow this to occur, provided the postponed date can be as soon as possible after September 18th. Accordingly, on behalf of the Applicant, we respectfully request a postponement of the public hearing to a date as soon

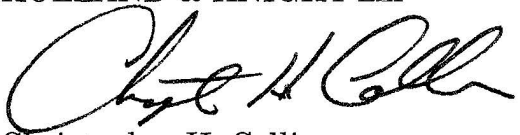
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after September 18, 2001, as possible in order to give the ANC the additional requested time. If the hearing is scheduled for September 25, 2001, we consent to a waiver of the rules, to the extent that one is necessary, in order to allow the ANC's written report to be submitted within seven days of the hearing date. Please confirm prior to next Tuesday whether the hearing can be postponed, and the date and time for the rescheduled hearing. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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