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Ms. Gerrily Kress
Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Reference : Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) Case Number16742

Dear Ms. Kress:

I regret that I am unable to personally make this presentation however, anticipating the time of this hearing to be during my recuperative from hip surgery, I wrote a letter to Mr. Kress on August 20, 2001, announcing that one of my architect associates, Mr. Harold Brookins, would make this hardship appeal in my steads.

This appeal stems from the fact that at the outset we were totally unaware that in the R-2 zoning district when a structure such as the one in question is located on a corner lot there are potentially two real yards; and the one with the greater distance from the building to the property line is the one that is ascribed to the structure as its real yard. In our case, since this space is the only space that would accommodate the elevator building this means that our proposed structure is in violation of the real yard zoning law. This also, is the only location wherein the elevator would serve the most effective and functional purpose due to the manner in which the entire building elements have been put together. Believing the space where our proposed structure is shown to be a side yard of the church and since it is 23 feet from the building to the property line at this location it is noteworthy that we allowed 8 feet from the proposed structure to the property line in compliance with the zoning ordinance.

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"HARDSHIP" - Since this church has a membership of more than 350 members and 60 percent percentage of which is 55 years or older. The originally facility was built in the 1950's and the three story addition was added subsequent to the 1950's. The primary objective of this appeal is to show beyond a reasonable doubt that the denial of this petition would impose a hardship upon the elderly and handicap of this church in devastating proportion:

> Among other things the church consist of 3 main elements (1) the main sanctuary floor which is accessible directly from the East Capitol Street entrance without stairs (2) a basement fellowship hall which must be accessed by going up and downstairs in two locations and (3) a three story addition along the rear (alley side) of the structure with multi stairs and wall separations. This proposed design eliminates all interior circulation stairways between both original structure and three story structure in the rear. The elevator building is design so as to permit access to all floor of the building without having to encounter circulation stairways.

Accordingly, this elevator building is of upmost importance to the seniors and the handicap who involve themselves with church functions almost of a daily basis. It is therefore, my most heart felt hope that the Board will consider this appeal on the basis of its merit base and the foregone delineation of this most complex structure and that it will give a favorable consideration to giving relief to the congregation in this matter. The Pastor, Reverend Robert B. Hunter and the undersign would like to express our most feverent appreciation for your favorable consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

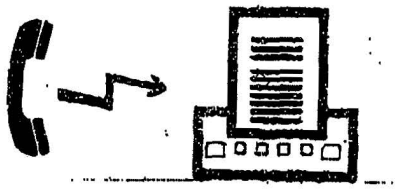
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