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Memorandum ● Government of the District of Columbia

TO: Board of Zoning Adjustment Department, Agency, Office: Executive Office

FROM: Ben W. Gilbert, Director
Office of Planning and Management Date: August 30, 1974

SUBJECT: Cady-Lee House, A Category II Landmark

The Office of Planning and Management recommends that the proposal of Mr David Dreyfuss of Dreyfuss Brothers, Inc. to construct 24 apartment units on the site of the Cady-Lee House be delayed for the following reasons:

1. The staff of OPM is in the process of completing a draft plan for the Takoma, D.C. area. The plan calls for needed housing units on other sites in the immediate vicinity of the Metro station. We feel that if such housing is approved that it, along with the preservation of such buildings as the Cady-Lee House would provide an appropriate balance between Takoma's historic heritage and the city's housing needs.

2. Efforts are presently being made by the Bicentennial Commission to get money from HUD to perform feasibility studies on community uses for an historic building in each Service Area. The Cady-Lee House has been designated as the building for Servie Area 1.

3. A joint meeting between Mr. Dreyfuss, Mr. Cady, citizens, and officials has been suggested as a fruitful approach in the search for a compromise solution to demolition of the structure. The meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 12, 1974.

4. The alternative of having the National Park Service purchase the property or provide Mr. Dreyfuss with a land transfer is also being studied.

5. Finally, community members are attempting to find an alternative buyer who would preserve the building (if Mr. Cady would be willing to consider one).

Because of these efforts to provide an alternative to the demolition of this historic shingle-style building, we recommend that the BZA delay approval on Mr. Dreyfuss' application to allow time for a compromise to be reached.

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