HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Property Address:	**2118 Kalorama Road, NW**		Agenda
Landmark/District:	**Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District**	X	Consent Calendar
		X	Concept Review
Meeting Date:	**February 7, 2002**	X	Alteration
H.P.A. Number:	**02-134**		New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	**Steve Callcott**		Demolition
			Subdivision

The applicant, permit expeditor Jim Smith for the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, seeks conceptual design review for a second story addition on the footprint of an existing one story rear wing on the rear of the Algerian embassy. As the Board will remember, the Algerian embassy building was largely destroyed in a fire over a year ago, however, the façade was saved and has been braced in anticipation of a complete reconstruction. The Board approved the conceptual reconstruction plans in 2001.

The existing unfenestrated brick rear wing does not appear to date from the original 1920s construction of the building, but will not be altered by the second floor addition. The additional floor will house a green house, and be clad in stucco and brick with large wood casement windows topped by half-round fanlights, and capped by a gabled slate roof. The addition is appropriate in its size, massing, and architectural expression for a large mansion property.

The staff recommends that the Review Board approve the concept as consistent with the character of the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District, and delegate final approval to staff.

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