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Dear Mr. Altman,

I was glad to meet and talk with you at the Boasberg's garden party on Sunday. Having been an early supporter & fund-raiser for Mayor Williams, I know of his commitment supporting cohesive neighborhoods. I was pleased with the opportunity to talk to you about the issues surrounding the expansion of National Child Research Center in our community

My husband and I have been long time supporters of NCRC as a small pre-school in our neighborhood and although none of our four children attended there, we donated the use of our 1878 home for an early house tour fund raiser for the school. We have been quite appalled by the deception and expansion that the school has undertaken in recent years and feel they have gone so far beyond the"neighborhood school" concept that allowed them the initial variance to be smack in the middle of an historic residential neighborhood in the first place. Their continued flaunting disregard for every special exception and agreement makes the application for any type of expansion a travesty.

As you advised me in our conversation, the traffic problem is a major concern. Since I live on Newark Street, I can attest to the congestion that is created at delivery and pick up times at the two intersections of Highland Place and Newark and the horrible back up at the intersection of Newark and 34th St. when I sit behind cars that have pulled out of Highland with Maryland and Virginia license plates waiting to cross or turn on to the constant traffic of 34th Street. The recent suggestion of turning Highland into a one way street is ridiculous. There will still be the same number of cars and congestion that the DOT report initially found to be hazardous. As a tax paying resident of the District of Columbia for almost 30 years, I resent so many concessions being considered for an institution that does not pay taxes or contribute in any way to the financial well being of our city and that has obviously, through their own underhanded decisions, decided to expand beyond their neighborhood site. They should move to another location where they would be free to become as big as they wish. Perhaps to the suburbs where a great percentage of their students reside.

I commend you on your many achievements to enhance our city and was delighted to be invited to the groundbreaking for Tivoli Square next week. I feel that our city's uniqueness is the balance between new projects to save and revitalize historic sites and commitment to protecting the existing family neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

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CC: Mayor Anthony Williams, Councilmembers, Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Ms. Jerrily Kress, Mr. Kenneth Laden, Ms. Nancy MacWood, Mr. John Welsh

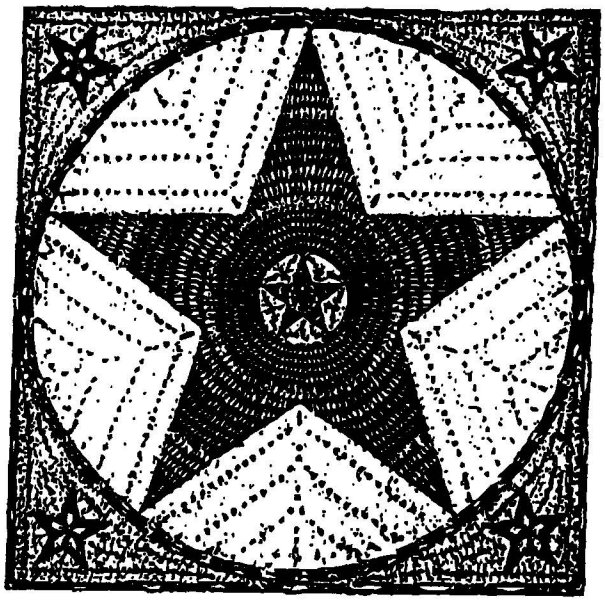
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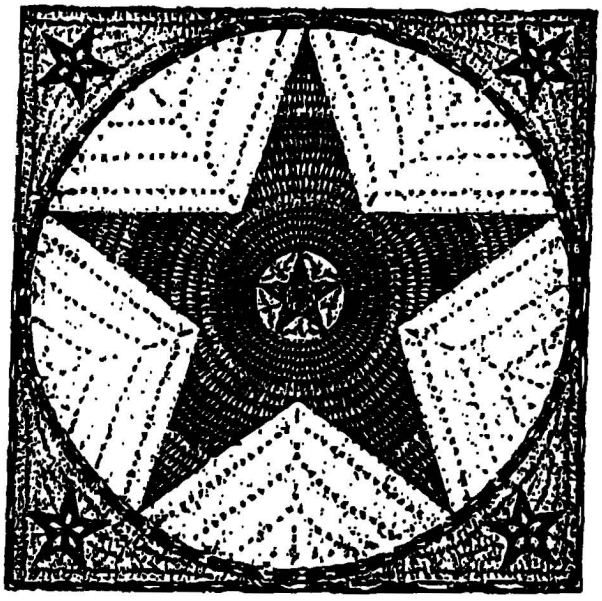
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