Stuart Bernstein
Ambassador of the United States of America
To the Kingdom of Denmark

October 4, 2002

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Washington, D.C. 20001

RECEIVED
D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING
2002 DEC -9 PM 4:09

Dear Mr. Griffins:

This letter is in support of the National Child Research Center, an educational institution I have long been familiar with. My daughter Alison's children have all attended.

The school is proposing to improve the use of current space and add a small building on the Ordway Street side of the campus. The historic house, an important asset of the Cleveland Park Historical District, would be changed in two ways: the original front entrance would be restored and the back porches would be replaced by two classrooms. This reconstruction will be architecturally harmonious with the style of the house.

The planned building on the Ordway side of campus will add approximately 6000 square feet for program space. Externally, this building will look like neighboring Ordway Street homes. Much of the square footage will be underground, taking advantage of the topography of the property. After construction, the playground will be restored, retaining and improving its present features.

Given the outstanding program at NCRC, I am convinced that these facility changes are imperative. For seventy-five years this Cleveland Park school has been example nationally and internationally. Everything possible should be done to enable NCRC to continue its leadership role in early childhood education.

I firmly support the school and ask that you back their efforts.
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

BZA
Case No. 16970
Exhibit No. 59

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16970
EXHIBIT NO.59