Foggy Bottom and West End
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-2A)

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MR. GEOFFREY GRIFFIS
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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May 7, 2003

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal #16984, ANC-2A's Appeal of the Administrative Decision of Zoning Administrator Granting Permit #B47779 for the property at 924 25th Street, N.W.—The River Inn.

Dear Chairperson Griffis and Board Members:

Enclosed please find attached additional photos, as per the ANC's request to submit them, of the front of The River Inn with the commercial adjunct, The Foggy Bottom Café showing to the left of the above-cited property. We would encourage the members to examine the full-color versions, not black and white photocopies, which can be deceptive. Please accept these additional photos as evidence that the Foggy Bottom Café, the commercial adjunct in question in our appeal, is clearly visible and recognizable as a non-residential element, not only from the sidewalk in front of the River Inn but also from across the street.

As we indicated to the BZA during preliminary matters in this case, the new landscaping and lighting of the front of the building assist in emphasizing, rather than downplaying, the commercial nature of The River Inn, including the commercial adjunct. As the ANC noted in its submission, this is contrary to DCMR 11 351.2 (c) (No part of the adjunct or the entrance to the adjunct shall be visible from a sidewalk;). The owner of The River Inn did lower the intensity of the outside uplighting on the front of the building at night and seems to have shut off the two very bright lights around the entrance after the April 29 BZA meeting. However, the owner needs to demonstrate further commitment that this will be permanent and that the landscaping will be changed to create a more appropriate screen to come into compliance with the regulations.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Miller

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Chair, ANC-2A

Attachments: ANC Exhibits 5-7 (1-4)

cc: Paul Tummonds,
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