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August 11, 2003

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Square 2567 Lot 850
17th and Belmont Streets, N.W.

Dear Mr. Griffis:

On behalf of Meridian International Center, owner of the above-referenced property, I hereby authorize the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP to file and process with the Board of Zoning Adjustment an application concerning this property.

Sincerely,

Meridian International Center
Walter L. Cutler
President

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