January 7, 2004

Mr. Geoffrey H. Griffis
Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING
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Re: 1515 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Lot 919, Square 209) ("Property")

Dear Mr. Griffis and Members of the Board:

The undersigned are the owners of the Property. Jacob A. Kamerow is Trustee under Morris Kaplan Trust No. 1 and Trustee under Morris Kaplan Trust No. 2 and as such represents a 92.659% ownership interest in the Property. Edith Kaplan is Trustee under the Edith Kaplan Trust and as such represents a 7.341% interest in the Property.

Please accept this letter as our authorization for Jacques B. DePuy, Esquire, Lyle M. Blanchard, Esquire and the firm of Greenstein, DeLorme & Luchs, P.C. to file as authorized agent on our behalf an application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (and any related materials) concerning any special exceptions and variances for the Property.

We understand and agree that any such BZA application may include Lots 920 and 921, Square 209 which abut the Property.

Sincerely,

Jacob A. Kamerow
Trustee
Morris Kaplan Trust No. 1
Morris Kaplan Trust No. 2

Sincerely,

Edith Kaplan

Edith Kaplan
Trustee
Edith Kaplan Trust

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BZA
Case No. 17137
Exhibit No. 9

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