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August 27, 2003

~~Board of Zoning Adjustment~~
441 4th Street, N.W.
Second Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Square 486
Lots 11,12,13,804,805,806,807,808

Dear Members of the Board:

As owner of the above-referenced properties, with this letter we authorize the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP to proceed with an application that is filed on behalf of Trammell Crow Company before the Board of Zoning Adjustment for relief from the roof structure requirements of the Zoning Regulations. This relief is needed in order to permit development of a proposed office building on the site.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 703-317-4753.

Sincerely,

Richard Koch
Senior Development Director

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