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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The attempt to close down the Watergate Hotel in Foggy Bottom and substitute a condominium building is a reflection of what is destroying the human element of social action by focusing only on money.

As a physician and psychiatrist for more than half a century and the occupier of Watergate offices in the 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW building and the 2600 Virginia Avenue NW building for almost 30 years, I view the attempt to rid people of the opportunity to meet different people from other cities and societies and the elimination of the Watergate Health Club as a horrible mark of the need to substitute money for the well-being of people.

I strongly oppose this action, and if it would help the Commission in its decision-making to learn of my worldwide experience and teaching about the removal of the human element for money, I would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

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