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Ms. Sara Benjamin Bardin
Director, Office of Zoning
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Application No. 19798
Embassy of Hungary
Square: 0195S Lot: 0800
1500 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

Dear Ms. Bardin:

The Department of State hereby provides its comments concerning the application submitted to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) by the Embassy of Hungary regarding its desire to renovate its chancery, located at 1500 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005. The application was submitted pursuant to 11 DCMR § 1002.66 and section 206 of the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. § 4306). This case is scheduled to be heard on September 12, 2018.

On behalf of the Secretary of State, and pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. §§ 4301-4316), particularly sections 4303 and 4306, I hereby convey to the BZA the following comments and determinations concerning the subject application. These comments and determinations relate to the statutory criteria governing BZA determinations that lie within the purview of the Federal Government, namely 22 U.S.C. § 4306(d)(1), (4), and (6), as well as the pertinent portion of (d)(3).

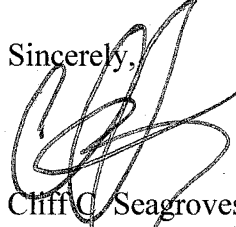
First, with respect to the criterion set forth in 22 U.S.C. § 4306(d)(1), we have determined that favorable BZA action on the present application would fulfill the international obligation of the United States to facilitate the provision of adequate and secure premises for the Government of Hungary in Washington, DC.

Second, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 4306(d)(3), after consultation with Federal agencies authorized to perform protective services, we have determined that there exist no special security requirements relating to parking in this case. We have also determined, after similar consultation, and pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 4306(d)(4), that the subject site and area are capable of being adequately protected.

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Finally, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 4306(d)(6), there is a federal interest in this project. The Government of Hungary has been helpful in addressing the United States' land use needs in Budapest, Hungary. Such cooperation was essential for successfully achieving the Federal Government's mission of providing safe, secure, and functional facilities for the conduct of U.S. diplomacy and the promotion of U.S. interests worldwide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cliff C. Seagroves', written over the typed name below.

Cliff C. Seagroves
Director, Acting
Policy and Reciprocity

cc: Embassy of Hungary