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Mr. F. Moran McConihe  
Commissioner of Public Buildings  
General Services Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McConihe:

As you know, Harrison and Abramovits submitted tentative drawings, cost estimates and preliminary specifications for the new Central Intelligence Agency headquarters building on 5 August 1957. In addition to these data, the architects made separate recommendations regarding the general office layouts and partitioning on 9 August 1957.

Members of our Building Planning Staff are reviewing these data in close coordination with Mr. L. L. Hunter and other representatives of the Public Buildings Service with the objective of completing the general comments for the architect early in September. I understand that a tentative appointment to discuss the project with the architects has been arranged for 9 September or thereabout. We will make our general comments and suggestions available to you prior to this meeting.

Several of the architect's suggestions, which we desire to accept, will require some modification of the general office layouts. These revisions, in our opinion, will result in a considerable savings in the partitioning indicated on the tentative drawings. In addition, we wish to relocate the corridor on the upper floors of Wing 5. This relocation has been discussed with the architect, who agrees with the proposal. The area, other major corridors or circulations, location of stairwells, shafts, toilets, etc. are acceptable. In the interest of

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saving time in the development of preliminary working drawings, it is therefore recommended that you give the architect your approval of the architectural aspects of the tentative drawings with the understanding that revised partition layouts will be furnished early in September.

These proposed actions have been discussed with representatives of the architect-engineer, as well as several representatives of your organization, and I believe there is general agreement that this course will tend to expedite our program.

Sincerely,

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L. K. White  
Deputy Director

cc: Harrison & Abramovitz

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