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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Citizen Meeting - 13 October 1983

1. At the request of [redacted], the undersigned and [redacted] met with local citizens at the home of Mrs. [redacted]. The meeting was the result of a request to hold further discussions regarding parking and its potential impact on the adjacent subdivisions. STAT
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2. Agency representatives were requested to begin by restating the Agency view of the parking situation after consolidation. The same arguments were put forward, i.e., the parking ratios after consolidation will be comparable to other Departments and Agencies, will be consistent with administration policy, and will be comparable to parking ratios previously experienced at the Agency in earlier years when occupancy was at a maximum. It was added that citizen fears that employees might park in local neighborhoods to carpool into the Compound were unfounded. If employees are to carpool, they will do so closer to their residences to gain the economies of carpooling.

3. [redacted] President of the Evermay Citizens, asked if the Agency would publish a policy stating that Agency employees could not park on surrounding streets and roadways. He was informed that, while publishing such a statement is possible, enforcement by the Agency would not be possible. Mr. [redacted] had difficulty accepting this fact and returned to this question several times during the discussions. STAT
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4. The Agency representatives were asked what could be done if the hypothetical parking problem in the neighborhood materialized. It was suggested that the citizens take action to have the streets posted and it was volunteered that Agency management would probably be supportive of their action. The question then arose as to whether the Agency would make that commitment now. The undersigned stated that chances are good and that a letter to Mr. Fitzwater would be the proper vehicle to get such a commitment.

5. [redacted] asked if the Washington Post story stating the visitor center was to be moved to the George Washington Memorial Parkway entrance was accurate. She was advised that the story was not accurate and given a verbal summary of the DDA letter to Congressman Wolf on which the Post story was based. STAT

6. As usual, the subject of improvements at the Merchants Lane intersection was raised. The undersigned stated that it was our hope that the intersection improvements at the Agency would be such that the sight distance

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problem at Merchants Lane would be eased. However, it would not be possible to solve the problem unless the solution could be directly related to the needs of the Agency, since it would not be separately justifiable to our Committees.

7. While little new information was developed during this meeting, the insight it offered into the citizens of the adjacent communities was very valuable. There is clearly no homogenous opposition to the Agency project and associated impacts. The Ad Hoc Committee is in fact a minority group. Many supportive and understanding statements were made by other residents. There was no hostility evident at this meeting, just an apparent desire to better understand the Agency view and explore our willingness to work with the community. Possibly the coincident power failure that caused the meeting to be held by candlelight contributed to the mellow mood.

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