

EVERMAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
McLean, Virginia 22101

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Mr. T. Eugene Smith
Vice Chairman, National Capitol Planning
Commission
666 Tintegel Lane
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Mr. Smith:

At the McLean Community Association's monthly Board of Directors' meeting held on December 2, we were shown plans by the CIA for that institution's expansion of the building facilities and personnel at Langley. We of the Evermay Community, as well as other communities, have serious concerns regarding CIA's choice of options in formulating these plans and we wish to express them to you in the hope that you will be of some assistance.

It is our understanding that the Commission will be reviewing the CIA proposal in early January for approval or disapproval. Since the Evermay Community is located directly across from (and adjacent to) the CIA gate on Route 123, its plans impact on us in a very direct way both in regard to extra traffic loading and location of antennae close to Route 123.

I am sure you are aware of the current traffic problem on Route 123 between Evermay and G.W. Parkway and, in the opposite direction, to Tyson's Corner. We are at a loss in understanding CIA's decision to concentrate the added traffic load on the Route 123 gate rather than on the G.W. Parkway where it obviously appears to be more efficient and acceptable to the community residents. It is apparent to us (and to many other community representatives who attended the December 2nd meeting), that more acceptable alternatives have not been fully considered by CIA planners. More specifically, why not make more use of the obviously much more direct access and egress gate on G.W. Parkway, leaving the less heavy truck traffic to the 123/193 routes? It appeared that feasible alternatives which seemed both more efficient and, at the same time, much more acceptable to community residents were discarded in favor of technical solutions generated by a highly impersonal computer that totally disregarded community relations and the public welfare.

We are also extremely concerned over the present and future electric power requirements for the expanded CIA facility. Attached is a copy of a letter which clearly illustrates our concern here in Evermay. You surely must be aware of the VEPCO/Fairfax County case regarding the high-power transmission lines that were erected by VEPCO directly through the middle of Evermay, 50 feet from front doors.

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The residents of Evermay have been involved since 1977 in efforts to have these high-power transmission lines either rerouted or buried. We are now seriously apprehensive over CIA's voltage requirements and the re-inforcing of VEPCO's policy to cover our landscape with unsightly and potentially dangerous high-power lines and massive towers especially since the CIA representatives informed us that large amounts of computer and communications equipment would be installed in the planned additional 1.1 million square feet of office space. Will the residents of Evermay and other surrounding areas be the taxpayers/ratepayers who will suffer more and more from increased voltage lines hung from abominable towers? Will our health be endangered due to increased activity of equipment and the generation of strong electro-magnetic fields? Did the CIA/GSA environmental impact statement address this issue? As of December 2nd, no one at the McLean Citizens Association had seen a copy of the EIS, much less the residents of this community. One person, co-chair of the McLean Citizens Association's Transportation Committee, had seen the Environmental Assessment, but had only received it on the previous Friday to the Wednesday meeting. How has VEPCO been involved in this planning? Has our Congressional delegation been involved? Surely you can understand our concern and you will see fit to disapprove the present plan AND recommend highly feasible changes so that CIA would be able to meet its objectives without negatively impacting on its neighbors.

One further serious concern of ours involves CIA's decision to locate its planned meeting center and large disc antennae at the Route 123 gate. With all the space available to it further into its grounds and away from public roads and view, why has CIA elected to place the center and the antennae as close as it possibly can to its neighbors? They should be placed further into the campus, away from public roads and surrounding homes.

Having presented a summary of our concerns here, we would like to know if it would be possible for us to present our views to the National Capitol Planning Commission in person and if so, at what point would that be appropriate? Any information you can supply us about this matter and about your meeting date and agenda would be sincerely appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call me at [redacted] during [redacted] STAT
business hours, or [redacted] We look forward to STAT
hearing from you.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

[redacted]

President

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