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Re: CIA Expansion Proposal

Dear Mr. Urquhart:

Representatives of the Lynwood Homeowners Association recently had the opportunity to review your memorandum of April 13 distributed to some of the citizen's associations in the vicinity of the Central Intelligence Agency. For your information and for purposes of future notices, please be advised that Lynwood is a community of approximately 45 homes and additional undeveloped lots on the south side of Route 123 just west of the Evermay subdivision. Your memorandum was supplied to us by the Evermay Community Association. Please include us on the mailing list for all future notices.

We have had an opportunity to discuss the CIA expansion with members of that association and members of the Clearview Manor Citizens Association. Our concern with the CIA Headquarters expansion deals principally with the off-site road improvements tentatively proposed for the area in front of the CIA entrance and adjacent to the intersection of Routes 123 and Route 193. We understand from the administrators of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation that the road improvements are in the process of being finalized with the assistance of the design office of that department and a consultant.

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In connection with those improvements, your memorandum of April 13 solicited written comments by this date in advance of the June 1983 meeting when adoption of the "proposed federal capital improvements program for the national capital region" is tentatively scheduled. Accordingly, we have these preliminary comments and suggestions:

1. We believe that the NCPC should require that an updated traffic study of the Routes 123 and 193 corridors be conducted to determine the level of traffic in that area particularly during the morning and evening rush hours. Any study conducted during the next few months should take into account the fact that during the summer months the traffic along those roads appears to diminish somewhat. We trust that any updated traffic studies will be made available to the neighboring citizens associations for their examination.

2. Based on our discussions with the VDH&T staff, it appears that the current off-site proposal, a copy of which is attached, calls for three overpasses located approximately where the traffic signals currently are in front of the CIA and at the intersection of Route 123 and Route 193. The final plans scheduled for this summer may vary from the current proposal. Accordingly, we request that the drawings be placed in the public record immediately and that copies of the final plans be made available to us for comment well in advance of the public hearing.

3. We are very concerned that the CIA may not have considered all possible alternatives to the current proposal. One such alternative would be for the CIA to design off-site road changes for the GW Parkway entrance to the CIA grounds in coordination with the National Park Service and Interior Department. We believe that the GW Parkway entrance is currently under-utilized and that traffic studies will demonstrate that to be true. Alteration of the GW Parkway entrance to the CIA in lieu of changes to the Route 123 entrance would have the beneficial result of reducing traffic noise and other adverse environmental impact in the Route 123 and Route 193 area. Given the substantial wooded borders lining the Parkway which serves as a green barrier between it and the few homes nearby, the environmental impact of the changes on the Parkway would be minimal when compared to the proposed changes to Routes 123 and 193 where many homes are located.

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5. Please advise us upon the scheduling of any formal or informal meetings concerning the CIA expansion. We would be pleased to participate in such proceedings or to meet with any representatives of NCPC and other governmental units to discuss this project and review the final plans.

We appreciate the opportunity to give you our preliminary comments and welcome the opportunity to do so in the future. If you have any questions or additional information regarding the interests of the Lynwood Homeowners Association, please contact me or Mr. Giuseppe Cecchi, 1209 Aldebaran Street, McLean, Virginia 22101.

Very truly yours,



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