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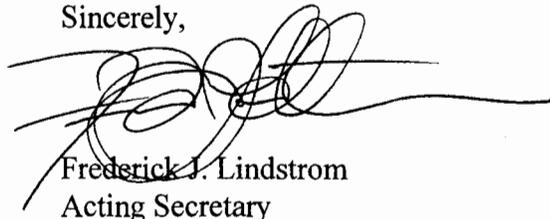
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Dear Mr. Floyd:

During its meeting of 21 October 2004, the Commission reviewed the proposed concept for the National Law Enforcement Museum located on Judiciary Square. The members approved the preliminary concept design, except for the two skylight features in the plaza. The members felt that the elimination of the stairs at the sidewalk edge, as shown in previous submissions, was a desirable improvement. This change will create a more open and welcoming entranceway allowing universal access for all visitors to the museum and the courthouse. However, in this regard, the members felt that all skylights in the center of the plaza should be eliminated to keep the plaza open and to ensure unencumbered access for all. In addition, the members repeated their requests for your architects to continue their efforts to coordinate with the architects for the addition to the Old Courthouse for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and to incorporate the desired security features for the Courts into the design. Close and careful coordination between these two projects will be crucial to creating successful public spaces and entryways to both facilities.

The Commission looks forward to further review of this project and recommends submission of a revised concept that responds to the concerns expressed and includes a proposal for the museum's signs. The staff is available to help facilitate the coordination between your project and that of the courts and, as always, to assist you and the design team if questions arise.

Sincerely,



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