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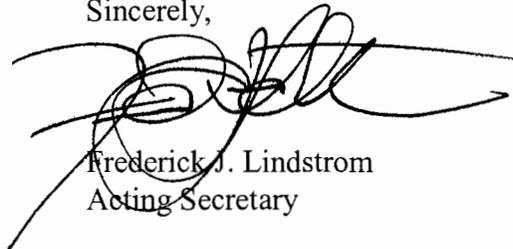
4 October 2004

Dear Dr. Elias:

During the Commission's meeting of 21 September 2004, the members confirmed their approval and recommendations for the Arboretum's submission for the first phase of the new Flowering Tree Walk. The members recommended that the concrete paving for the walkways be finished in a sand-colored exposed aggregate and suggest that some sample panels be prepared on site for the final selection. In addition, the members asked that it be clearly stated that the design of the plaza between the administration building and the National Herb Garden will be part of a later phase of the project to be submitted for review.

We look forward to seeing this new feature in the Arboretum become a reality in the near future. As always, the staff is available to assist you and your design team prior to the next phase of the project being submitted for review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frederick J. Lindstrom', written over a horizontal line.

Frederick J. Lindstrom  
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