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Dear Mr. Carlstrom:

During its meeting of 17 February 2005, the Commission reviewed the revised concept for the eastern portion of the perimeter security barrier for the Lincoln Memorial and did not approve the submission as presented. The Commission appreciates the great effort the National Park Service has taken to create the best design for this most important memorial. However, the current proposal creates a seemingly long security perimeter due to its placement relative to the memorial. In addition, the two seating walls proposed for the barrier line along the eastern side of the plaza were felt to be too large and overly-detailed, obstructing both physical and visual access to the memorial.

The Commission requests an additional site inspection, with mockups, to determine the appropriate location of the bollard line on the east side of the memorial. The members suggest that several mockups be put in place, including an option that is closer to the memorial's steps on the west side of the roadway.

The site inspection should be scheduled for the early morning of 17 March, to precede the Commission's next meeting. Please coordinate with the staff to make the arrangements. The Commission looks forward to further review of this project, and as always, the staff is available should you require guidance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frederick J. Lindstrom', with a horizontal line drawn through it.

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