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Mr. Annunzio Pittman, Chair
Alexandria Commission for the Arts
Lee Center
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314



May 23, 2002

Dear Annunzio,

This letter will serve as official notification of my resignation from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, effective immediately.

It has become clear to me over the past couple months that my professional obligations at the Schlesinger Center have created an ever larger number of conflicts of interest with respect to the work of the Commission. In all likelihood, the number and manner of these conflicts will continue to grow. Additionally, some recent Commission issues and decisions have impacted the Center in ways that have put me in a very difficult position. I can only "serve one master," and in this case that's the Schlesinger Center.

Please convey my good-byes to the other Commissioners. It's been a pleasure working with you and them.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leslie White
Managing Director

cc: Cheryl Anna Powalisz,
Cultural Arts Administrator