

Docket Item # 12-A  
SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2002-0040

Planning Commission Meeting  
June 4, 2002

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request for a special use permit for a media staging area with off-site parking.

**APPLICANT:** City of Alexandria  
by Philip Sunderland, City Manager

**LOCATION:** 2000 Jamieson Avenue

**ZONE:** OC/Office Commercial Medium

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**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION, JUNE 4, 2002:** On a motion by Mr. Komoroske, seconded by Ms. Fossum, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the request, subject to compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances and staff recommendations and to amend Conditions #2 and #4, and to add Conditions #11 and #12. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 2, with Mr. Dunn and Mr. Gaines voting against. An earlier motion by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Gaines, to deny the proposal failed on a vote of 2 to 5.

Reason: A majority of the Commissioners agreed that the City should take action to establish a media staging area near the U. S. Courthouse for the two trials scheduled to begin in 2002. The Commission supported the effort to centralize and control the location and movement of media people and vehicles in the area in order to help maintain an orderly environment for the nearby residents and businesses. Commissioners Dunn and Gaines voted against the proposal because it might suggest to the Federal government that other similarly large trials should also be held in Alexandria, contrary to the desire of the city; because the responsibility for the media should be with the federal government, not be the City; and because the City's effort to control the media may not be effective.

Speakers:

Jim Burke spoke on behalf of the Carlyle Towers Unit Owners Association in support of the media staging area.

The following individual speakers, almost all of whom reside in Carlyle Towers, spoke in opposition to the media staging area proposal:

Barbara Currie  
Flossie Parks

Mary Garrison  
George Currie  
Elizabeth Palmer Johnson  
William Misabo  
Alan Weinstein  
Sara Harris  
Bill Harvey  
Eve Galloway  
James Wagener  
Ken Lopez  
Robert Utenmyer  
Bob Jordon  
Joel Johnson  
Rita Apter  
Ruth Cleveland  
Elizabeth Palmer Johnson  
Ms. Finckley  
Julie Crenshaw  
Pat Rudd

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends **approval** subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the following conditions:

1. The special use permit shall be granted to the applicant only. (P&Z)
2. **CONDITION AMENDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION:** Access from public streets, site preparation, security lighting, and solid waste service shall be provided by and to the satisfaction of the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services. Adequate trash collection and trash cans shall be provided. (T&ES) (PC)
3. The media staging area shall be designed and built pursuant to a plan approved by the Directors of the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. (P&Z)
4. **CONDITION AMENDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION:** This special use permit approval shall expire on ~~October 31, 2004~~ October 1, 2003, unless extended by City Council. (P&Z) (PC)
5. The City shall provide a central contact for residents living adjacent to the media staging area to provide information to the public to and address concerns of citizens. (P&Z)
6. No parking of motor vehicles is permitted on site, except for public safety purposes, or for the temporary drop off or pick up of persons, equipment or materials. (P&Z)
7. The applicant shall contact the Crime Prevention Unit of the Alexandria Police Department for a security survey. (Police)
8. The City shall provide a parking lot off-site at 2395 Mill Road for use by the media. (P&Z)
9. Use of the media staging area shall be limited to representatives of the media who have registered with the City and in accord with the City's media staging area regulations. (P&Z)

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10. The Director of Planning and Zoning shall review the special use permit one year after approval and shall docket the matter for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council if (a) there have been documented violations of the permit conditions, (b) the director has received a request from any person to docket the permit for review as a result of a complaint that rises to the level of a violation, or (c) the director has determined that there are problems with the operation of the use and that new or revised conditions are needed. (P&Z)
11. **CONDITION ADDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION: The City shall investigate and require where feasible pooling of media to reduce the total number of media coming to the site and to provide for more efficient transportation options, for example shuttle bus service. (PC)**
12. **CONDITION ADDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION: The City shall consult residents from Carlyle Towers about moving the restroom trailer to the east side of the subject property, and take such action if feasible and desirable. (PC)**

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Staff Note: In accordance with section 11-506(c) of the zoning ordinance, construction or operation shall be commenced and diligently and substantially pursued within 18 months of the date of granting of a special use permit by City Council or the special use permit shall become void.

DISCUSSION:

1. The applicant, City of Alexandria, represented by City Manager Philip Sunderland, requests special use permit approval for a media staging area (media center) with off-site parking at 2000 Jamieson Avenue.
2. The subject property is one lot of record with 326 feet of frontage on Jamieson Avenue, 187 feet of frontage facing Courthouse Square, 145 feet of frontage on Ballenger Avenue, and a total lot area of 55,927 square feet. The site (Map 73.03, Block 02, Lot 13) is currently undeveloped.

The subject property is part of the Carlyle Development. It is known as Block F in the Carlyle approved plan, and planned for hotel development in the future. Carlyle Towers, a residential building, lies to the northwest, the U.S. Courthouse lies to the southwest, the future site of the Patent and Trade Office lies to the east, and other office developments, including the offices of Time Life and the Society of Human Resources Management, lie to the north.

3. The applicant requests special use permit approval to use this Carlyle site on a temporary basis for a media center coordinated by the City of Alexandria. The media staging area will provide a central, organized work location for media covering two major terrorist related trials at the U.S. Courthouse on Jamieson Avenue scheduled to begin in August and October 2002.
4. The media center is a proactive step by the City to accommodate and control the expected media. Journalists from more than 50 media companies from the United States and abroad have applied for credentials to cover the two upcoming trials. As many as 1,000 media representatives, possibly more, are expected at the courthouse on the first and last days of the trials and other peak days. Far fewer, possibly in the range of 200 to 500, are anticipated at the courthouse during the rest of the trial.
5. The media center will provide office space, restroom facilities, and food service space for the media as well as a "stand-up" platform. Utilities needed by the media will be provided, including fiber optics and electricity. The City will charge the media a fee to use the media center and plans to recoup all costs associated with the creation, operation and maintenance of the media center and the off site parking being provide for it. Use of the media center will be limited to those media members who have registered with the City rented space within the media center, and have agreed to comply with the City's media center regulations.

6. Most of the facilities at the media center will be provided in trailers. The City estimates that there will be between 10 and 15 office trailers (typically 10' x 40' or 10' x 48' each), a trailer for restroom facilities, and one for food service. The number and size of trailers will be limited by fire safety regulations, the location and requirements for utilities, including sewer, and internal pedestrian pathways.
7. The site will also include an elevated camera platform, a layby for loading and unloading, and a box housing fiber optic wiring (9 feet tall and 14 feet wide). A curb-cut will be added to the site to provide access for media vehicles at the northeast corner of the lot. No long-term parking will be provided on the lot. (See attached illustrative plan drawing.)
8. The proposed food service will only serve the media occupying the on-site trailers and will not be open to the public. The food service trailer will not have seating and will only offer food for carry-out. It is expected that the food service will be provided by local restaurants or caterers, in compliance with all applicable regulations.
9. The duration of the media center is uncertain. It will be required for the duration of the first two trials, which are expected to end next summer.
10. The media center will be in use 24 hours a day. The applicant expects that the majority of the use will occur when trial and court proceedings are underway or have just ended, and that most of the use will occur during the daytime with some use on the weekend.
11. All garbage will be stored in on-site trash cans located throughout the property, and will be collected by the City daily, or more often if necessary.
12. The media center is within an area around the courthouse which will be secured by the U.S. Marshals and the City of Alexandria Police Department.
13. The City is investigating the possibility of erecting a fence on the northwestern side of the property to help control access to and from the media center and to screen it from the adjacent residents of Carlyle Towers.
14. The City intends to provide the media with a list of rules that addresses a variety of issues. Anticipated rules include prohibitions for on-site television broadcast transmission trucks, generators, motorized vehicles, individual media umbrellas, tents, and cooking. These rules also bar living on-site, full night-time illumination of the courthouse, using food vendors

other than those provided in the on-site food service trailer, and using couriers between sunset and sunrise. Compliance with the City's media center regulations will be required for media using the media center.

15. The media center is a unique use which the zoning ordinance does not address. However, if staff considers the use as one for office space, and calculates the amount of floor area in the anticipated trailers as a basis for a parking requirement, then the media center will require 1.2 parking spaces per 220 square feet. The expected 15 trailers (if 10 feet by 48 feet) will constitute 7,200 square feet and would require 40 parking spaces.

The City will provide as much parking as possible for the media at 2395 Mill Road, the special use permit application for which is also before the Planning Commission and City Council for approval. This parking lot is intended only for the use of the media, and only those media members who have registered with the City will be permitted to use the parking lot. The City estimates that the Mill Road parking lot will have room for up to 120 parking spaces, more than required for the use under the above zoning analysis.

17. Zoning: The subject property is located in the OC (Office Commercial) zone. Section 7-1100 of the zoning ordinance allows trailers used for temporary non-residential uses in the OC zone only with a special use permit. Condition #14 of DSUP #99-0055 and #99-0056 (Carlyle approvals) allows interim parking of vehicles on vacant land within the Carlyle Development only with a special use permit.
18. Master Plan: The proposed use if it were permanent would not be consistent with the King Street / Eisenhower Avenue Small Area Plan chapter of the Master Plan which designates the property for office and commercial use.

#### STAFF ANALYSIS:

The United States has chosen the United States Courthouse in Alexandria as the venue for two high-profile terrorist trials. The federal courthouse is located within Carlyle, a community containing residential and office uses and the new home for the Patent and Trademark Office, now under construction. Locating the new federal courthouse within Carlyle was consistent with the City's goals for the area, for civic uses are an integral part of the balance in a successful mixed use development.

The proposed media center at 2000 Jamieson Avenue, the future hotel site within Carlyle, is one mechanism by which the City can minimize the impacts created by the media who are expected to come to Carlyle to cover the trials. The media center is being planned to include office space, a stand up platform for filming, food and restroom facilities for media reporters and staff, and utilities. By creating this area the City is establishing a centralized and controlled media location that will aid enhanced courthouse security measures planned for the courthouse area, limit disruption to adjacent residential neighbors and construction projects, and reduce traffic and illegal parking by media vehicles.

The site is the appropriate one for the use. It is immediately in front of the courthouse's main entrance and is in the right location for the media's purpose. It is a site that can be secured and controlled. There are none other in the immediate area that share these necessary characteristics.

A large land area within Carlyle that includes both the Federal Courthouse and the proposed media center will be cordoned off as part of the security precautions during the time the trials are proceeding. Within the security area, access will be limited and parking will be prohibited for the general public, including the media. This secure area is for the security of people coming to the courthouse as well as the residents of Carlyle Towers.

The adjacent residents of Carlyle Towers will undoubtedly be affected by the activities surrounding the trials and the City's creation of the media center will help address potential noise, trash, traffic, parking and safety issues. The City expects to locate a fence on the northwestern side of the subject lot, along Jamieson Avenue, opposite Carlyle Towers. If it proves feasible, the fence will control media access in and out of the area and help screen the media center from Carlyle Towers. An integral part of the media center arrangement involves a required set of operational rules for the media. These rules will address a variety of issues, including a prohibition on the use of television broadcast transmission trucks, generators, and individual media umbrellas. In order to use the media center, media representatives will be required to register with the City and agree to be bound by the City's requirements.

The City Manager's office has already established a contact for residents living near the proposed media center to answer questions and discuss concerns. That centralized contact will continue during the trials. In addition, the City anticipates that City staff will have space in one of the trailers at the media center to provide information and direction for the media.

The subject lot is currently used as a dog park by some residents of Carlyle Towers. When this conflict became apparent, the Carlyle Development Corporation stepped up construction of the planned dog park adjacent to the Carlyle Towers tennis courts. Construction should begin in the next several months.



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The City will provide as much parking as it possibly can for the media center off-site at 2395 Mill Road. This parking lot is WMATA property and is the closest and largest vacant site the City could locate and make available. There is insufficient room to provide parking on-site at 2000 Jamieson Avenue and at the same time maintain the organized, secure environment that the City seeks to provide. In order to use the media center, reporters and staff will be required to use the Mill Road parking lot.

Planning staff is recommending that this special use permit be approved and has, consistent with SUP practice, recommended conditions designed to ensure that the media center operates consistent with expectations. First, staff recommends that approval for the media center expire in October 2004, two years after the onset of the second scheduled trial, allowing time for those trials now scheduled. The SUP can be extended if the trial schedule requires and after public review and approval by City Council. In addition, staff has added conditions regarding the site design, providing a centralized contact for citizens, and providing remote parking. Planning staff also recommends that the use of the media center be restricted to those media representatives who have registered with the City and agreed to abide by its rules. Thus, if media representatives who have registered with the City to use the media center do not follow the City requirements, they will be violating this SUP as well as those regulations. Finally, staff is recommending that a one year review of the permit take place to assess the use after it becomes operational.

STAFF: Eileen P. Fogarty, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning;  
Barbara Ross, Deputy Director;  
Mary Hashemi, Urban Planner.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

Transportation & Environmental Services:

- C-1 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line.
- F-1 Access from public streets, site preparation, security lighting, and solid waste service shall be provided by and to the satisfaction of the Director of T&ES.

Code Enforcement:

- C-1 Electrical wiring methods and other electrical requirements must comply with the 1996 National Electrical Code.
- C-2 The placement of trailers shall comply with the fire separation requirements of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Health Department:

- F-1 No comments.

Police Department:

- R-1 Security survey for trailers

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# APPLICATION for SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2002-0040

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PROPERTY LOCATION: 2000 Jamieson Avenue

TAX MAP REFERENCE: 73.03-02-06 ZONE: CDD-1

APPLICANT Name: Philip Sunderland, City Manager

Address: City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

PROPERTY OWNER Name: Carlyle Development Corporation

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED USE: Media staging area adjacent to the Federal Courthouse

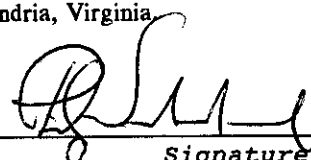
(TRAILERS)

**THE UNDERSIGNED** hereby applies for a Special Use Permit in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Section 11-500 of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**THE UNDERSIGNED**, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria to post placard notice on the property for which this application is requested, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-301(B) of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**THE UNDERSIGNED** hereby attests that all of the information herein provided and specifically including all surveys, drawings, etc., required to be furnished by the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief. The applicant is hereby notified that any written materials, drawings or illustrations submitted in support of this application and any specific oral representations made to the Planning Commission or City Council in the course of public hearings on this application will be binding on the applicant unless those materials or representations are clearly stated to be non-binding or illustrative of general plans and intentions, subject to substantial revision, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-207(A)(10), of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Philip Sunderland  
Print Name of Applicant or Agent

  
Signature

City Hall, 301 King Street  
Mailing/Street Address

703-838-4300      703-838-6343  
Telephone #      Fax #

Alexandria, VA      22314  
City and State      Zip Code

March 26, 2002  
Date

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Emily Baker

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - OFFICE USE ONLY**

Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION - PLANNING COMMISSION: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION - CITY COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_

All applicants must complete this form. Supplemental forms are required for child care facilities, restaurants, automobile oriented uses and freestanding signs requiring special use permit approval.

1. The applicant is (*check one*)                     the Owner                     Contract Purchaser  
 Lessee or                     Other: \_\_\_\_\_ of the subject property.

State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent.

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If property owner or applicant is being represented by an authorized agent such as an attorney, realtor, or other person for which there is some form of compensation, does this agent or the business in which the agent is employed have a business license to operate in the City of Alexandria, Virginia?    N/A

- Yes.    Provide proof of current City business license  
 No.    The agent shall obtain a business license prior to filing application, if required by the City Code.

2. Submit a floor plan and a plot plan with parking layout of the proposed use. One copy of the plan is required for plans that are 8½" x 14" or smaller. Twenty-four copies are required for larger plans or if the plans cannot be easily reproduced. The planning director may waive requirements for plan submission upon receipt of a written request which adequately justifies a waiver. This requirement does not apply if a Site Plan Package is required.

### **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

3. The applicant shall describe below the nature of the request in detail so that the Planning Commission and City Council can understand the nature of the operation and the use, including such items as the nature of the activity, the number and type of patrons, the number of employees, the hours, how parking is to be provided for employees and patrons, and whether the use will generate any noise. (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

#### Temporary Media Staging Area

Approximately 200 people representing more than 50 media companies from the United States and abroad have applied for credentials to cover the upcoming terrorist trials in the U.S. Courthouse on Jamieson Avenue. Between 75 and 100 media representatives are expected to cover the trials on peak days. The first trial is scheduled to begin in September 2002 and a second trial is scheduled to begin in October. Additional terrorist-related trials at the U.S. Courthouse in Alexandria are possible.

A media staging area near the U.S. Courthouse is needed to maintain safe pedestrian passageway, to limit the disruption to nearby residents and businesses, to prevent traffic gridlock on adjacent streets, to avert television transmission trucks and other media vehicles from potentially parking in no-parking areas including fire lanes, to provide a location for the media to work that doesn't obstruct the ongoing nearby PTO construction and does not conflict with the enhanced security around the courthouse. The media staging area needs to be within approximately 150' of the courthouse, which is the maximum length of the wiring which will connect the media cameras and the transmission vehicles. In addition, locating the media work vehicles close to the courthouse will reduce traffic on adjacent streets.

The Carlyle Development Corporation property meets the location requirements noted above and is currently one of the few vacant pieces of property in the neighborhood.

#### Facilities and Uses

The uses for the media staging area are listed below. It is possible that some of the uses may not be needed, but the full list is provided.

- Television broadcast media transmission trucks
- Media work/support vehicles
- Approximately 40' long media work trailers (reporters will use this space to write and edit stories, talk by phone, etc.)
- A trailer with restroom facilities
- A hospitality tent or trailer, with food provided by local restaurants and/or non-profit organizations
- A media microphone/camera stand-up area facing the courthouse
- A bank of pay telephones on a trailer
- Individual media umbrellas
- A utility trailer for electricity and/or fiber optics

**USE CHARACTERISTICS**

4. The proposed special use permit request is for: *(check one)*

- a new use requiring a special use permit,
- a development special use permit,
- an expansion or change to an existing use without a special use permit,
- expansion or change to an existing use with a special use permit,
- other. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please describe the capacity of the proposed use:

A. How many patrons, clients, pupils and other such users do you expect? Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift).

While about 200 media representatives have credentials to cover the trials,  
we expect about 75-100 each day of trial or court proceedings.

B. How many employees, staff and other personnel do you expect? Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift).

N/A

6. Please describe the proposed hours and days of operation of the proposed use:

Day: M - F

Hours:

This could be a 24 hour operation,  
but majority of use will be right  
before and after and during trial  
and court motions

Could be in use 24 hours  
some days during trial; mostly  
daytime; some weekend use expected

7. Please describe any potential noise emanating from the proposed use:

A. Describe the noise levels anticipated from all mechanical equipment and patrons.

No appreciable noise from T.V. transmission vehicles expected

B. How will the noise from patrons be controlled?

N/A.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Describe any potential odors emanating from the proposed use and plans to control them:

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Please provide information regarding trash and litter generated by the use:

A. What type of trash and garbage will be generated by the use?

Paper, soda cups, fast food containers, etc.  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. How much trash and garbage will be generated by the use?

Not a substantial amount - - the amount generated by the usual coffee and fast food consumption of the various media individuals using the site  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. How often will trash be collected?

City personnel will daily collect the trash; if more than once-a-day collection is necessary, trash collections will be increased.  
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D. How will you prevent littering on the property, streets and nearby properties?

Applicant will provide numerous trash cans throughout the property. In addition, instructions against littering will be given to each media outlet.  
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10. Will any hazardous materials, as defined by the state or federal government, be handled, stored, or generated on the property?

Yes.  No.

If yes, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:

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11. Will any organic compounds, for example paint, ink, lacquer thinner, or cleaning or degreasing solvent, be handled, stored, or generated on the property?

Yes.  No.

If yes, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:

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12. What methods are proposed to ensure the safety of residents, employees and patrons?

It is not anticipated that this use of the site will pose any dangers or safety risk to nearby residents or to the users of the site. All utilities to be provided to the site will comply with all applicable governmental and industry standards.

**ALCOHOL SALES**

13. Will the proposed use include the sale of beer, wine, or mixed drinks?

Yes.  No.

If yes, describe alcohol sales below, including if the ABC license will include on-premises and/or off-premises sales. Existing uses must describe their existing alcohol sales and/or service and identify any proposed changes in that aspect of the operation.

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**PARKING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS**

14. Please provide information regarding the availability of off-street parking:

A. How many parking spaces are required for the proposed use pursuant to section 8-200 (A) of the zoning ordinance?

N/A

B. How many parking spaces of each type are provided for the proposed use: N/A

                 Standard spaces

                 Compact spaces

                 Handicapped accessible spaces.

                 Other.

C. Where is required parking located? N/A  on-site  off-site (*check one*)

If the required parking will be located off-site, where will it be located:

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Pursuant to section 8-200 (C) of the zoning ordinance, commercial and industrial uses may provide off-site parking within 500 feet of the proposed use, provided that the off-site parking is located on land zoned for commercial or industrial uses. All other uses must provide parking on-site, except that off-street parking may be provided within 300 feet of the use with a special use permit.

D. If a reduction in the required parking is requested, pursuant to section 8-100 (A) (4) or (5) of the zoning ordinance, complete the PARKING REDUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION.

15. Please provide information regarding loading and unloading facilities for the use:

A. How many loading spaces are required for the use, per section 8-200 (B) of the zoning ordinance?                  N/A

B. How many loading spaces are available for the use?                  N/A

C. Where are off-street loading facilities located?                  N/A

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. During what hours of the day do you expect loading/unloading operations to occur?

N/A

E. How frequently are loading/unloading operations expected to occur, per day or per week, as appropriate?

N/A

16. Is street access to the subject property adequate or are any street improvements, such as a new turning lane, necessary to minimize impacts on traffic flow?

Street access is adequate; however, a curb cut to provide access to the site for media vehicles will be provided in the site's northeast corner.

**SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

17. Will the proposed uses be located in an existing building?  Yes  No

Do you propose to construct an addition to the building?  Yes  No

How large will the addition be? \_\_\_\_\_ square feet. N/A

18. What will the total area occupied by the proposed use be? N/A

\_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft. (existing) + \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft. (addition if any) = \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft. (total)

19. The proposed use is located in: (check one)

a stand alone building  a house located in a residential zone  a warehouse

a shopping center. Please provide name of the center: \_\_\_\_\_

an office building. Please provide name of the building: \_\_\_\_\_

other, please describe: Users of the property will be located, on occasion, either in a television transmission vehicle or in a work trailer of approximately 40' in length. In addition, it is anticipated that a hospitality facility (most likely in the form of a trailer or tent) will be provided on the site for users to obtain information, food, etc. In addition, a trailer containing a Verizon pay phone bank will be located on the site. Also, a trailer containing rest-rooms will be located along the east side of the site.

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# City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 21, 2002

TO: EILEEN FOGARTY, DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND ZONING

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO SUP #2002-0040, 2000 JAMIESON AVENUE, MEDIA STAGING AREA (MEDIA CENTER)

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Journalists from more than 50 media companies from the United States and abroad have applied for credentials from the U.S. District Court to cover the upcoming terrorist trials at the US Courthouse on Jamieson Avenue. As many as 1,000 media representatives, possibly more, are expected at the Courthouse on the first and last days of the trials and other peak days. During the rest of the trials it is expected that fewer, likely no more than half that many journalists, or even fewer, will be at the Courthouse. The first trial for John Walker Lindh has been scheduled to begin August 26, 2002. The second trial for Zacarias Moussauai may not begin until October.

The journalists need a place to conduct and film interviews, report on actions of the court, and take photos of the Courthouse and of trial principles. A very limited number of credentialed journalists will be allowed in the courtroom, but most of their work, and the work of many others, must be done outside. The US government limits media activity and access inside the courthouse, has added restrictions due to heightened security, does not allow cell phones, pagers or lap top computers in the building, and does not provide a press room in the Courthouse. A central media staging area needs to be provided near the US Courthouse to control the substantial media presence that will surround these trials, to limit media-related disruptions to nearby residents and businesses, to prevent traffic gridlock on adjacent streets, to prevent television transmission trucks and other media vehicles from parking in no-parking areas and other off-limits areas, including fire lanes, to prevent obstruction to ongoing PTO construction, and to maintain security around the Courthouse.

The Carlyle Development Corporation (CDC) property at 2000 Jamieson Avenue is the only vacant available property near the courthouse that is capable of handling the media and performing the functions noted above. This 1.2 acre site is the subject of this SUP application.

### **Facilities and uses**

The surface of this 1.2-acre site will be improved with a material such as asphalt or crushed stone that will prevent dust and mud. This will be to provide a base for the on-site trailers discussed below, and to provide pathways for persons on-site to use.

The uses for the media staging area (Media Center) are listed below. It is possible that some of the uses may not be needed, but the full list is provided.

1. Capturing the news:
  - a. A raised, covered platform (riser) will be located facing the courthouse and behind the sidewalk, for television cameras, still cameras, microphones and a podium for press conferences.
2. Preparing and packaging the news:
  - a. Work trailers, uniform in size and color, will be rented and parked on site in areas designated by the City to maximize their efficiency and reduce impacts on the surrounding area. Delivery, set up, and removal of the trailers will be done only during the hours determined by the City. It is expected that 10 to 15, 10x40' or 10x48' work trailers will be rented and placed on the site. Most larger media organizations will have individual trailers. Many smaller organizations, particularly the print media, will share trailers. The trailers will be used by the media to write their stories, talk by phone to their editors, store their equipment, etc. The trailers will not be used as residences.
  - b. Fiber optics will be pulled and located in a box for use by the broadcast media for direct transmission of video and audio from cameras located at the Media Center to television studios, negating the need for transmission trucks on site. As a result, such trucks, and all other trucks, will be barred from the site. The fiber optic wiring will be housed in a box that may be as much as 9 feet tall and 14 feet wide. The box will be located near the southwest corner of the site, and will largely be screened from view by a fence that will be placed along much of the west side of the site.
  - c. Electrical wiring will be pulled through a manhole adjacent to the site to provide media power and avoid the need for generators.
3. Other uses on site.
  - a. An attractive restroom facility (likely, in the form of a trailer) will be located on site for use by the media. In order to avoid the need to service this facility daily, the facility will be hooked into City's sanitary sewer system. Since the sewer line is located in Jamieson, the restroom facility will be located adjacent to this street, and will, like the fiber box, be screened by a fence along the side of the site. A restroom facility is needed on site because only a limited number of restrooms are available in nearby buildings.

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- b. A trailer or tent will be placed on the site to provide limited food service to the media. All food will be cooked and prepared offsite by a catering company retained for this purpose or by Alexandria restaurants, or possibly a combination. Food will be available at this facility for sale to the media. The facility would meet all Health Department requirements. All media will be requested to obtain food that is to be eaten on site from this facility. This provision of food on site will significantly reduce the traffic, courier service and deliveries to the site that would occur if on-site food service was not allowed.
- c. A portion of one of the trailers will be used by City staff who need to be on site to respond to questions, problems and concerns of the media and the neighbors. The Alexandria Convention and Visitors Bureau will provide information for distribution at this location, including Alexandria maps and lists of restaurants and stores.
- d. At least daily trash pickup will be provided by the City; if more frequent pickups are needed, they will be provided.
- e. A turn around area will be provided off Jamieson for vehicles delivering equipment and personnel.

#### **Prohibited uses and activities**

The following uses and activities will be prohibited at the Media Center:

- Television broadcast transmission trucks (microwave and satellite), and other vehicles. Broadcast media who do not hook up to the fiber optics will not be allowed to park their vehicles on the site, but will be required to park their trucks several blocks away, outside of the security area established by the US Marshall. No vehicles will be allowed on the site, except (1) for purposes of making site improvements, and (2) temporarily, in the turn-around area, for purposes of dropping off and picking up media equipment and personnel.
- Generators will not be allowed on site; none is needed since electricity will be provided on site.
- Motorized vehicles, other than emergency vehicles, will be not be permitted on the site except to deliver and remove the trailers and other on-site improvements, and media equipment and personnel.
- Individual media umbrellas
- Tents

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- Cooking
- Residency
- Full night-time illumination (flood lights) of Courthouse front or surrounding area.
- Vendors.
- The normal city code requirements regarding noise will apply. Couriers and deliveries will be limited to daylight hours.

**Other changes from first SUP submission:**

*#5 Capacity of proposed use.* As many as 1,000 media representatives, possibly more, are expected at the Courthouse on the first and last days of the trials and other peak days. During the rest of the trials it is expected that far fewer, likely no more than half that many journalists, or even fewer, will be at the Courthouse. It is expected that the five network television stations, Court TV, and major newspapers will be on the Media Center site 24 hours a day, five or six days a week (staff from large organizations will work in shifts). Some media representatives will go offsite to write and file their stories but will stay on site during peak trial days.

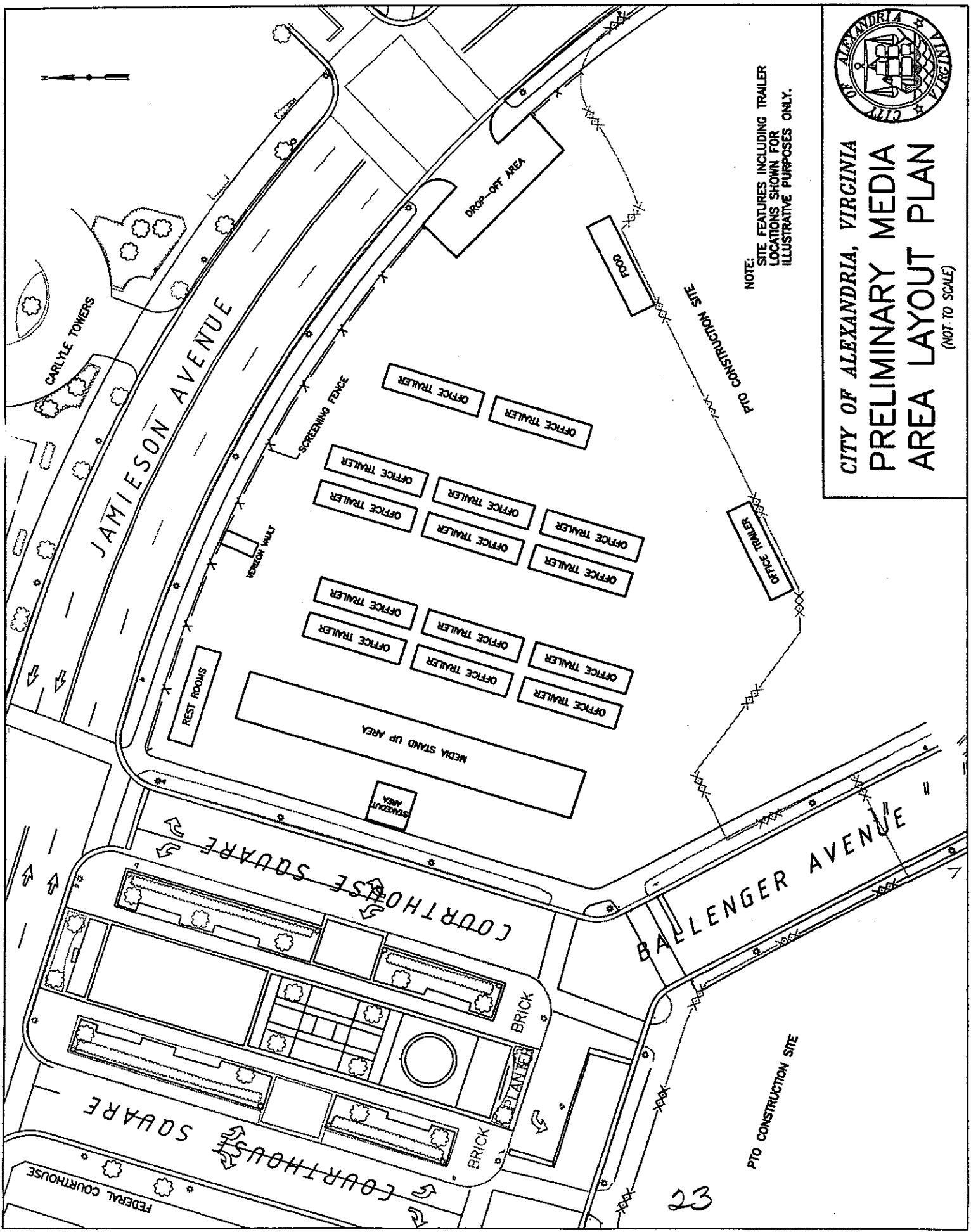
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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA  
PRELIMINARY MEDIA  
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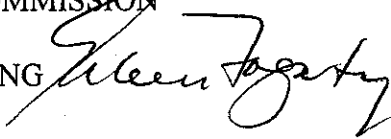


*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 28, 2002

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS, ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: EILEEN FOGARTY, DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND ZONING 

SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM #12-A, SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2002-0040  
MEDIA CENTER

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Staff recommends an amendment to Condition #4, page 3 of SUP #2002-0040, which changes the expiration date of the SUP approval from **October 31, 2004** to **October 1, 2003**, unless extended by the City Council following a public hearing.

An earlier expiration date is recommended in response to the residents of Carlyle Towers, who are concerned that no additional trials, beyond the already-scheduled Lindh and Moussai trials, be held in Alexandria. An earlier expiration date for the SUP is also consistent with the position of Congressman Jim Moran, who sent a letter to Attorney General John Ashcroft requesting that future trials related to the 9-11 terrorist attacks be held outside of Alexandria.

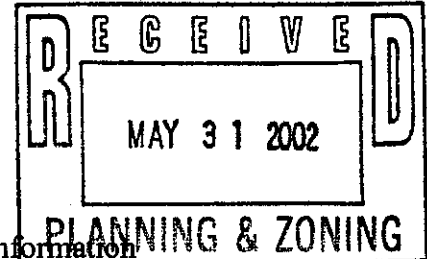


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#12-B. SUP 2002-0039

# CARLYLE TOWERS

Planning Commission and  
Director of Planning and Zoning  
Alexandria City Hall  
301 King St.  
Alexandria VA, 22314

May 30, 2002



Ladies and Gentlemen,

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 City Manager, Mr. Sunderland and Public Information Officer, Ms. Gordon presented the City's preliminary plans for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a Media Control Center to members of the Carlyle Towers Unit Owners Association (CTUOA.) The vast majority of those members present were in favor of a Media Control area versus on street parking.

Following this meeting Mr. Sunderland suggested that the CTUOA provide a Committee to work with him and his staff to refine the subject Media Control Center plan. An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of CTUOA and on May 1<sup>st</sup> the Board also approved a Resolution defining its position on the Media, Traffic and Security issues associated with the possible upcoming trials.

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002 the Ad Hoc Committee met with Mr. Sunderland and Ms. Gordon and staff to negotiate a workable plan that, in our opinion, provides the least disruption and inconvenience to the residents of Carlyle Towers.

As stated in item 6 of the noted CTUOA Resolution, "the Board respectfully requests and expects Media access within Carlyle to be controlled and managed to minimize intrusion to the residents of Carlyle Towers. If it is determined necessary that the press have access to Carlyle for trial coverage, the Board supports the confinement concept of limited press (pool arrangement, no transmission vehicles, neat and orderly) on Block F of Carlyle".

In this request, and from our discussions and review with the City Manager, we understand that he will recommend to the Planning Commission and City Council that the SUP expire on October 1, 2003, unless extended by City Council following a public hearing. With this change, we support the Planning Commission and City Council approval of the SUP. We believe that conditions in the SUP will go a long way in exercising the best control over what we believe will be a large Media presence.

Thank you for your consideration.

David I. Buckley

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President, CTUOA

Don Stumbaugh

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Chairman, Media Control Committee

Cc: Mayor Kerry J. Donley, Members of City Council, Chairman Eric R. Wagner,  
Mr. Phil Sunderland, Ms. Barbara Gordon

June 4, 2002

**Mr. Chairman and Members of the Alexandria City Planning Commission:**

**My name is Bob Jordan and for several years I have resided with my wife at 2121 Jamieson Avenue. We are astounded that the City would put a trailer park in front of our complex. Accommodation of the media is not required for the conduct of justice. The media need only to have access in order to report the news. There are nearby restaurants and a hotel to provide for restrooms and food. Each reporter has an office. They do not need one on site. The White House does not provide trailers on its front lawn.**

**If you approve this Special Use Permit, the City will be treating the media better than its taxpaying citizens.**

**Bob Jordan**

**Testimony before the  
Alexandria, Virginia City Planning Commission**

June 4, 2002

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Good evening to the members of the Alexandria City Planning Commission, other distinguished leaders of the City of Alexandria, members of the press and concerned citizens. My name is Robert Uttenweiler. My wife and I reside in Carlyle Towers condominiums in the West Building. I am here this evening to voice our concerns about the arrangements being made in preparation for the upcoming terrorist trials at the Albert V. Bryan Federal Courthouse.

As the officials of the City of Alexandria make preparations for these trials, we want to add our voices to those who have spoken earlier, or will be speaking later this evening, expressing real concerns about holding those trials at the Bryan Federal Courthouse. The security concerns surrounding those trials creates a very real risk for more than 1,000 residents of Carlyle Towers, as well as all those who work in the vicinity of the Bryan Federal Courthouse.

The United States Marshall Service has been charged with securing and protecting the courthouse and those who work there, those accused who will be brought there, and the individuals in the surrounding area. The compliance nightmare presented to U.S. Marshall John Clark is nightmarish in its proportions.

Securing the Bryan Federal Courthouse under the best of circumstances is difficult but by no means impossible for the Marshall Service. Consider the additional burden the marshals face.

- More than 1,000 civilians have had to be included within the security perimeter of the courthouse.
- Those individuals live in three towers which look down upon the Bryan Federal Courthouse with hundreds of windows facing the Courthouse.
- In the case of the West Building, 2181 Jamieson Avenue is less than 100 feet from the Courthouse itself.
- Dozens of businesses ring the perimeter of the Courthouse.
- The massive building project of the US Patent and Trademark Buildings is currently under way bringing approximately 55,000 trips from heavy duty construction vehicles directly around the immediate perimeter of the Courthouse.
- Two new construction projects are set to begin within one year in this same area.

Nowhere else in the nation do these conditions exist. Bringing trials of this magnitude to this facility in the City of Alexandria creates safety and security problems beyond all belief.

Contemplation of making any permanent arrangements for members of the press or any other individuals coming just for these trials is dangerous. Permanent facilities give the impression that bringing these trials to the Bryan Federal Courthouse is based upon sound reasoning. Those of us now facing the effects of that decision wholeheartedly disagree.

It is the considered opinion of the residents with whom we have spoken that even the first two terrorist trials constitute a real danger for us as residents. We are so concerned about safety and security that residents requested to be within the overall security perimeter of the courthouse. For anyone familiar with the physical layout and positioning of the Carlyle complex to the Bryan Federal Courthouse, it is easy to understand our concerns.

The act of bringing terrorist trials into the City of Alexandria multiplies the "targeting factor" for any possible acts of terror. The courthouse itself is a target. The federal government has identified tall "apartment" buildings as possible terrorist targets. Large federal buildings can be targeted (the aforementioned Patent and Trademark Offices). Add to that fact the close proximity of the Capital Beltway, the King Street and Eisenhower Avenue Metro stations, the newly completed Hoffman Center 22 movie complex and the major train tracks for north-south train traffic for Amtrak, CSX, VRE and a host of other rail traffic, and you have provided a target rich for radical elements.

The fact that the current federal administration seems determined to bring terrorist trials into this atmosphere indicates a callous and deliberate disregard for the safety and security of the residents and businesses in and around the Albert V. Bryan Federal Courthouse. The apparent lack of any credible effort to identify alternative sites in or around the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area, such as Fort Myer, Fort Belvoir or other potentially suitable federal facility, significantly amplifies this concern.

The two trials of accused terrorists now scheduled at the Bryan Federal Courthouse should not be considered the first of many such occurrences. If facilities arrangements are made for any trials, those arrangements should have a time limit or a sunset provision. It must be made abundantly clear to those whose decisions we question that the safety of citizens and businesses of the Carlyle community, the businesses which surround the Bryan Federal Courthouse, and the citizens of the City of Alexandria will not accept this flawed decision.

It is true that when we bought our homes in Carlyle Towers we were aware of the Courthouse and our proximity to it. It also is true that the US government knew that they were building a courthouse in the middle of a residential area. Concessions need to be made on both sides. Accepting the first two trials might ultimately be our responsibility, but and additional trials need to be moved elsewhere.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these remarks. I am willing to take any questions at this time.

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Robert F. (Bob) Uttenweiler, CBM, is a resident of 2181 Jamieson Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. He is Executive Director of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs (GWSCPA), Washington, DC. Bob has testified numerous times before the District of Columbia City Council and various agencies of the federal government on professional issues.

Bob is the Chair of the newly formed Political Action Committee of the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives (GWSAE PAC). He also is a former Chair of the Government and Public Affairs Advisory Council of GWSAE (1995-1996).

Bob has been officially recognized twice by the District of Columbia City Council for his volunteer efforts on behalf of the District of Columbia (1995 & 2000). He was a member of the Advisory Council to the Director, DC Office of Tax and Revenue (1997 through 2000) under Dr. Natwar Gandhi.

Robert Uttenweiler has earned a Masters Degree in Speech from Indiana State University and a Bachelors Degree in Earth Science from Northern Illinois University. He also holds the Certified Business Manager (CBM) designation that recognizes individuals experienced in business management.

Statement to Alexandria Planning Commission Meeting on June 4, 2002. - Alan Weinstein

Dear Chairperson and Planning Committee Members,

I address you today on the issue of the upcoming trials of Zacarias Moussaoui and John Walker-Lindh, presently scheduled for the Albert V. Bryant United States Courthouse starting in August of this year.

My name is Alan Weinstein. I live in the Condominium complex called Carlyle Towers, right across from the Courthouse. My balcony directly faces the Courthouse. I've owned this apartment since its construction, about three years ago. A major reason for choosing the Carlyle area to live was its peaceful environment. Major construction notwithstanding, this community offers an excellent combination of proximity to the Metro and Old Town and the peacefulness and security of a small community. Eventually, the construction will end and tranquility will return. I anticipated that when I bought my condo.

My written statement addresses the trials themselves and the media coverage. I will only read the part about the coverage, in order to keep my words to the allotted 3 minutes. But, I hope you will also read the material about the trials themselves, as well.

Let me address the provisions being made to accommodate the media during the trials. In short, I am strongly opposed to making **ANY** accommodation whatsoever to the media. Why, you ask? Well, because any accommodation now has a bad habit of encouraging further trials and the need for further accommodation. In time, this courthouse, in a previously serene neighborhood, will become the courthouse of choice for all high visibility trials. And the peace and serenity that anticipated in Carlisle, will be forever lost. To the detriment of my psyche....and bankbook as insurance rates will remain high and property values will fall. The latter will lower assessments and tax income into the City.

I understand the argument that it is better to deal with the media than to let them run unabated. But, I hold that setting up a specific place for them is **not** the best accommodation. Rather, strict enforcement of the traffic and parking rules in the area will also control the media....and send a second message...."**they are not welcome in our community**". And believe me....They most certainly are **NOT welcome**. The existing traffic rules restrict parking on Jamieson Ave and nearby streets to 2 hours. After which parking tickets....and towing...is called for. Hence, enforcement of those regulations will amply control the media circus. In addition, it will have the effect of increasing City funds by all the parking tickets and towing fees that will accrue. After a while, either we will gain enough funding to (maybe even) reduce the tax rate, or the media will find other ways to get their word out. Or, maybe they will even petition the US government to move the trials, or schedule future one, elsewhere. That, in the end, is my fervent hope.

I can understand the City's desire to gain favorable publicity for the way they handle these trials. But, I also hold that even better publicity will come from being recognized as a strict community that enforces its rules. Not one that lets the media rule over the desires of its local citizens. Also, as a community that listens to its citizens and responds to their pleas. Not, as one that only concedes to big money interests.

In summary, I request....no **beseech**...you **not** to allocate the requested space to the media for these trials on four counts:

- 1) Such allocation will inevitably lead to more such trials and requests,
- 2) Such accommodation will miss a chance for the City to gain needed funds from inevitable parking violations,
- 3) Denial will prevent erosion of property values and incoming property taxes, and
- 4) Denial will present this City as one that stands up to the media, not just caves in.

Thank you for your time and please read the remaining written portion of my statement for my comments on the trials themselves.

That peacefulness and security that I sought by buying in Carlyle is about to be completely upset by the upcoming trials. While, I can accept the interruption of my peacefulness (as I presently accept the construction), it is my **security** that worries me. And you, I hope.

The windows of my balcony directly face the courthouse. This affords me a bird's eye view of the circus that will inevitably occur when the trials start. I have already gotten a hint of it from the advance activity that has already occurred.

My vantage point makes it painfully clear that the security that is planned is totally inadequate. In fact, in the words of the Federal Marshal who is charged with designing the security... it is a "mission impossible" to provide full security. By his own admission his proposals are all "...a balance between security and public access...". I interpret the word "balance" for another, much more worrisome word..."compromise". **I do not want my security compromised.** If you lived here, I doubt you would ~~not~~ want yours compromised either.

I hope as civic leaders you will put matters of public safety above all others. This courthouse, with its close proximity to residences housing over 1,000 people, several businesses, and many construction workers, is simply not a proper place to hold such high visibility, potentially terrorist target, trials.

The present plan calls for Jersey Barriers between our Condominium and the Courthouse. To begin with, the distance of those barriers to the Courthouse is less than half of the distance called for by GSA security regulations. Second of all, even if they do provide some security for the Courthouse, what about the Condominium where I live? There is presently planned NO barrier between the Jersey Barriers protecting the Courthouse, and the front door of my building.

I understand that there will be very limited access on to Jamieson Ave. But, the imposition of barriers suggests that somebody is worried about the effectiveness of those security stations. Otherwise, why have the barriers altogether? They are there "...in case..." In case someone gets through? And then what protects us? The windows of my balcony, and bedroom, would hardly stand up to a bomb blast. Would you feel safe in such an environment? I doubt it.

It is my understanding that your Commission has plans to make our community a model for the area. A place to attract people to live, work and play. Honorable goals, that I share. Will anyone want to live, work or play in our area if it becomes an armed camp? Or worse, if it is damaged or even destroyed by a bomb?

I humbly request that the Planning Commission, petition the full City Council, in the interest of proper planning, if not simple safety, to in turn, petition the Department of Justice to change the location of the upcoming trials....and... never to hold others of a similar nature at the Albert V. Bryant United States Courthouse, where security simply cannot be maintained at a safe level.

Thank you for your time. I would be happy to discuss this further with you at any time

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May 27, 2002

Honorable John Ashcroft  
United States Attorney General  
U. S. Department of Justice  
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950 Pennsy;vassnia Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Attorney General,

I am writing to request a change of location for the upcoming trials of Zacarias Moussaoui and John Walker-Lindh. These trials are presently scheduled, starting in August 2002, for the Albert V. Bryant United States Courthouse in Alexandria, Va. I understand this venue was selected for a number of good reasons, some public and maybe even some held secret, although none of the reasons were ever stated for the public record. However, I fear that several important security factors were not considered. These include proximity (all less than 150 feet) of

- 1) a condominium complex housing approximately 1,000 people;
- 2) numerous retail and office buildings; and
- 3) major office construction projects involving an estimated 55,000 truck trips per year.

In short, this courthouse is in the midst of major public activity that puts the public at jeopardy and makes security a "mission impossible" in the words Acting United States Marshal, John Clark, who has been charged with the responsibility for designing a security plan for the trials.

Marshal Clark, who is sincere and hard working, used the mission impossible words twice, first on 15 April 2002 when addressing the residents of the Carlyle Towers condominium complex, and again a week later at an open Town Meeting hosted by Congressman James Moran at the Lee Center in Alexandria. He said that "... given this venue for the trials, his design had to be a *balance* between security and public convenience. ..." Given the impossible task he was handed, I think the Marshal has done a credible job with his plans. However, do we really want a "balance" between security and access? I interpret "balance" to be compromise, repeat, **COMPROMISE**. I hold that, in this time of heightened terrorist threat, any compromise of security is unacceptable, and that the "given" under which Marshal Clark's plan was developed, be changed. Hence, this letter is a request for **reconsideration of the Albert V. Bryant United States Courthouse as the location for these trials and that it not ever be considered again for such high visibility, terrorist trials.**

I recognize the importance of free and open trials in our system of justice. But, I hold that such openness can be achieved at locations that are secure. In Northern Virginia, still within the jurisdiction of the Eastern Virginia Federal Judicial District such locations exist at Ft Belvior, Quantico and/or Fort Myers, all offering full security. In addition, I am sure there are other Federal Courthouses more removed from public vulnerability around the country. There is no greater need for these trials to be proximal to Washington and the Pentagon, than there was for the Oklahoma City bombing trial to be held near the site of that event. Yet, that trial was moved over 1,000 miles away, to Denver, CO. In fact, an argument might be made that it is more difficult to hold a fair trial within a few miles of the scene of a tragedy, than further away. Hence, these defendants might get a fairer trial farther away from the scene of their charged crimes. It has been argued that this court's reputation for efficiency argues in its favor. I ask if this is the only federal courthouse where efficiency prevails?. If so, we have even a greater concern than this trial.

In summary, my plea is simply for **reconsideration of the location for these trials**. I fear that the factors of proximity that I raised at the start were not known or considered when the original decision was made to hold these trials in their present location. As a loyal citizen, I am as outraged as anyone about the events of September 11th, and hold national interest above personal interest. If, after reconsideration, it is



still believed that it is in the national interest, local security notwithstanding, to proceed with them as now planned, I humbly request that

- 1) Greater security than is now planned be invoked (i.e including the condominium complex within the security perimeter of the Federal Courthouse),
- 2) The press be constrained to pooled coverage to reduce the impact on the neighborhood, and
- 3) No additional terrorist trials be held at the Albert V. Bryant United States Courthouse.

I acknowledge that, as a resident of the condominium complex under threat here, my plea appears self serving. However, I hope you will look beyond that and see the virtue of my arguments.

By CC on this letter, I also enlist the aide of my elected legislators and the person that our President has given the responsibility for antiterrorist security. I humbly request that all, either separately or collectively, advise me as soon as possible of your action with respect to this plea, and its outcome with explanation. The importance of this situation makes me further request that your reply be quick (while changes can still occur) and not be a routine form letter. A phone call or detailed letter of explanation is humbly requested. Any concerned citizen deserves such courtesy.

Sincerely,

Alan Weinstein

CC:  
Congressman James Moran  
Senator John Warner  
Senator George Allen  
Governor Thomas Ridge

EXHIBIT NO. 2

2021

6-15-02



John.Clark2@usdoj.gov

06/14/02 10:55 AM

To: Barbara Gordon@Alex  
Subject: Media Staging Area

The following letter is provided in support of the concept to establish a Media Staging Area for the future terrorist trials being conducted at the Albert V. Bryan United States Courthouse, 401 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA.

Mayor Kerry J. Donley  
City Council Members  
City of Alexandria  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members:

My name is John F. Clark and I am the Acting United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia. I have been actively involved in the planning and development of the security measures that will be in place to protect the public and the United States Courthouse during the court proceedings involving Zacharias Moussaoui and John Walker Lindh.

I write to provide my support of the Special Use Permit for a Media Staging Area to be used during the above mentioned cases. From a security standpoint, it is clear that having the media centrally located will allow law enforcement authorities greater ability to monitor their activities and provide adequate security screening. Due to the large number of media representatives expected to cover the trials, it is vitally important, for security reasons, that they be located in a central location.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ John F. Clark  
Acting United States Marshal  
Eastern District of Virginia

20621  
6-15-02



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To: Beverly I Jett@Alex  
Subject: Docket Items 20 and 21

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As a citizen of Alexandria I strongly agree with the City Manager's plan to establish a media center, and media parking, for the upcoming Federal Courthouse trials. I just watched the 12:00 noon news and seeing the accounts of the Paul McCartney wedding reinforced my view of a media frenzy. It is my opinion that we really will not know how many reporters and their support staff we will be dealing with. It could be 500 or it could be 1500. They are coming though whether we do anything to protect our citizenry or not. Our excellent Police Department should not be required to control this entire fiasco without assistance and planning from other City departments.

I am very sympathetic to the residents of Carlyle Towers for the inconveniences that they must suffer during this event but I believe it will be much worse for them if these controls are not implemented. In the 1983-84 time frame, I experienced what it was like to have demonstrators and a media that was not controlled. I was one of the original employees of the Department of Defense Star Wars project and our offices were located on H Street, N.W. It was very frightening being a prisoner in the office building with the masses of demonstrators and both video and print media swarming willy-nilly outside. The trucks with their satellite dishes were causing all the traffic to back up and the Police Department didn't have a chance with the unanticipated crowd. I understand that trailers and portable johns are not attractive but this is not a permanent thing. It is for an unusual circumstance. It would not be wise to sit back like ostriches with our heads in the sand and do nothing.

If the Carlyle Towers residents are afraid of attracting more trials by doing this right, then they need to fire off letters to Attorney General Ashcroft. He is the one that made the decision to hold the trials in Alexandria. He made the decision and our leaders are trying to act to make the best of it by proposing a plan to contain the vast numbers of media. The Carlyle residents moved in after the Federal Court House was well established. I realize that no one expected this turn of events but no one expected September 11 to happen either.

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6-15-02



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To: Beverly I Jett@Alex  
Subject: Media Center-Docket Items 20 and 21

06/14/02 01:12 PM

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

I am writing in support of the Media Center proposal for the upcoming federal trials being held in Alexandria in the coming months. The problems that will surely surround these trials will be immense and the City needs to be prepared and organized to handle the large influx of news media that will swarm into Alexandria as the trials begin. The proposed Center seems to be an excellent way to meet our responsibilities for public safety and management. This is no time to put our heads in the sand and pretend that the trials won't happen! I applaud the City Manager and all the Public Safety employees for their efforts to help us (as a community) cope with the disruption that will come this year. Please support the Media Center proposal. Thank you.

Maggie Rivers  
15 W.Mt.Ida Ave  
Alexandria VA 22305



**Barbara L Carter**  
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Subject: Media discussion by City Council 6/15/02

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To: Beverly I Jett@Alex  
cc:  
Subject: Media discussion by City Council 6/15/02

To: Mayor Donley and members of City Council, Alexandria, VA

This letter expresses my complete support of the City Manager's proposal for a planned press center and parking area for the assorted press that will descend upon the city for the Moussaoui/Lindh trials in September. I completely understand the concerns of the Carlyle tenants but feel that they do not grasp the magnitude of the horrendous mess that will occur if the quantity of press anticipated are allowed free access. There is no other opportunity or alternative available than what the City manager has proposed. Hopefully the quantity of press could be reduced by eldicious management.

The Justice Department, knowing of the discontent, has not seen fit to change the venue so we have to do what is right. Reference has been made that all the City Manager is concerned with is how the city will appear if chaos is on the street. He is absolutely right to think that way. After all tourism is one of our main resources. Police fighting with the press, no matter how justified, is not the image Alexandrians wish the rest of the country, and the world, to have of the city that calls itself the home George Washington, the father of our country!

I fully endorse the letter submitted by Ms. Judy Lowe and see no reason to duplicate her prose. She was quite eloquent and hit all of the major points. I would like to add that I am fully qualified to comment on this recommendation because I am probably the only person in the city of Alexandria that has been responsible for and personally handled similar quantities of national and international media under stringent security provisions. The two Kennedy funerals come to mind at the National Cemetery.

We must not fail to show that the city can stand up to its 9/11 responsibilities as did the City of New York and those who worked around the clock at the Pentagon. I strongly urge you to vote in support of the City Manager's proposals.

Sincerely,

Norman T. Hatch  
206 W Mt. Ida Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22305

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6-15-02

Sent to CC, CM, Planning  
6/15/02 PF

Statement to Alexandria Planning Commission Meeting on June 4, 2002. - Alan Weinstein

Dear Chairperson and Planning Committee Members,

I address you today on the issue of the upcoming trials of Zacarias Moussaoui and John Walker-Lindh, presently scheduled for the Albert V. Bryant United States Courthouse starting in August of this year.

My name is Alan Weinstein. I live in the Condominium complex called Carlyle Towers, right across from the Courthouse. My balcony directly faces the Courthouse. I've owned this apartment since its construction, about three years ago. A major reason for choosing the Carlyle area to live was its peaceful environment. Major construction notwithstanding, this community offers an excellent combination of proximity to the Metro and Old Town and the peacefulness and security of a small community. Eventually, the construction will end and tranquility will return. I anticipated that when I bought my condo.

My written statement addresses the trials themselves and the media coverage. I will only read the part about the coverage, in order to keep my words to the allotted 3 minutes. But, I hope you will also read the material about the trials themselves, as well.

Let me address the provisions being made to accommodate the media during the trials. In short, I am strongly opposed to making **ANY** accommodation whatsoever to the media. Why, you ask? Well, because any accommodation now has a bad habit of encouraging further trials and the need for further accommodation. In time, this courthouse, in a previously serene neighborhood, will become the courthouse of choice for all high visibility trials. And the peace and serenity that anticipated in Carlisle, will be forever lost. To the detriment of my psyche...and bankbook as insurance rates will remain high and property values will fall. The latter will lower assessments and tax income into the City.

I understand the argument that it is better to deal with the media than to let them run unabated. But, I hold that setting up a specific place for them is **not** the best accommodation. Rather, strict enforcement of the traffic and parking rules in the area will also control the media....and send a second message...."**they are not welcome in our community**". And believe me....They most certainly are **NOT welcome**. The existing traffic rules restrict parking on Jamieson Ave and nearby streets to 2 hours. After which parking tickets....and towing...is called for. Hence, enforcement of those regulations will amply control the media circus. In addition, it will have the effect of increasing City funds by all the parking tickets and towing fees that will accrue. After a while, either we will gain enough funding to (maybe even) reduce the tax rate, or the media will find other ways to get their word out. Or, maybe they will even petition the US government to move the trials, or schedule future one, elsewhere. That, in the end, is my fervent hope.

I can understand the City's desire to gain favorable publicity for the way they handle these trials. But, I also hold that even better publicity will come from being recognized as a strict community that enforces its rules. Not one that lets the media rule over the desires of its local citizens. Also, as a community that listens to its citizens and responds to their pleas. Not, as one that only concedes to big money interests.

In summary, I request....no **beseech**...you **not** to allocate the requested space to the media for these trials on four counts:

- 1) Such allocation will inevitably lead to more such trials and requests,
- 2) Such accommodation will miss a chance for the City to gain needed funds from inevitable parking violations,
- 3) Denial will prevent erosion of property values and incoming property taxes, and
- 4) Denial will present this City as one that stands up to the media, not just caves in.

Thank you for your time and please read the remaining written portion of my statement for my comments on the trials themselves.

That peacefulness and security that I sought by buying in Carlyle is about to be completely upset by the upcoming trials. While, I can accept the interruption of my peacefulness (as I presently accept the construction), it is my **security** that worries me. And you, I hope.

The windows of my balcony directly face the courthouse. This affords me a bird's eye view of the circus that will inevitably occur when the trials start. I have already gotten a hint of it from the advance activity that has already occurred.

My vantage point makes it painfully clear that the security that is planned is totally inadequate. In fact, in the words of the Federal Marshal who is charged with designing the security... it is a "mission impossible" to provide full security. By his own admission his proposals are all "...a balance between security and public access...". I interpret the word "balance" for another, much more worrisome word..."compromise". **I do not want my security compromised.**  
If you lived here, I doubt you would not want yours compromised either.

I hope as civic leaders you will put matters of public safety above all others. This courthouse, with its close proximity to residences housing over 1,000 people, several businesses, and many construction workers, is simply not a proper place to hold such high visibility, potentially terrorist target, trials.

The present plan calls for Jersey Barriers between our Condominium and the Courthouse. To begin with, the distance of those barriers to the Courthouse is less than half of the distance called for by GSA security regulations. Second of all, even if they do provide some security for the Courthouse, what about the Condominium where I live? There is presently planned NO barrier between the Jersey Barriers protecting the Courthouse, and the front door of my building.

I understand that there will be very limited access on to Jamieson Ave. But, the imposition of barriers suggests that somebody is worried about the effectiveness of those security stations. Otherwise, why have the barriers altogether? They are there "....in case...." In case someone gets through? And then what protects us? The windows of my balcony, and bedroom, would hardly stand up to a bomb blast. Would you feel safe in such an environment? I doubt it.

It is my understanding that your Commission has plans to make our community a model for the area. A place to attract people to live, work and play. Honorable goals, that I share. Will anyone want to live, work or play in our area if it becomes an armed camp? Or worse, if it is damaged or even destroyed by a bomb?

I humbly request that the Planning Commission, petition the full City Council, in the interest of proper planning, if not simple safety, to in turn, petition the Department of Justice to change the location of the upcoming trials....and... never to hold others of a similar nature at the Albert V. Bryant United States Courthouse, where security simply cannot be maintained at a safe level.

Thank you for your time. I would be happy to discuss this further with you at any time

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May 27, 2002

Honorable John Ashcroft  
United States Attorney General  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Suite 4400  
950 Penney;vassnia Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Attorney General,

I am writing to request a change of location for the upcoming trials of Zacarias Moussaoui and John Walker-Lindh. These trials are presently scheduled, starting in August 2002, for the Albert V. Bryant United States Courthouse in Alexandria, Va. I understand this venue was selected for a number of good reasons, some public and maybe even some held secret, although none of the reasons were ever stated for the public record. However, I fear that several important security factors were not considered. These include proximity (all less than 150 feet) of

- 1) a condominium complex housing approximately 1,000 people;
- 2) numerous retail and office buildings; and
- 3) major office construction projects involving an estimated 55,000 truck trips per year.

In short, this courthouse is in the midst of major public activity that puts the public at jeopardy and makes security a "mission impossible" in the words Acting United States Marshal, John Clark, who has been charged with the responsibility for designing a security plan for the trials.

Marshal Clark, who is sincere and hard working, used the mission impossible words twice, first on 15 April 2002 when addressing the residents of the Carlyle Towers condominium complex, and again a week later at an open Town Meeting hosted by Congressman James Moran at the Lee Center in Alexandria. He said that "... given this venue for the trials, his design had to be a *balance* between security and public convenience. ..." Given the impossible task he was handed, I think the Marshal has done a credible job with his plans. However, do we really want a "balance" between security and access? I interpret "balance" to be compromise, repeat, **COMPROMISE**. I hold that, in this time of heightened terrorist threat, any compromise of security is unacceptable, and that the "given" under which Marshal Clark's plan was developed, be changed. Hence, this letter is a request for **reconsideration of the Albert V. Bryant United States Courthouse as the location for these trials and that it not ever be considered again for such high visibility, terrorist trials.**

I recognize the importance of free and open trials in our system of justice. But, I hold that such openness can be achieved at locations that are secure. In Northern Virginia, still within the jurisdiction of the Eastern Virginia Federal Judicial District such locations exist at Ft Belvoir, Quantico and/or Fort Myers, all offering full security. In addition, I am sure there are other Federal Courthouses more removed from public vulnerability around the country. There is no greater need for these trials to be proximal to Washington and the Pentagon, than there was for the Oklahoma City bombing trial to be held near the site of that event. Yet, that trial was moved over 1,000 miles away, to Denver, CO. In fact, an argument might be made that it is more difficult to hold a fair trial within a few miles of the scene of a tragedy, than further away. Hence, these defendants might get a fairer trial farther away from the scene of their charged crimes. It has been argued that this court's reputation for efficiency argues in its favor. I ask if this is the only federal courthouse where efficiency prevails?. If so, we have even a greater concern than this trial.

In summary, my plea is simply for **reconsideration of the location for these trials**. I fear that the factors of proximity that I raised at the start were not known or considered when the original decision was made to hold these trials in their present location. As a loyal citizen, I am as outraged as anyone about the events of September 11th, and hold national interest above personal interest. If, after reconsideration, it is

still believed that it is in the national interest, local security notwithstanding, to proceed with them as now planned, I humbly request that

- 1) Greater security than is now planned be invoked (i.e including the condominium complex within the security perimeter of the Federal Couthouse),
- 2) The press be constrained to pooled coverage to reduce the impact on the neighborhood, and
- 3) No additional terrorist trials be held at the Albert V. Bryant United States Courthouse.

I acknowledge that, as a resident of the condominium complex under threat here, my plea appears self serving. However, I hope you will look beyond that and see the virtue of my arguements.

By CC on this letter, I also enlist the aide of my elected legislators and the person that our President has given the responsibility for antiterrorist security. I humbly request that all, either separately or collectively, advise me as soon as possible of your action with respect to this plea, and its outcome with explanation. The importance of this situation makes me further request that your reply be quick (while changes can still occur) and not be a routine form letter. A phone call or detailed letter of explanation is humbly requested. Any concerned citizen deserves such courtesy.

Sincerely,

Alan Weinstein

CC:

Congressman James Moran  
Senator John Warner  
Senator George Allen  
Governor Thomas Ridge

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6-15-02

304 East Spring Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22301  
June 14, 2002

Mayor Kerry Donley and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Alexandria  
P.O. Box 178  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Mayor Donley and Council members:

I support the media staging area at Carlyle proposed for the duration of the terrorist trials at the Federal Courthouse. As a professional journalist myself, it has been my experience that the members of the media can behave very well, provided that their needs are met. The proposed provision of transmission services—and thus the ability to ban broadcast transmission trucks from the area—is a crucial part of the proposed overall plan.

I certainly understand the concerns of residents of Carlyle Towers. But their daily lives are going to be disrupted far more by the construction of the Patent and Trademark Office than by this well-ordered media staging area.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Hendrickson

Sent to CC; CM  
20<sup>th</sup> 21  
6-15-02



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TO: City Clerk

FROM: Pat Rudd, Vice Chair, Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Letter to Officer Peter Crawford

NO. OF PAGES (INCLUDING THIS COVER SHEET): 4

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July 22, 2002

Via Facsimile

Officer Peter Crawford  
Chief, Special Operations  
Alexandria Police Department  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Officer Crawford:

As we discussed by telephone, the Carlyle-Eisenhower Civic Association, Incorporated (CECA) has been working with Mr. Kenneth Lopez, who is by education an urban planner and by profession a well-known expert in the international and national security community. As a concerned resident of Alexandria, Mr. Lopez has offered to advise the City, on a voluntary basis, with respect to the forthcoming terrorist trials. Accordingly, he has authorized us to forward to you the enclosed biographical data. The following information is provided to facilitate your contact with Mr. Lopez:

Mr. Kenneth Lopez  
3820 Griffith Place  
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

Home phone: (703) 751-5180  
Office phone: (202) 707-2751  
Office fax: (202) 707-9398

Mr. Lopez has the necessary security clearances to enable full disclosure of any classified data. In the interest of Alexandria, we encourage you to avail the Police Department of Mr. Lopez's generous offer.

CECA is at your service with respect to the immediate and any future police matters affecting our community. On behalf of our President, Alan Rudd, who is on a U. S. Department of State diplomatic security mission to South Africa, we wish to express our gratitude to the Alexandria Police Department for its efforts to protect our community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth (Pat) Rudd, Vice Chairperson  
Board of Directors

Enclosures

Cc: Honorable Kerry Donley  
Members of the City Council

**BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY****KENNETH E. LOPEZ****TITLE:** Director of Security, Library of Congress**APPOINTED:** February, 1997**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

1997-Present	Director of Security, Office of the Librarian of Congress  Manages the Library's security program. Develops security policies, plans and regulations for protecting the Library's collections, facilities and staff. Maintains performance standards for security personnel, an employment suitability program, and a comprehensive security awareness and training program.
1992-1997	Director of Security, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice
1986-1992	Director, Office of Procedural Security, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State
1981-1986	Chief, Security Office, John F. Kennedy Space Center, Florida, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
1978-1981	Director, Division of Security and Protection, Department of Health and Human Services
1973-1978	Supervisory Security Programs Manager, Federal Aviation Administration
1966-1971	Active Duty, Military Intelligence Officer, U.S. Army



# OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

No. 97-3

February 10, 1997

Subject: Kenneth E. Lopez Appointed Director of Security

The Librarian announced today the appointment of Kenneth E. Lopez as the Director of Security for the Library of Congress. Mr. Lopez will assume his duties February 18.

"Ken Lopez has a distinguished record of accomplishment in the Federal security field," said Dr. Billington. "His broad experience in all facets of security management will stand us in good stead as we continue our progress in protecting the staff, the collections, and our facilities."

Mr. Lopez will report directly to the Deputy Librarian and be responsible for all aspects of the Library's security programs.

He will assume responsibility for completing the development of the Library's dynamic Security Management Plan, developing comprehensive security policies and regulations, developing and maintaining performance standards for fulltime security personnel, developing a comprehensive security training program, and developing a coordinated policy on all managerial security responsibilities.

Mr. Lopez comes to the Library after five years as director of security, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, and two decades of prior leadership experience in the Federal security field.

Born in Concord, California, on March 23, 1943, he graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles with a B.A. degree in urban geography (1965), and studied city planning at UCLA Graduate School. He then went into the U.S. Army (1966-71), serving as an armored cavalry platoon leader in Vietnam and later as a military intelligence officer in Washington. He was released to inactive duty with the rank of captain, later retiring from the Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel. Mr. Lopez went to Catholic University in Washington for graduate study and later started his career in security.

He rose through the ranks in security posts in the Federal Aviation Administration (1973-78), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (1978-81), the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida (1981-86), and the State Department (1986-92). His accomplishments were recognized by seven awards for outstanding performance.

As the Director of Security at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Mr. Lopez has been responsible for all security programs, including those related to personnel, physical security, information and documents, automated data processing, telecommunications, and emergency preparedness planning.

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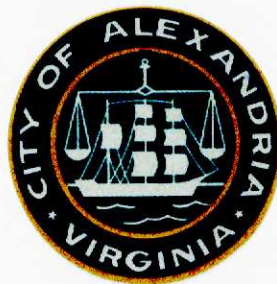
# *CITY COUNCIL MEETING*

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## **Special Use Permit # 2002-0040**

Media Center for Upcoming Terrorist Trials

June 15, 2002





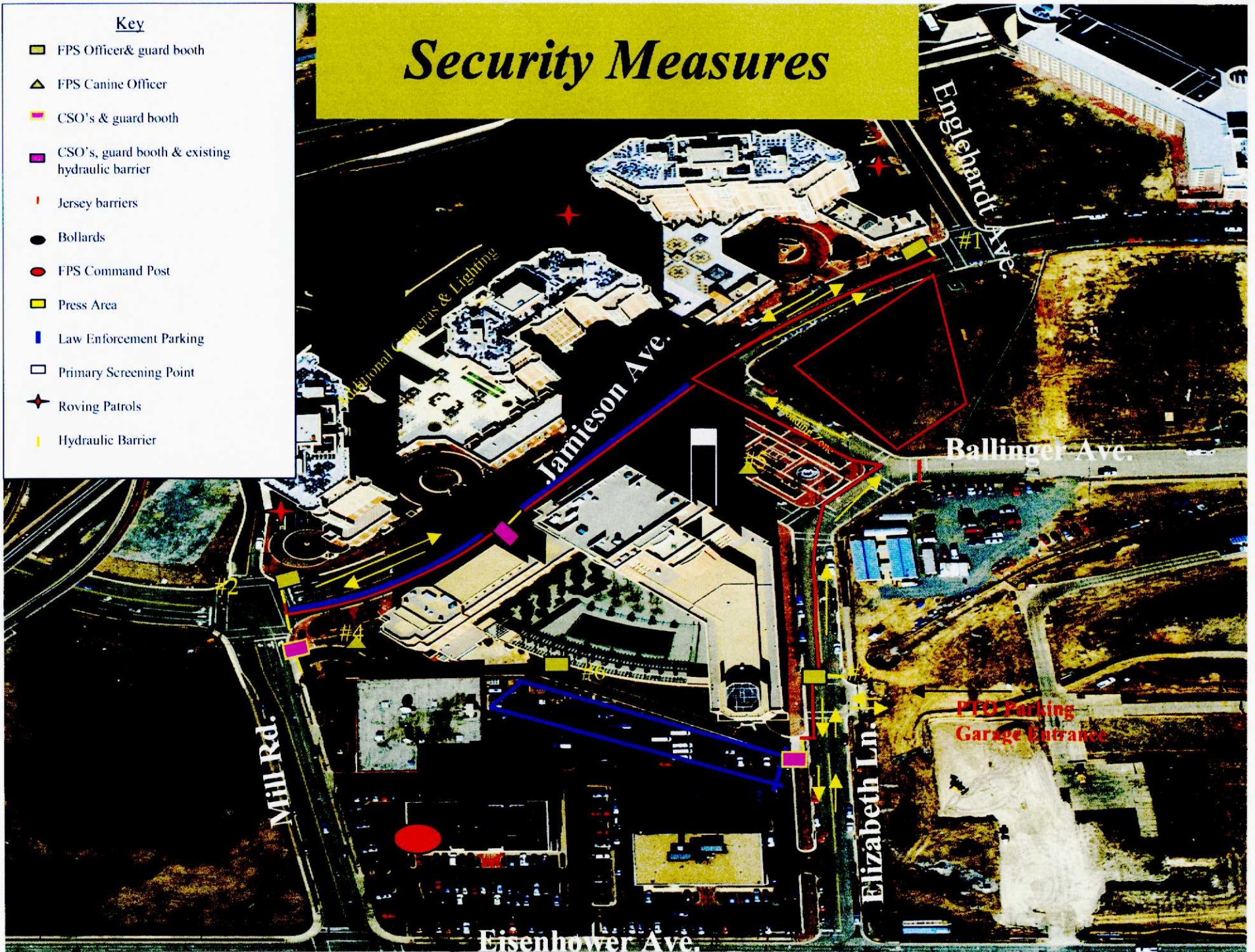
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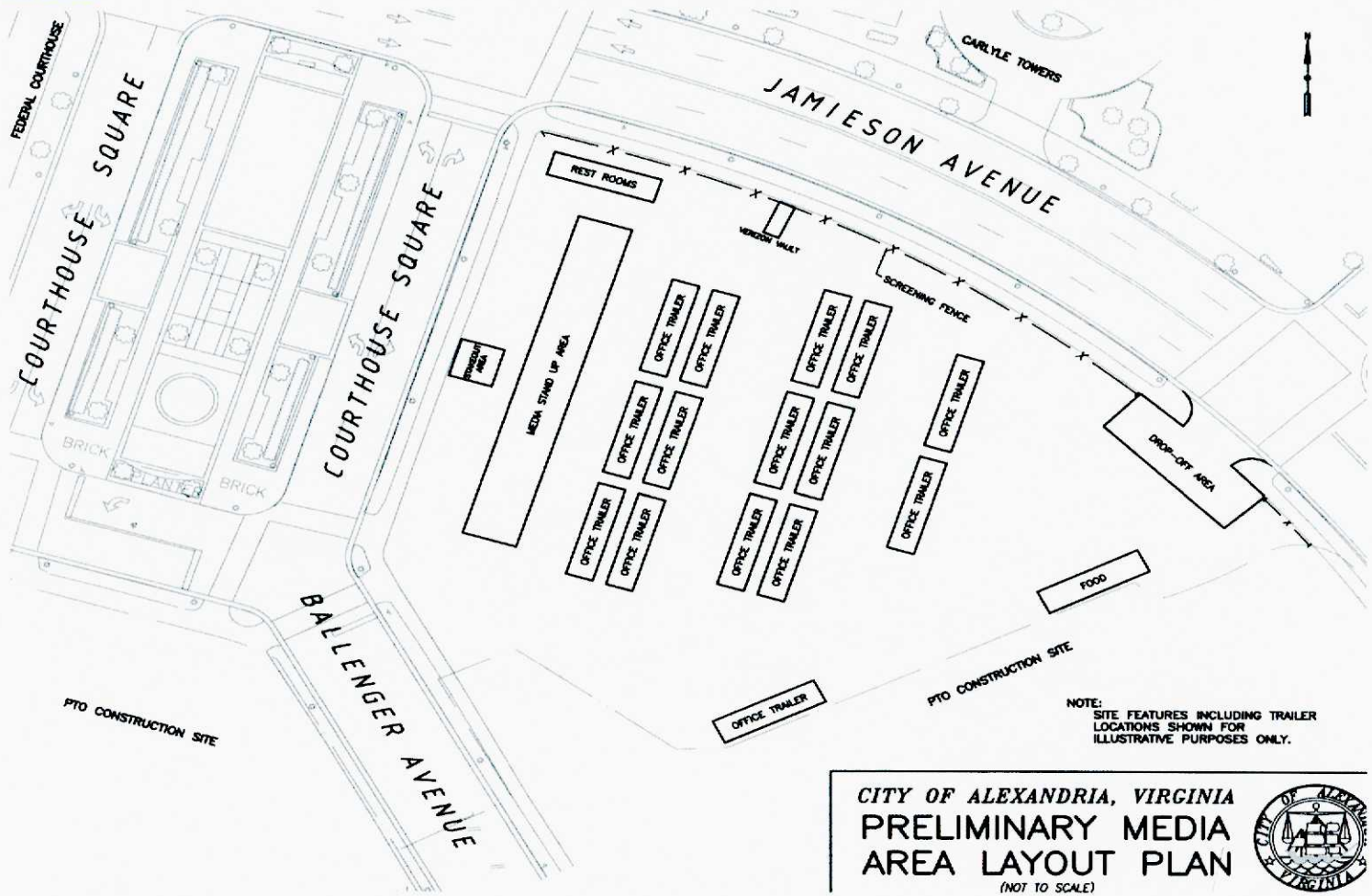
# Security Measures

## Key

-  FPS Officer & guard booth
-  FPS Canine Officer
-  CSO's & guard booth
-  CSO's, guard booth & existing hydraulic barrier
-  Jersey barriers
-  Bollards
-  FPS Command Post
-  Press Area
-  Law Enforcement Parking
-  Primary Screening Point
-  Roving Patrols
-  Hydraulic Barrier



# Proposed Maximum Scope of Media Center



NOTE:  
SITE FEATURES INCLUDING TRAILER  
LOCATIONS SHOWN FOR  
ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA  
PRELIMINARY MEDIA  
AREA LAYOUT PLAN  
(NOT TO SCALE)





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## *Why is There a Need for a Media Center?*

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- ◆ To control and accommodate the media
- ◆ To minimize impacts of media on neighborhood and PTO construction
- ◆ To reduce traffic and illegal parking by media
- ◆ To enhance security measures
- ◆ To provide a central location for City interaction with media

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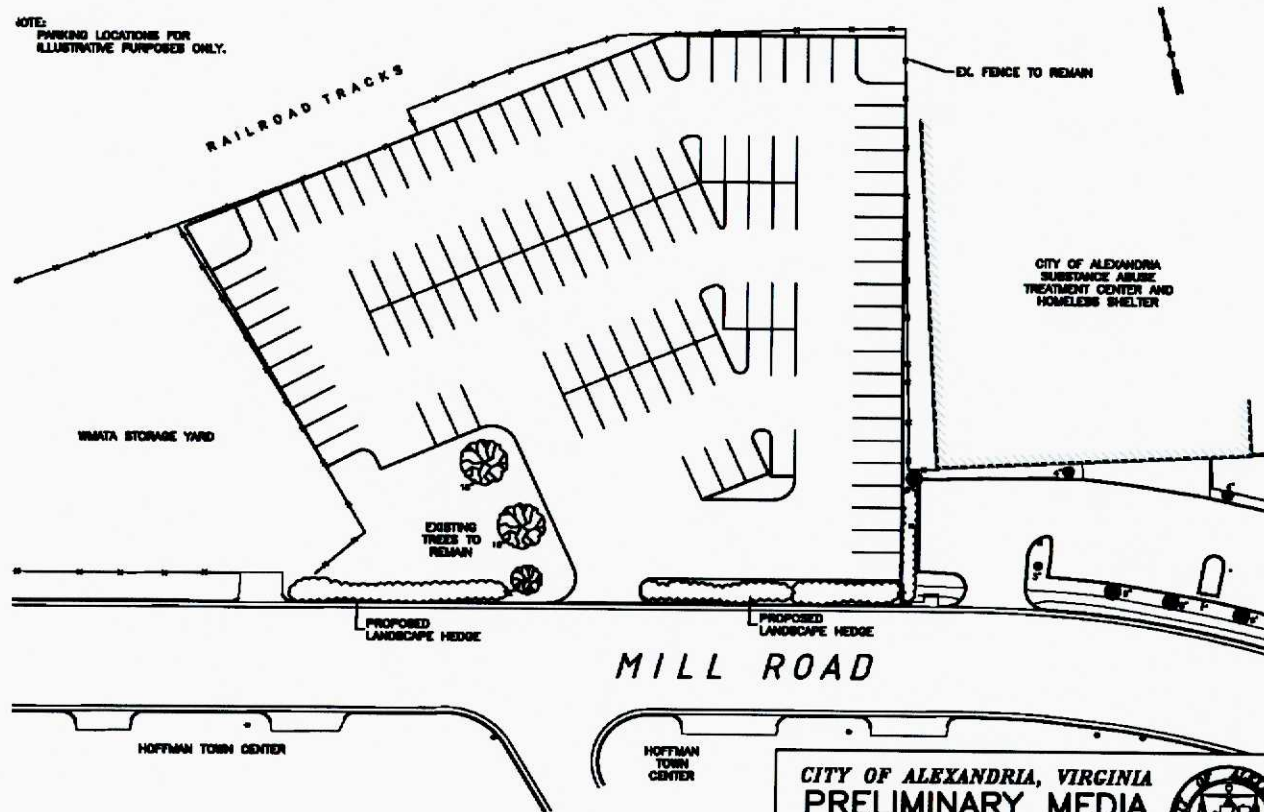
## *What Uses Will be on Media Center Site?*

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- ◆ Elevated platform to accommodate cameras and correspondents
- ◆ Interview podium (“stake out” area)
- ◆ 10-15 office trailers
- ◆ Rest room facilities
- ◆ Food trailer for local restaurant or catering company
- ◆ Utility vault for fiber optics and electricity
- ◆ Pull off/drop off area
- ◆ Aesthetic/security fence along Jamieson
- ◆ Restricted to credentialed press only
- ◆ Open space for Carlyle Towers residents

# Media Parking Lot

NOTE:  
PARKING LOCATIONS FOR  
ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA  
PRELIMINARY MEDIA  
PARKING AREA PLAN

(NOT TO SCALE)



TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT  
for Members of Alexandria City Council  
and of Other City Boards and Commissions and for  
City Officers and Employees  
Virginia Code § 2.2-3115(G)

1. Name: WILLIAM C. CLEVELAND

2. Member of:  City Council \_\_\_\_\_ (City Office or Department)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Board or Commission)

3. Transaction: 2012 Docket/Agenda Item 6-15-02 Meeting Date  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Other)

4. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: OWN CONDO  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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5. I declare, in light of my above-described personal interest in the identified Transaction (check one of the following):
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ That I am required to disqualify myself from participating in the Transaction.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ That, although I am not required to disqualify myself, I have nonetheless elected to disqualify myself from participating in the Transaction.
  - c.  That I am a member of a business, a profession, an occupation or a group, all the members of which have a personal interest in the Transaction, and that I am able to participate in the Transaction fairly, objectively and in the public interest.

6-15-02  
Date

William Cleveland  
Signature

Matthew Natale, 3401 Martha Custis Drive, 703-578-3674. Statement of  
Media Staging for Terror Trials, 6/14/02, Page 1

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council:

Soon, perhaps more than 1,000 journalists and associated media will be camped out for weeks, perhaps months and maybe longer at the Federal Courthouse near Carlyle Towers to cover the "Terror Trials."

As plans are being finalized for handling this influx, City Council must make the security of Alexandrians its top priority.

Proper and efficient media coverage serves a compelling national interest. Certainly, this interest can be served without creating a massive encampment with, among other things, 10 to 15 trailers (none smaller than 10' X 40'), and a 120 car parking lot, such as the Planning Commission approved June 4.

In similar newsworthy situations in which security and control were issues, the time-honored "Press Pool" model has been used with great success. And "Pooling" would still allow media coverage to reach the entire world, while maximizing security and quality of life of affected residents.

It would seem that the "Trailer Park" plan, with its massive scale and high profile presence near residential housing, <sup>creates a fixed target and</sup> raises more security questions than it answers. Then why not use "Pooling" here?



Apparently, according to our City Manager, it's our "image."  
It's at stake, it was said at the planning commission hearing. How  
protecting our "image" became more important than protecting our  
citizens, I do not know. Nor do I see how requiring "Pool"  
reporting hurts our true image.

Far from our "image" being at stake in any material way, our  
true image is already safe. We know that Alexandria emergency  
personnel were right there at the Pentagon on 9/11, our local United  
Way and Salvation Army were and are on the "front lines" of a  
massive charitable and humanitarian effort, and now we are hosting  
these first two trials.

Our true "image" is not at stake in this matter. Those heroic  
acts are Alexandria's true image whether or not we give in to the  
demands of national media. City officials should rebuffing these  
suggestions that our image is on the line, not giving breath to  
them.

We need to apologize to no one. Our image is secure. Now  
let's make sure our citizens are secure. I urge you to reject this  
unnecessary and less secure "Trailer Park" plan.

MH

# APPLICATION for SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2002-0040

[must use black ink or type]

PROPERTY LOCATION: 2000 Jamieson Avenue

TAX MAP REFERENCE: 73.03-02-06 ZONE: CDD-1

APPLICANT Name: Philip Sunderland, City Manager

Address: City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

PROPERTY OWNER Name: Carlyle Development Corporation

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED USE: Media staging area adjacent to the Federal Courthouse

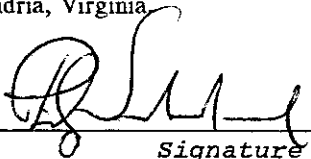
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**THE UNDERSIGNED** hereby applies for a Special Use Permit in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Section 11-500 of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**THE UNDERSIGNED**, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria to post placard notice on the property for which this application is requested, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-301(B) of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**THE UNDERSIGNED** hereby attests that all of the information herein provided and specifically including all surveys, drawings, etc., required to be furnished by the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief. The applicant is hereby notified that any written materials, drawings or illustrations submitted in support of this application and any specific oral representations made to the Planning Commission or City Council in the course of public hearings on this application will be binding on the applicant unless those materials or representations are clearly stated to be non-binding or illustrative of general plans and intentions, subject to substantial revision, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-207(A)(10), of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Philip Sunderland  
Print Name of Applicant or Agent

  
Signature

City Hall, 301 King Street  
Mailing/Street Address

703-838-4300      703-838-6343  
Telephone #      Fax #

Alexandria, VA      22314  
City and State      Zip Code

March 26, 2002  
Date

*T+ES  
Emily Baker*

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - OFFICE USE ONLY**

Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION - PLANNING COMMISSION: 6/04/02 RECOMMEND APPROVAL 5-2

ACTION - CITY COUNCIL: 6/15/02PH--SEE ATTACHED!

## REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

## Planning Commission (continued)

20 SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2002-0040  
2000 JAMIESON AV  
MEDIA STAGING AREA

Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for a special use permit for a media staging area with off-site parking; zoned OCM-100/Office Commercial Medium. Applicant: City of Alexandria, by Philip Sunderland, City Manager.

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend Approval 5-2

Councilwoman Eberwein asked the City Manager to work particularly closely with the marshals on a plan to review the construction vehicles that will be going into this site and that are there now and to make sure that we have some aspect where those vehicles are inspected to make sure they're working for legitimate companies that have a right to be on the site. Ms. Eberwein would like to see that Council gets some kind of feedback that that communication has happened and that the marshals are actually looking into that because it is a construction site which is in an area of concern. She requested a report back from the City Manager with regard to this issue.

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with the following amendments: condition #3 was amended to read as follows: "3. The media staging area shall be designed and built pursuant to a plan not to exceed 15 office trailers approved by the Directors of the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services."; condition #4 was amended to read as follows: "4. This special use permit approval will run coincident with the trials of Zacarias Moussaoui and John Walker Lindh and until the final action in the U.S. District Court, or unless extended by city council."; amended condition #9 to read as follows: "9. Use of the media staging area shall be limited to representatives of the media who have registered with and paid applicable fees to the City and who have agreed to use the area in accord with the City's media staging area regulations."; condition #10 was amended to read as follows: "10. The Director of Planning and Zoning shall review the special use permit six months after commencement of the first trial."; amended condition #12 to read as follows: "12. The City shall consult residents from Carlyle Towers about moving the restroom trailer to the east side of the subject property, or to another site, and take such action if feasible and desirable."; and added new condition #13 to read as follows: "13. To restore the site to the grassy area post the conclusion of the trials and the use by the media."

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