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September 24, 2001

Mr. Michael Liu
Assistant Secretary
Office of Public and Indian Housing
451 7th Street SW, Room 4100
Washington, DC 20410


RE: Convening a Meeting

Dear Mr. Liu:

As we in Alexandria, Virginia work toward getting our defaulted 1998 HOPE VI grant back on track, the Alexandria city officials and city staff have asked that we request an audience to discuss some issues and concerns surrounding the HOPE VI process. Those present in the meeting would be myself, up to three ARHA Commissioners, my staff, the Mayor of Alexandria and two councilmen, the City Manager and his staff and one Planning Commission representative. These are the members of a "Working Group", convened through a cooperative agreement between the ARHA Board of Commissioners and the City Council in an effort to get the redevelopment back on track after the developer selected through a competitive bid process withdrew from negotiations.

If you have any questions regarding the history of the litigation that has delayed the redevelopment process or any other matter, please do not hesitate to call me at 703-549-7913. Mr. Milan Ozdinec and the staff in the Office of Investments are very familiar with the history of the Samuel Madden Redevelopment and have worked diligently with ARHA staff; they should be commended for their efforts to see this project through to a successful completion. We thank you in advance for taking your valuable time to meet with us and look forward to seeing you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


William M. Dearman
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Ms. Michele Chapman, Chairperson
Mr. A. Melvin Miller, Vice Chairman
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