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HENRY A. WAXMAN  
30TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

January 7, 2005

Mr. Peter Stamison  
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Dear Mr. Stamison:

I am writing to follow up on my letter dated June 23, 2004 regarding the *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement* for the New Federal Building at 11000 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, California and GSA's response dated June 29, 2004. I have attached both letters for your convenience.

My June 23 letter asked GSA to identify the efforts it has taken or will take to investigate specific alternative locations for a new headquarters for the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI); to conduct a comprehensive review of employee commute patterns; and to reach out to local government, communities, and businesses to identify areas that would be interested in hosting this project. Moreover, I requested that GSA provide me with assurances that it would consider a number of alternative locations for this project.

You assured me in your response that GSA would address my concerns. I am writing for a report on the steps that have been taken in the intervening six months. Specifically, I would like a response to the following concerns:

1. The alternative locations for this project must be identified prior to preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Please describe what efforts GSA has taken to identify alternative locations.
2. Please identify the outreach efforts GSA has made to governmental entities, communities, and businesses to identify alternative locations that may be interested in hosting this project.
3. Please indicate all of the locations that have been identified and are under consideration for the project.
4. Please indicate whether GSA is conducting an employee commuting survey. Who is performing this survey? Is it being performed internally by GSA or through an outside contractor? What is the expected date of completion for the study?

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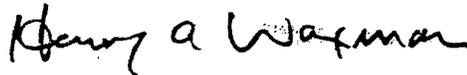
5. I have been informed by constituents that GSA is holding invitation-only roundtable sessions in the community. Please provide me with the dates and locations of the sessions. Please describe how GSA determines who is allowed to participate.

As you know, this proposed project has generated deep concern within the community. In light of the significant impact it would have on this densely populated and heavily traveled area, GSA must make every effort to proceed transparently and deliberatively to ensure it is acting in the best interests of all parties.

I would appreciate a response by January 24, 2005.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Henry Waxman  
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Dear Representative Waxman:

Thank you for your letter expressing your continued interest regarding the construction of a new facility for the FBI in Los Angeles, California.

We are committed to the communities that we are located in and strive to be a "good neighbor." We are also committed to providing space to client Federal agencies that facilitates and enhances their missions. GSA is responsible for making decisions that are in the best interest of the public good.

We appreciate your questions and note that the process of creating the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") is designed to answer these very questions. Since we are in the early stages of that process, some of the questions raised in your letter cannot be answered yet. However, we are happy to give you an update of our progress so far.

Our initial alternatives to satisfy FBI's requirements focused primarily on 11000 Wilshire Blvd., since the Federal government already owns this property. The alternatives are as follows:

- Use three buildings: maintain/renovate the original tower, and construct 2 new buildings to house the FBI at 11000 Wilshire; or
- Renovate and expand the existing facility; or
- Enter into a build-to-suit lease within the delineated area, and
- No action.

After our initial public meeting, we conducted further studies and collected more detailed information on the issues raised by the community. GSA held separate meetings with

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Federal, State, and local elected officials. We also held a series of roundtable discussions on January 19-20, 2005 in the cafeteria of the existing building, to which over 200 people were invited. We invited those who were on the list of attendees at the scoping meeting, along with representatives of various local organizations, institutions, law enforcement and large employers. The multiple, but smaller roundtable format, contributes to a more constructive dialogue with community groups and expands GSA's outreach effort beyond the required minimum public scoping meetings. We discussed our approach and the list of attendees with your office in an effort to obtain a good cross-section of the community. We plan to conduct further roundtable sessions prior to the release of the Draft EIS, followed by a full public hearing.

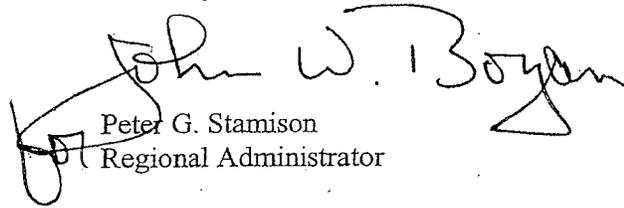
We are also in the process of identifying potential alternative sites within the delineated area. We have modified the build-to-suit lease alternative to a Federally-constructed project in light of Congress' approval and funding of design costs. We have already reviewed a number of sites (25) which were identified through the public review process and discussions with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. We met with Councilwoman Jan Perry to discuss other sites in downtown Los Angeles and plan to meet with other local government officials. These efforts will be supplemented by a market survey we will conduct in an effort to identify yet other potential alternative sites within the delineated area.

Special studies are currently underway to assess the potential traffic impacts as a result of our proposed action and the above alternatives. GSA has contracted with Katz, Okitsu & Associates, Monterey Park, CA, to conduct the traffic study for the EIS. The current anticipated completion date is March, 2005, although this date may change depending on the alternative sites to be studied. They are working closely with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation in the development of the traffic study methodology and requirements. As a result of our roundtable meetings, we plan to establish a neighborhood working group to provide review and input during the course of the traffic study.

Until these studies and the EIS are completed, GSA will not make a final determination as to how we will proceed with this project. Please be assured that GSA is committed to its responsibilities to all its stakeholders and we will proceed with following NEPA in an

effective and transparent manner. We will send you a copy of our Draft EIS as soon as it becomes available. Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,



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