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April 3, 2001

Ms. Jennifer Rabb, Chair Landmarks Preservation Commission 100 Old Slip New York, N.Y. 10005

Dear Chairwoman Rabb:

I write to inform you of my support of a Commission hearing for application for landmark status for 2 Columbus Circle, located on the block bounded by Columbus Avenue, West 58th Street, Eight Avenue and Central Park.

As you may be aware the New York City Council's Committee on Economic Development, which I chair, conducted a hearing on the status of 2 Columbus Circle on March 29th. The Committee heard extensive testimony from elected officials, preservationists and community activists regarding the City's recent attempts to re-develop this property and its unique history. One thing that was made clear was that no public hearing has been held on the application for landmark status. While I understand that there is a mixed opinion about historic import of the structure, I believe that a public hearing to receive these views would be useful opportunity to further discuss this property.

Therefore I am requesting that the Commission schedule a public hearing on 2 Columbus Circle at your soonest opportunity. I thank you in advance for your review of this matter and your prompt reply. I remain

Sincerely,

Jerome X. O'Donovan Chair, Economic Development Committee

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Cc: Councilwoman Eldridge

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April 10, 2001

Handwritten signature: "Donovan"

Councilman Jerome X. O'Donovan
250 Broadway, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Two Columbus Circle, Manhattan

Dear Councilman O'Donovan:

The Landmarks Preservation Commission has received your letter requesting a public hearing for Two Columbus Circle. Please be advised that in 1996 the Designation Committee of the Landmarks Preservation Commission declined to recommend Two Columbus Circle to the full Commission for consideration as a landmark. I have attached an example of the Commission's response in 1996-1997 to a number of requests concerning this building.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: "Mary Beth Betts"

Mary Beth Betts
Director of Research