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From: Laurie Beckelman [Laurie.Beckelman@madmuseum.org]
Sent: Saturday, January 03, 2004 1:23 PM
To: Robert B. Tierney
Subject: FW: 2 Columbus Circle

~~What do you think of Herbert's comment?~~

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Please note the mention of 2 Columbus Circle in the article below.

NY Times Arts Section

THE LOWS
Banner Year for Lost Opportunities
By HERBERT MUSCHAMP

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The biggest disappointment of the year has been the failure of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation to protect the ground zero planning process from political interference. I refer not only to the fast-track timetable decreed by Gov. George E. Pataki, which has imposed the civic equivalent of cloture on public discussion, but to the symbolic subtext of

Daniel Libeskind's design concept, which is political in assuming that answers have been found to questions that have not yet been asked.

The second biggest disappointment has been Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's decision to sit on the sidelines while the integrity of the process has been jeopardized. For two years, the planning process has veered back and forth between the possibility of an idea and unenlightened self-interest in its most brutal form. Why hasn't the mayor brought some reason to bear on this?

* The refusal of the New York City Landmarks Commission to hold hearings

on
the future of 2 Columbus Circle is a shocking dereliction of public
duty.
Unacceptable in itself, this abdication also raises the scary question
of
what other buildings the commission might choose to overlook in the
future.

* Stop all the dithering on Morningside Heights! Lee C. Bollinger,
~~president~~
of Columbia University, missed a chance to nab Zaha Hadid to succeed
Bernard
Tschumi as dean of the School of Architecture, Planning and
Preservation.
Mr. Tschumi's departure leaves a leadership void that requires a figure
of
Ms. Hadid's stature. This is not a time when our academic institutions
can
afford to drift.

* Speaking of drift, the Cooper-Hewitt, the National Design Museum,
edges
ever further toward the brackish whirlpool of amateurism,
publicity-mongering and fund-raising stunts. Where did we get the idea
that
Paul Thompson, the museum's British director, would bring with him
European
standards of scholarship and intellectual bite? What we've seen instead
is
sell-out with a vengeance.

* It seems that the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art has decided
to
abandon the ambitious expansion plan designed by Rem Koolhaas that was
launched two years ago with great fanfare. It also seems that the museum
has
neglected to inform the public and even the architect of its change of
heart. I guess it just forgot.

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