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RICHARD MOE
PRESIDENT

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Ms. Holly Hotchner, Director
Museum of Arts and Design
40 West 53rd Street
New York, NY 10019

Dear Ms. Hotchner:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation last week announced the 2004 list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places and we elected to include 2 Columbus Circle on the list. We believe that Edward Durell Stone's building on Columbus Circle is of national significance and is endangered. While the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission has declined to hear testimony regarding the building's significance, we are persuaded that the building merits landmark designation, that it is of importance to the nation and therefore justifies preservation.

I would welcome an opportunity to visit with you and your board leadership to discuss plans for the building. The Museum otherwise has a good record of preservation, and we commend you for your interest in embracing Huntington Hartford's little museum and renovating it as your new home. We do, believe, however, that your plans for the exterior should be for restoration of Edward Durell Stone's creation, rather than for recladding and stripping the building of its architectural integrity. We are confident that our goals can be mutually achievable.

I am asking Katie Cameron in my office to phone you to arrange a meeting. I look forward to visiting with you when I am next in New York.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Richard Moe

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