

December 12, 2005

Dr. John J. DeGioia, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. DeGioia:

Re: Georgetown University Boathouse

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated December 8, that I sent to Fran P. Mainella, Director of the National Park Service.

As I suggested to you in my letter of October 25, Georgetown University and the National Park Service are essentially and necessarily partners in the effort to secure a boathouse for the University on the Potomac River. In these circumstances, I submit that it is in the best interest of Georgetown University to support the recommendations set forth in the enclosed letter.

Incidentally, the alternative location is a far better site for a collegiate boathouse than the proposed site. It is deeper and more readily accessible than the proposed site. This site was simply unavailable because of the boundary drawn nearly 20 years ago. So, do not be misled that because it is an "alternative" site, it is some way inferior to the proposed site. That is not the case. A site visit would confirm this fact.

In conclusion, if Georgetown University acts decisively in this matter, its dream of a boathouse in the near future can be realized.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you and Georgetown University community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Robert B. Norris