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To whom it may concern,

Re: Outstanding Abilities of Russell Gage Construction Company

I am honored to write this letter on behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Foreign Service Protective Association to acknowledge the outstanding work of Russell Gage Construction Company Inc. We hired them in 2003, to conduct construction services, including design, contract document development, site supervision and project management to transform 2-historic town homes into one for our headquarters. The town homes dated back to the 1800's. The design detailing and material selection required considerably more innovation and technical expertise than a standard renovation project due to the age of the buildings and keeping in compliance with the Historic Society of Washington, DC. Our Board's objectives were guided by a commitment to resource conservation, merging the two buildings together and preserving the historic structure of the buildings. The construction project would take place without interruption to our day-to-day business operations.

Russell Gage Construction not only integrated our ideas in an economical and efficient way, but also discussed and implemented many of their own innovation resource efficient concepts. For example, prior to construction our building would flood from the entrance and rear of the building. Gage Construction took extra steps to fix a major problem that wasn't in the initial proposal. Russell Gage Construction design of our drainage system resulted in not only enhancement of the entrance but a strong architectural statement that enhances the building's appearance. The many innovative resource-efficient features put Russell Gage work on the cutting edge of historic building design and construction.

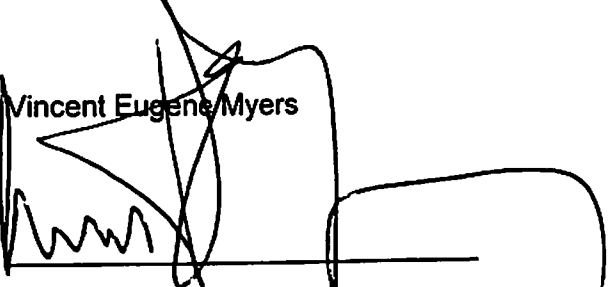
Russell Gage Construction consistently went above and beyond the call of duty. Every week during the design phase, our design committee led by Russell Gage met with them to review drawings, products and technical issues. The meeting allowed me to report to our Board of Directors and staff on a weekly basis. They produced attractive visual material, such as perspective sketches and brochures that the Board has benefited from. They always took our requests and concerns seriously and responded promptly and effectively. Their calm, friendly, relaxed manner was accompanied by creative energy and enthusiasm. Not only did they work cooperatively with our CEO and Vice-President,

but also they fostered good relationships with the contractors' consultants and our staff.
"Russell Gage Construction is a pleasure to work with."

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I highly recommend Russell Gage Construction Company for your project needs.

Please feel free to contact me directly on 202.464.1521 if I can be of assistance to you.

Vincent Eugene Myers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Eugene Myers", is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop on the right side and a wavy, scribbled base.