



Despite this significant step forward, we share the concerns raised by some consulting parties that the second pool will detract from the importance and simplicity of the original design. If the Smithsonian is able to achieve its performance goals without an additional water feature, we would certainly welcome the elimination of the second pool. On the other hand, we also recognize the importance of balancing historic preservation goals with program needs. If the second pool is truly essential, the Smithsonian should commit to retaining the original pool's black granite stone edge and to heating the water feature year-round, as was suggested in the previously proposed "Preferred Alternative," so that Bunshaft's pool will be more clearly distinguished as an important and original element of the garden.

For similar reasons, we also echo many of the other comments made by consulting parties regarding the integral nature of aggregate concrete walls to Bunshaft's design and we continue to urge the Smithsonian to replace the central partition wall *in-kind* to help further minimize adverse effects on this important Modernist landscape.

We look forward to consulting further with all parties to resolve the remaining adverse effects and to completing



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