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September 5, 1985

Mr. Tony O'Connell 2337 South Thirteenth Street St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Dear Tony:

I am in receipt of and have made a preliminary review of the Estate papers of your father.

I have no problem with serving as co-trustee provided we see eye to eye on how the trust is to be funded. It would appear to me that, as is often the case, there is no "cash" to fund the trust. Therefore, several options are available to secure the trust's assets.

- A First would be to simply record the trusts interests in the real estate and divide the stock based on the vested interests of the trust.
- B Negotiate a trade of real estate based on current market values with your mother and settle the difference with the stock. This would give Mrs. O'Connell the properties of her residence and the trust, Accotink.
- C Forced liquidation, which I am opposed to.

If your goal is some part of A or B I will serve as Co-trustee -- implement the appraisals and negotiations as so directed. If your position is forced liquidation I would not wish to serve as co-trustee.

Please advise.

By the way my legal name is:

Herbert Anderson Higham
6208 Higham Drive
Alexandria, VA 22310
703-971-3129

H. A. Higham

Yours truly,

H. A. HIGHAM 6208 HIGHAM DRIVE ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22310 PHONE 971-5200

December 4, 1985

Mr. Anthony M O Connell 2337 South Thirteenth Street St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Dear Tony:

I am very pleased that you and your mother have apparently reached an agreement.

There are I think questions that need to be addressed:

- 1. Is there any inheritance tax liability to the trust or it's beneficiaries?
- 2. Do you in fact have a trust? What documentation has been or needs to be filed with the appropriate state and local governments?
- 3. To protect the property from additional misunderstanding and tax liability, should the property be titled to the trustees and your mother?
- 4. What is the recording fee to so record?

I think the trust document is necessary in that it directs the trustees actions. Also eventually there will be a point in time where the assets are distributed to the beneficiaries of the trust. This distribution should be directed by the trust documents.

You appear to have reached the point where all the loose ends can be cleaned up -- I would hope that you would pursue all documentation to its appropriate conclusions.

Yours truly,

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March 17, 1986

Henry C. Mackall 4031 Chain Bridge Road Fairfax, VA 22030

RE: Estate of Harold A. O'Connell

Dear Mr. Mackall:

Enclosed is the signed Agreement between Mrs. O'Connell and Tony and myslef as Trustees.

I am puzzeled that the agreement is dated January 28, 1986 and that I had not received it earlier, also that your cover letter made no reference that the agreement was enclosed.

Yours truly,

H. A. Higham

cc: Mr. Tony O'Connell

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March 28, 1986

Mr. Tony O'Connell 2337 South Thirteenth Street St. Louis, Missouri 63104

RE: TRUST - Statement of Account

Dear Tony:

I have tried 8 times to make contact with Ms. Barns, but she is always busy. I did not leave my name since I usually do not stay in the office long.

I reviewed your concerns with my CPA. He said I should persuade you not to worry. The statement of account filed to 12/31/84 sets the stage and the only changes which can occur are expenses ie. real estate taxes and income dividends.

After my take with Mr. White and based on the 12/31/84 statement of record also reviewed by Henry C. Marshall and the agreement signed by all - there is just no room for alteration. Any change from the point would prove fraud - that means jail.

Also there is no reason to make a final statement of account until the day of trust is established - taxes and expenses could not be computed.

Its up to you now - have faith do it!

Yours truly,

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October 15, 1986

Mr. Anthony O'Connell 2337 South 13th Street St. Louis, Missouri 63104

RE: Cinder Bed Road Property

Dear Tony:

After some extensive investigation it would appear there are several courses of action which would be considered for frature development of this property.

Raw unplanned and unzoned property with significant flood plain exposure but with industrial potential uses is selling in a range of \$1.00 to \$1.50 per foot.

If the property were engineered, site planned and zoned accordingly but left undeveloped the value would double. The costs would range between 50 and 75 thousand with a minimum time frame of two years.

Actual development with streets and utilities could be considered after the zoning process which would again double the value but involve mega bucks.

I think the intent of our agreement with your mother would in no way be compromised by initiating the development process and is the practical and prudent duty of the trustees.

Personally, my position is that I would be willing to manage and pay for the process of site planning and zoning for one acre, of my choice, of usuable industrial land in say 1990. The reason is that my present position on Vine Street may become impractical to operate from when Metro opens in the early 1990's.

Using very inexact numbers I would be spending \$75,000 now to return for \$130,000 piece of property in the future. The O'Connell family would gain approximately \$900,000 in land value - using today's dollars.

Think it over and let me know the direction you would like to take. But keep in mind a decision not to accept my offer in no way would affect our relationship or my commitment to carry out the responsibilities of co-trustee in the best interest of the O'Connell family.

Keep in mind also, that the offer would require some very technical legal work to protect everyone's interests. It would also require full, complete and honest disclosure to your mother and sisters together with, I am sure, their signatures on documents.

Looking forward to your reply.

Yours truly,

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December 1, 1986

Mrs. Jean M. O'Connell 6541 Franconia Road Springfield, Virginia 22150

RE: Cinder Bed Road Property

Dear Mrs. 0'Connell:

I have had the opportunity to do some in-depth study of the above referenced property and will herein present my conclusions.

From a meeting with Hazel, Bechorn and Hanes, zoning attorneys, I have learned that they represent the trustee owner of the Hunter property Mr. Mark Edwards. The Hunter property is being prepared for rezoning for townhouses. Since this zoning, if approved, would cut off industrial uses to the South of your acreage, obtaining industrial zoning is nearly impossible.

The value of raw unimproved and unzoned but probable townhouse lot acreage is \$15,000.00 per lot. The county zoning allows 8 to 12 dwellings per acre for townhouses. Given all the factors of flood plain, usable ground, etc. one could expect 80 lots on your property which would place a fair market value of \$1,200,000.00 when zoned.

Since developers are notorious for no cash, minimum risk purchases II offer the following guide lines for your consideration.

- 1. ALL CASH "DUMP PRICE"
 - If you were to sell today with <u>no</u> contingencies the minimum acceptable cash market price should be \$750,000.00.
- 2. CONTIGENT CONTRACT SALE one year on zoning approval. If you were to accept a contract which was contigent on zoning approval for 75-80 townhouse lots the contract price should be a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 with a \$50,000.00 cash deposit. If the zoning was not approved the deposit should be refundable. However if zoning was not processed at the end of one year or the contract purchaser backed out the deposit should be forfeited.

Mrs. Jean M. O'Connell December 1, 1986

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3. CONTIGENT CONTRACT SALE - More than one year. Same conditions as "2" but sale price \$1,200,000.00.

ALTERNATIVE:

Keep the property and let the Hunter property obtain its zoning. Be represented at all points of the zoning process to be certain the Hunter design allows access to its streets and not Cinder Bed Road. This is very easy and the County will protect your interests if you make them known. It does require careful attention to various required notifications you must receive as being the adjacent landowner.

Once the Hunter property obtains zoning, your property is guaranteed similar zoning and the value will rise considerably.

I hope this lays out cleary what would be your best alternatives. I would be happy to assist you in any way once you have made your decisions.

I have reviewed this with Mr. White. A copy of this letter will be sent to both Mr. White and Tony.

Yours truly

H. A. Higham

cc: Mr. E. White

Mr. Anthony O'Connell

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Return Receipt

December 17, 1986

County of Fairfax Director of Design Review Irvin Birmingham 10555 Main Street Fairfax, Virginia 22030



RE: Addition to Amberleigh

3916-P-03-1

Sbj: Jean O'Connell Property

Dear Mr. Birmingham:

I am a Trustee of the Estate of the late Harold O'Connell which owns property adjoining Amberleigh.

I have reviewed Amberleigh's site plan and feel it has serious harmful implications on the O'Connell property. Amberleigh's plan does not provide access to the O'Connell property.

Amberleigh surrounds the O'Connell property on three sides and land-locks the O'Connell property with its townhouse development.

Amberleigh has set the development tone for this neighborhood as residential townhouse development and generally sets the same development mode for the O'Connell property as residential usage.

Because of this residential usage access by Cinder Bed Road which is all industrial is unsatisfactory even if Cinder Bed extended to the property which it does not.

I feel as Trustee for the owners the property must be accessed by a State road which in turn would access Beulah Street.

In addition I believe that the water retention systems design must be such as not to visually or materially affect the O'Connell property together with its controlled flow run off.

I wait your response.

H. A. Higham

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cc: Mrs. Jean O'Connell
 Mr. White - Attorney at Law
 Mr. Joseph Alexander - Supervisor

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February 3, 1987

Mrs. H. A. O'Connell 6541 Franconia Road Springfield, Va. 22150

REF: Zoning - Hunter Property

Dear Mrs. 0'Connell

I am following through with representing the interests of the O'Connell track with the Lee District Land Use Committee, Fairfax County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

I will advise.

Yours Truly,

H. A. Higham

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February 3, 1987

Mr. Anthony O'Connell 2337 So. 13th. Street St. Louis, Mo. 63104

REF: Cinder Bed Road Property

Dear Tony:

The Hunter property is up for rezoning - RZ86-L-073. This is a parcel of 245.19 acres which adjoins the O'Connell property at its southern boundry.

I have an appointment with Mr. Shapiro at Fairfax today to review their preliminary development plans and from that will evaluate how best their designs could serve to improve the O'Connell track.

I will also attend the Lee District Land Use meeting tonight to express what would be best for the property together with the County Planning Commission meeting February 12th. and the Board of Supervisors meeting February 23rd.

With regards to Amberleigh's site plans, I have met with Mr. Rowzee, Design Reviewer for Fairfax County, and I think he fully understands our goals for access.

The result of all this is to attempt to influence surrounding development design to upgrade both access and zoning capabilities of the O'Connell property and thereby significantly increase its market value.

Since to date I have spent many hours, and will spend many more to follow through with the program, I am at the point where I need to justify my time and efforts for some benefit other than the pleasure of helping out.

I have talked to numerous attorneys and real estate agents regarding what is customary and fair payment for my efforts. The most practical and fair to all in my opinion is called "value added." This approach works like this... you establish what is the fair market value of the property at the beginning of the process and when the property is ultimately sold the difference is value added. The person who positioned the property for the increased value shares in part of this value added as a percentage of the value added amount.

From what I can determine the fair market value was \$350,000.00 from a tentative offer to your mother when we started this process. I am told that the percentages of sharing value added generally ranges about 33% but it seems too high. I suggest 25%.

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DATE: February 3, 1987

TO: Mr. Anthony O'Connell

REF: Cinder Bed Road Property

This would mean for example, if the property sold for one million, the value added is \$650,000.00 and my share would be \$162,500.00. Expenses incurred, ie: zoning, site plans, and commissions would be shared, that is I would pay 25%.

Think it over...it could be a lot of money or very little. You would not in any way insult me or hurt my feelings if you choose to carry through yourself.

Looking forward to your response.

Yours Truly,

H. A. Higham

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H. A. HIGHAM

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February 4, 1987

Fairfax County
Zoning Evaluation Division
Office of Comprehensive Planning
10640 Page Avenue
City Square Building
Fairfax, Va. 22030

Attention: Andrew Shapiro

REF: Rezoning #RZ-86-L-073

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I appreciate your cooperation in the file review of RZ-86-L-073.

As trustee for the property owners of parcel #17 which is connected to the northern boundry of the applicants property I want to re-emphasize the importance of appropriate state road access.

Two review agencies have made written evaluation to emphasize this access:

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Mr. John C. Herrington Chief Site Analysis Branch Office of Transportation Letter of December 23, 1986 Page 10, Footnote #3

"A stub connection needs to be provided to parcel #17 in order to provide public street access to a potential residential development."

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Mr. John N. Winfield Assistant Chief Site Review Department of Environmental Management Letter of October 23, 1986 Note #7

"Access O'Connell property must be addressed."

I attended the Lee District Land Use Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 3rd., 1986 at which time the applicant postponed his presentation.

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DATE: February 4, 1987

TO: Fairfax County

Zoning Evaluation Division

Office of Comprehensive Planning

ATN: Andrew Shapiro

REF: Rezoning #RZ-86-1-073

I would appreciate the opportunity to review the latest revisions of the applicants conceptual design when it is submitted to your office.

Please contact me when it becomes available at (703) 971-5200.

Yours Truly,

H. A. Higham

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CC:Mrs. Jean O'Connell

Mr. White, Attorney at Law

Joseph Alexander, Lee District Supervisor

Mr. A. O'Connell, Co-Trustee

Mr. Bob Lawrence, Hazel Bechorn and Hanes

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FITZGERALD & WALSH Real Estate Corporation 6265 Franconia Road Alexandria, Virginia 22310 Telephone: (703) 971-1800

SALES CONTRACT

This Agreement of Sale made in triplicate this 7th day of

July , 1987, between REAL ESTATE GENERAL ASSOCIATES, INC.

(hereinafter known as the Purchaser) and JEAN M. O'CONNELL * See Attachment
(hereinafter known as the Seller) and FITZGERALD & WALSH R.E.C.

(hereinafter known as the Agent) WITNESSETH: That for and in

consideration of the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO HUNDREDS DOLLARS

(\$20,000.00) by check in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby

acknowledged, the Purchaser agrees to buy and the Seller agrees to

sell for the sum of THOUSAND AND NO HUNDREDS.

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\$850,000.00

PURCHARS (\$750000000), all that certain piece, parcel or lot of
land described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel #17 and located on Cinderbed Road, Newington, Virginia, and identified on Fairfax County Tax Map page #90-4-001 and ***2-01***

As shown on attached tax map plat outlined in yellow and is part of this contract, said parcel containing approximately 15 acres more

or less.

Terms of Sale:

Purchaser agrees to pay at settlement a down payment in the amount

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in the amount of \$1,790.18 which is amortized over a 20 year pay schedule. The balance of Trust at the end of said latter five years (60 months) of said Trust of principal and accrued interest is due and payable. Said Trust and Note are to have the usual provision used in the State of Virginia Deeds of Trust and Notes and to have a late payment penalty of five percent (5%) of said payment amount if not paid by fifteenth day after due date. The balance of said Trust Note gap be paid in part or full at any time without penalty.

This contract is contingent for a period of 30 calendar days from date of acceptance by Purchaser and Seller of this contract for a feasibility and economic or engineering study. Said study is to be at Purchaser's cost and in the event said study is not to the

from date of acceptance by Purchaser and Seller of this contract for a feasibility and economic or engineering study. Said study is to be at Purchaser's cost and in the event said study is not to the satisfaction of the Purchaser, then this contract at Purchaser's option is null and void and of no effect and all parties to this contract are released of any and all liabilities and the Ernest Deposit is to be returned in full to the Purchaser. Seller will allow Purchaser to enter the property during said study period for such studies. The Purchaser will not cause any damage to said property and will restore any change to the land back to its original state.

In the event Purchaser has not notified the Seller that studies are not at Purchaser's satisfaction prior to the 30th day of study period, then the study period contingency is removed and this contract is in full force as to the contract terms.

The Seller agrees to convey the above property with a General Warranty Deed, same to be prepared at the expense of the Seller. Examination of title, conveyancing, notary fees, and all recording charges, including those for purchase money trust, if any, are to be at the cost of the purchaser.

Where trustees are to be named in a deed of trust or trusts the said trustees are to be named by the party respectively secured thereby.

All taxes, insurance, rents, and interest are to be prorated as of Date of Settlement.

The purchaser agrees to comply with the terms of sale herein within 60 days from the date of acceptance by owner or the deposit will be forfeited, in which event one-half of said deposit shall be paid to Seller and half to Agent.

Settlement to be made at the offices of to be selected by purchaser .

It is understood that the title is to be free and clear of all liens and indebtedness of every kind except the liens above mentioned. However, a reasonable time shall be allowed the Seller to correct any defects reported by the title examiner.

It is understood that the property to be conveyed subject to any restrictions now thereon.

Possession is to be given Settlement Date.

The Seller agrees to pay to the Agent cash for his services a commission on the sale price of the property at the following Four (4%)
51% percent (6%) of sales price and attorney handling this settlement is instructed to disburse to Fitzgerald and Walsh from p:

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L. S. Fitzgerald, Agent Fitzgerald & Walsh

> THIS CONTRACT OFFER REMAINS IN FORCE UNTIL MIDNIGHT JULY 29 1987 AFTER WHICH TIME ITS VOID TO ALL PARTIES UNLESS ACCEPTED OR COUNTERED.

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ADDENDUM

DEED OF TRUST

Said note or notes will be secured by a Deed of Trust whose trustees will be designated by the Sellerss.

FINANCIAL DATA

Within five (5) days of the signing of this Contract, Purchaser shall furnish to Sellers a financial statement upon the form provided and in addition shall furnish such other additional financial data as required by the sellers.

This contract is expressly contingent upon approval by the seller of the financial credit worthiness of the Buyer. Sellers shall have no more than five (5) days from the receipt of the requested data in which to reject this contract in the event of dissatisfaction with the financial information furnished. If at the end of the five (5) day period Sellers have not notified Buyer in writing of such a rejection, this contingency shall be automatically removed.

BREACH

In the event of breach, the party at fault shall pay costs and attorney's fees, plus damages incidental to the breach such as: moving and relocation expenses, loss of deposit money, increased interest rates and lost interest earning opportunities.

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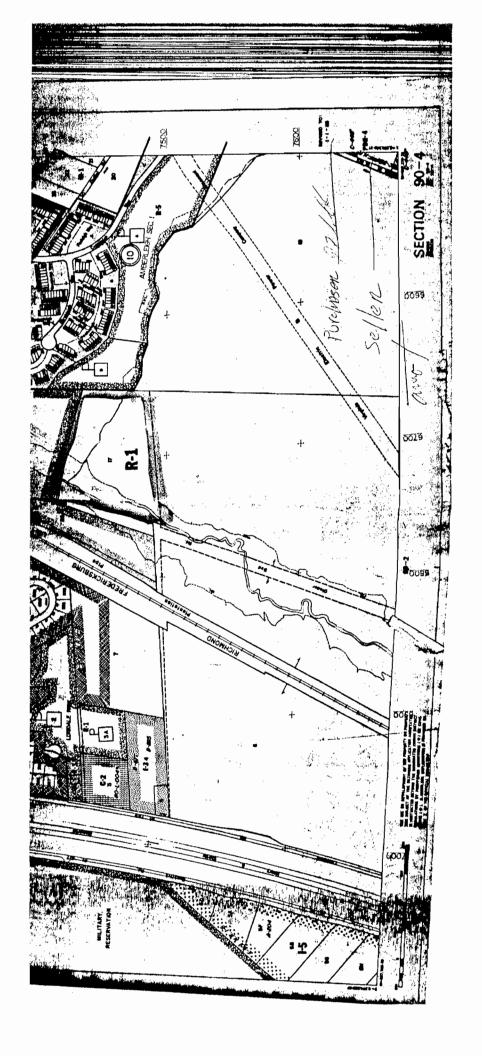
The principals to this contract mutually agree that it shall be binding upon them, their and each of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns; that the provisions hereof shall survive the execution and delivery of the deed aforesaid and shall not be merged thereon; that this contract contains the final and entire agreement between the parties hereto and that neither they nor their agents shall be bound by any terms, conditions, statements, warranties or representations, oral or written, not herein contained.

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ATTACHMENT TO CONTRACT

PARTIES

	HERBERT ANDERSON HIGHAM AND ANTHONY M. E RESIDUARY TRUST UNDER THE WILL OF
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	ANTHONY M. O'CONNELL, TRUSTEE
DATE:	



EDWARD J. WHITE ATTORNEY AT LAW 118 SOUTH ROYAL STREET ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

TELEPHONE 836-5444

July 17, 1987



Mrs. Harold A. O'Connell 6541 Franconia Road Springfield, Va. 22150

Re: Accotink property offer

Dear Mrs. O'Connell,

I have reviewed the contract from Real Estate General Associates, Inc. and have enclosed as an Addendum some changes to it which are not terribly substantive.

I think since you and the Trust are being asked to carry quite a bit of debt that some financial data should be submitted to you. The buyer should be asked to fill in a standard bank loan application form which can be obtained from your (or any bank).

The breach clause should definitely be in the contract.

The miscellaneous additions are standard and should not have been omitted by the realtor.

Of course I can not give any opinion as to the correctness of the price, but it does seem to be in the range of Mr. Higham's earlier estimate. The fact that there is no request for subordination of your mortgage is a strong selling point for this offer.

I am concerned about the size of the commission which will amount to \$51,000.00 off the top. I really think this can be negotiated down to about 4%. Considering the amount of work involved for the realtor in this matter, I think \$34,000.00 is more than generous.

An additional money consideration is the fact that this property was inherited at a basis of \$37,000.00. As I understand it the capital gain would be the difference between the sales price and the inherited price adjusted for the mortgage. I would guess that of the \$250,000.00 cash received the tax might be about 40% or \$100,000.00. By my rough calculations I think your share (53.91%) might net \$53,370.00 at the settlement. You probably will wish to check this with Jo Ann Barnes.

Page 2 Ltr to Mrs. Harold A. O'Connell July 17, 1987

If the trust were larger the tax would be cut down but that would also cut your net share. Frankly I think the place to increase your share would be through the commission.

I have added an Attachment which reflects the actual sellers and a signature line for them.

Please show this to Andy and either of you feel free to call me.

Sincerely

Edward J. Whit

EJW/e Encl.



AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 15th day of March, 1988,
by and between Robert A. Newbill, Trustee, party of the First
Part (hereinafter called Purchaser), and Mrs. H.A. O'Connell,
Anthony O'Connell, Co-Trustee and H.A. Highman, Co-Trustee
parties of the Second Part (hereinafter called Seller), and
SHANNON & LUCHS COMPANY, party of the Third Part (hereinafter
called Agent):

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of a deposit in the amount of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) in the form of a check to be held in escrow (in an interest bearing account) by Shannon & Luchs, with interest to accrue to Purchaser, the Sellers agree to sell, and the Purchaser agrees to purchase approximately fifteen (15) acres of R-1 ground, Master Planned PDH 3-4 known as Fairfax County Tax Map Number 90-4-((1)) Lot 17 and shown on the attached tax map which shall become a part of this Agreement.

- 1. SALE PRICE. Purchaser shall pay EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$800,000.00) for the subject property.
- 2. TERMS OF SALE. Purchaser is to pay ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) in cash at settlement, including the above mentioned deposit.
- 3. For the balance of the purchase price, the Purchaser agrees to execute and deliver to the Sellers, one negotiable promissory note in the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$700,000.00) with interest thereon at the rate of nine percent (9%) per annum. The Purchaser shall make quarterly interest only payments for three years and then the Purchaser shall make quarterly interest and principal payments based on a fifteen (15) year amortization schedule and a principal amount of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$700,000.00) for an additional three (3) year period. The promissory note shall balloon at the expiration of six (6) years from execution thereof at which time

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shall be paid to the noteholder. The promissory note is to be secured by a deferred purchase money first deed of trust secured on the premises. There shall be no prepayment penalty for early prepayment in part or in whole. The noteholder shall permit the note to be assumed in the event of a sale or transfer. NO

- 4. CONTINGENCIES. This agreement is contingent upon the following: failure of any said contingency shall operate to make this Agreement null and void or Purchaser may waive the unfulfilled contingency and call for final settlement hereunder. If declared null and void, Purchaser's deposit shall be returned.
- a. Engineering. The Purchaser shall have ninety (90) days after the acceptance of this Agreement by Sellers to conduct engineering studies and studies of the general feasibility of development of the subject property. The Purchaser may, at his sole option, at any time prior to the expiration of the ninety (90) day period, cancel this Agreement by notice of cancellation to Sellers, and, in such event, this Agreement shall thereupon to Sellers, and in such event, this Agreement shall thereupon to Sellers, and void and of no effect. The Stall he provided to

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b. The parties are aware of the pending rezoning application (number R2 86-L-073) and procedure for the adjacent property consisting of approximately 261 acres known as Tax Map Numbers 90-4-((1)) 27, 99-2((1)) 39A, 39B, 39C and 39D, from R-1 to PDH-4. The outcome of this rezoning request directly impacts the subject property. Therefore:

1. The Purchaser shall have a contingency period for ninety (90) days (to run concurrently with the engineering study) from ratification of this Agreement. However, the ninety (90) day period may be extended at the option of the Purchaser if the rezoning application, currently scheduled to be heard by the County Planning Commission on May 11, 1988 is postponed, delayed or deferred for any reason or withdrawn temporarily by the applicant. In said event, the Contingency Period will extend until ten (10) days from the final rezoning of the adjacent above

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mentioned property. Settlement would then take place no later than thirty (30) days from the final rezoning of the adjacent property. However, in the event the actual rezoning did not take place by December 15, 1988, the Purchaser shall have the option to either settle no later than December 30, 1988 or cancel this Agreement to purchase in which case the earnest money deposit will be returned to the Purchaser with accrued interest, and there shall be no further liability on either parties part.

- TITLE. Title to all the property which is the subject of this Agreement is to be good of record, and, in fact, fully marketable and insurable at regular rates, free of rights-of-way, easements, leases, restrictions, covenants, litigations and encumbrances, except standard utility easements. Should the title be found defective, Sellers shall be allowed reasonable time to correct any defects. If the defects are of such nature that they cannot speedily be remedied by legal action, Purchaser may, at his option, declare the Agreement to be null and void. After the date of execution of this Agreement, Sellers shall not mortgage or encumber the property or execute any lease, easement, covenant, conditions, or restriction without obtaining Purchaser's written consent.
- 6. ADJUSTMENTS AND POSSESSION. All taxes are to be adjusted and apportioned pro rata between Purchaser and the Sellers as of the date of settlement. Possession is to be given to Purchaser at settlement; provided, however, that at any time subsequent to the acceptance of this Agreement by Sellers, Purchaser and his engineers and agents shall have the right to enter and inspect property and make any desired studies or plans necessary to ascertain the feasibility of development of said property.
- 7. CONVEYANCE, ETC. The Sellers shall furnish a General Warranty Deed and shall pay the Grantor's tax imposed upon the transfer of the property. Conveyancing, notary fees, and all recording charges are to be paid by Purchaser.

- 8. SETTLEMENT. Settlement is to be made at the office of an attorney selected by Purchaser on or before December 30, 1988 or as outlined in Paragraph 4(bl).
- 9. FAILURE TO MAKE SETTLEMENT. If Purchaser shall fail to make full settlement, the deposit herein provided for may be retained as liquidated damages at the option of the Sellers, in which event Purchaser shall be released from further liability hereunder. In the event of the Seller's default, the Purchaser may avail himself to whatever legal remedies may exist. This agreement shall be construed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 10. ASSIGNMENT. Purchaser shall have the right to assign this Agreement to another or a corporation or corporations.
- 11. SURVIVAL OF AGREEMENT. All representations, agreements, provisions, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall survive the delivery of the deed and shall not be merged therein.
- 12. NOTICES. Any notices to be sent pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be deemed properly sent when sent to:

As to Purchaser:

Robert A. Newbill, Trustee 6052 Ramshorn Place McLean, Virginia 22101

As to Sellers:

H.A. Higham, Co-Trustee 6208 Higham Drive Alexandria, Virginia 22310

or at such other addresses as either party may from time to time designate to the other in writing. All notices shall be sent by certified mail.

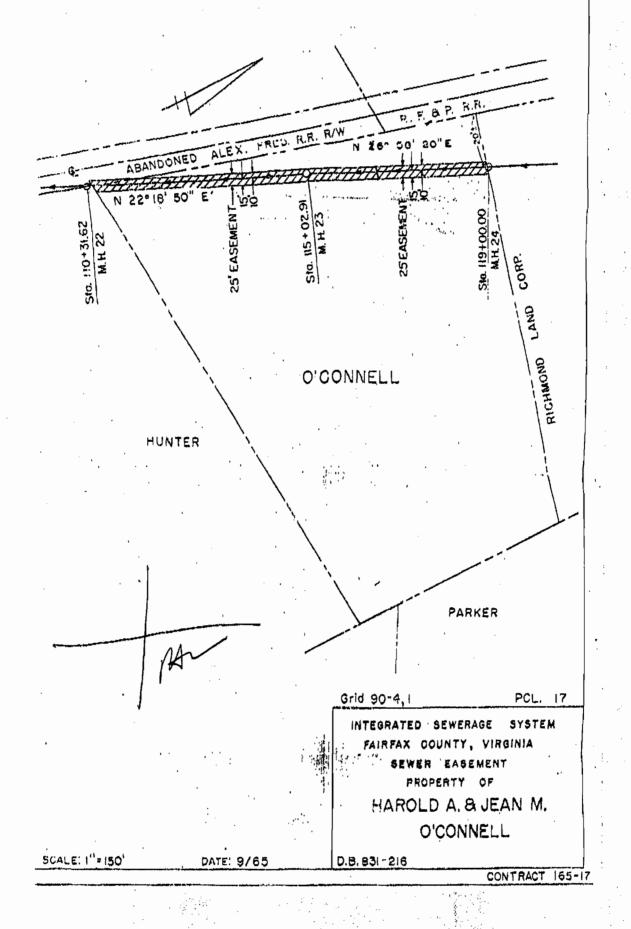
- 13. SALES COMMISSION. If settlement is completed in accordance with the conditions of this contract, the Purchaser shall pay Robert H. Turner, Broker, of Shannon & Luchs Company a commission as per separate agreement. The settlement attorney is directed to collect the commission at settlement and to make payment thereof to Agent.
- 14. All the rights and duties hereunder shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

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- 15. For all purposes of this Agreement, the date of execution of this Agreement shall be the last date on which any of the parties hereto has executed this Agreement and has delivered a fully executed copy of same to the other party hereto. Sellers warrant and represent that the party or parties signing this agreement as Sellers are all of the parties having any interest in the subject property.
- 16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, when accepted by the Sellers, contains the final and entire Agreement between the parties hereto and none of the parties shall be bound by any terms, conditions, statements or representations, oral or written, not herein contained.

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16 MARAL 1988 Date	Seller
SHANNON & LUCHS COMPANY	Seller
Robert H. Turner Vice President	Date

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EDGAR ALLEN PRICHARD VIRGINIA AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BARS

March 22, 1988

Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell Conservator 2337 South Thirteenth Street St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

I have your letter of March 18, 1988, enclosing a copy of a proposed contract of purchase for your property located near Cinder Bed Road.

- 1. Although I have not seem any appraisal of the property, I have the feeling that \$800,000 for 15 acres is a little low particularly in view of the contingencies of the contract.
- 2. \$100,000 stands in proportion to \$800,000 as an appropriate down payment where one has agreed to take back a purchase money deed of trust.
- The paragraph describing the deed of trust leaves a number of things unsaid. Since the purchaser signs as trustees they may have in mind that they are not personally liable. would want personal liability on the note. The deed of trust also does not contain any subordination clause. I would wish a provision that subordination would not be allowed. I would also want the usual waivers and default provisions in the note. should be a provision in the note that in the event of default in paying any installment of interest or principal, the noteholder will have the option of calling the entire amount immediately due and payable. The contract provides that the deed of trust is assumable. If you were able to obtain personal liability on the part of the purchasers and they are substantial people, I probably would not object to such a provision. However, where we are not sure whether they would be personally liable, I would be unwilling to give them the unlimited right of assignment. is no way of telling to whom they might sell the property. might have a difficult time collecting your sales price from another owner.

Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell March 22, 1988 Page 2

4. I find that paragraph 4 on contingencies is entirely too liberal as far as the seller is concerned. If, for some reason completely beyond your control, the rezoning is does not take place when expected the purchaser will not be required to close. The result is that you are asked to give a free option to the purchaser from this date until December 30, 1988. Although I am not opposed to a reasonable engineering and feasibility study period, I think that what the purchaser is proposed is unreasonable. They are asking you to give them a nine month's free option. During that period of time you might have many offers for the property and the value of the property might increase.

Paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8 are quite usual. Under paragraph 6 I would want copies of all engineering and feasibility studies.

Paragraph 9 limits your remedies to the deposit which I believe is quite small in comparison with an \$800,000 price. This brings me to another point. It is likely that the property has not been surveyed in recent times. If that is the case, then the purchaser should be required to choose whether the sale will be by the acre of by the foot, on the one hand, or in gross, on the other. The contract seems to be drawn for a gross selling price of \$800,000. If it turns out that there is more area than you suppose by the acre sale might give you an advantage. The same comment concerning the assignment of the contract that I have stated above for the assumption of the debt.

I believe that paragraph 13 should contain an indemnification so that you will be completely exculpated and held harmless from any commission payable to Turner.

My last comment is that the contract is not very artfully drawn. It lacks many clauses which most well drafted real estate contracts have. For example, it has no provision directing that the contract be construed in accordance with Virginia law. Secondly, I have no information as to the identify of the purchaser. I believe that before I would sign a contract of sale to a stranger, I would want some financial information.

The forfeiture provision lacks mutuality. The purchaser has the right to walk away from the contract even after the December deadline by leaving a \$25,000 deposit in escrow. There is no right of specific performance to require the purchaser to close. If you are willing to accept the forfeiture of a deposit as a sole remedy on default by the purchaser then I believe that the deposit should be greater. I believe it should be at least \$75,000.

Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell March 22, 1988 Page 3

My last comment has to do with the wisdom of selling the property now, at a time when the fate of the adjacent property has not been determined. Property has been rapidly appreciating in value in recent years. A number of factors influence value. Obviously, rezoning is one. Transportation is another. The scarcity of the product is the third. It occurs to me that you probably would be unwise to sell the property when the fate of the adjacent property has not been determined. The value of the property could well go up dramatically after the adjacent property is rezoned and construction is underway. no real advantage of selling at the present time and suggest that you would be better off supporting the rezoning application of your neighbor, trying to influence the Department of Environmental Management to extend a street to your property through the property now under consideration for rezoning and then sell it.

I do not know Mr. Newbill. I may have met Mr. Highman. I am not sure. At any rate, they are not well known developers. My guess is that they are speculators.

Sincerely yours,

E. A. Prichard

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H. A. HIGHAM 6208 HIGHAM DRIVE ALEXANDRIA, VA 22310

March 17,1988

Mr. Tony O'Connell 2337 South 13th Street St. Louis, MO 63104

RE: Contract

Dear Tony:

Enclosed please find contract we discussed yesterday.

After some considerable thought I would strongly recommend acceptance for the following reasons:

- 1. The \$800,000. plus commission sale price is what I perceive the value to be if R2-86-L-073 is approved. If zoning is not approved you have no value.
- 2. Because of topography I think density will be at low end of PDH-3-4. This would mean 45.
- 3. Purchaser will have not only high development costs due to topography but have to wait for access before they can start - which I think will be three years at least. If you look at their carrying costs they will have a raw land cost I believe of at least \$24,000 per lot by the time they can build.
- 4. The developer of this parcel must be able to market a home to compete with next door development. The next door developments have amenities such as pool, tennis etc. where this parcel none so price has to be right. Raw land costs has to be lower house sale price lower to compete.
- 5. This is a hell of a lot more than the Hunter track raw costs per unit and not even a comparison to Miller and Smith's costs.
- 6. Finally if we are able to persuade your mother to let the children enjoy income flow from the trusts share of notes this will spin off over \$30,000 annually to them.

O'Connell March 17, 1988

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So that you know exactly where I am coming from - rest assured I have <u>no</u> interests in any of this at all in any way. Also do not let yourself be led by some "pie in the sky" advice. Value, especially on this parcel is in the eyes of the beholder. A market downturn, interest rates, and the overall economic outlook could change in a heartbeat and you could see this parcel's value evaporate.

This is a good price with fair terms by a substantial purchaser. There are excellent limited risks investments available which these funds could be converted to that are not influenced by the factors that influence this parcel.

I know from our phone conversation yesterday you are going to have a problem with this contract. Be sure you do your evaluation with your feet on the ground keeping utmost in mind the emotional roller coaster and value swings the property projected over the last couple years.

Give me a call.

Sincerely,

Enclosures: (3)

Tony:

3/28/88

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5513 VINE STREET ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22310
(703) 971-5200

H: A. HIGHAM 6208 HIGHAM DRIVE ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22310 PHONE 971.5200

June 11, 1988

Anthony O'Connell 2337 South Thirteenth Street St. Louis, MIssouri 63104

Dear Tony:

I have enjoyed working with you and your family and hope that I have made some contribution. I will always consider you and your family as dear friends.

With you coming back to Virginia there is naturally no need for me as co-trustee but I will always be available to offer my opinion anytime you ask.

I hope everyone understands that you assuming sole trustee is natural and exactly what your father directed. There are absolutely no hard feelings on my part and no reason whatsoever to have any. It has been both interesting and rewarding. I hope you will make available a copy of this to your mother.

Looking forward to seeing you in Virginia.

Yours truly,

A. Higham