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Dear Mr. Radusinovic:

Thank you for "A Response to the White House and President's Park Design Plan" on the draft *Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and Draft Environmental Impact Statement*. We appreciate the time and effort you and your fellow students invested in this project. Public comment on the proposal is critical to our process and for that reason we welcome your opinions regarding the draft plan. We will be considering all public comment in our development of the final plan and final environmental impact statement.

We particularly value receiving your specific architectural design proposals for the site. Your design suggestions are now part of the public record and will be available to future designers as they develop the detailed elements of the *Comprehensive Design Plan*. If you would like to continue following planning for the site, please provide us with your home address and we will add it to our project mailing list. Thank you for applying your creative efforts in this process to address the future of the White House and President's Park.

With best wishes for your future success,

Sincerely,

James I. McDaniel
Director
White House Liaison

THE WHITE HOUSE
& PRESIDENT'S PARK



COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN PLAN
SUMMARY

coherent landscape in which individual historical elements come together to form a dignified and memorable whole.

The *Comprehensive Design Plan* provides an opportunity to shape the future of the White House instead of trusting it to chance. “[History] clearly shows that we arrive at catastrophe by failing to meet situations,” said Eleanor Roosevelt, “by failing to act where we should act. . . . [The] opportunity passes and the next situation always is more difficult than the last one.”

The *Comprehensive Design Plan* represents a consensus of hundreds of planners, architects, historians and ordinary citizens about how to protect and enhance one of the preeminent symbols of our democracy. Its priorities are clear: to make the White House more livable for first families, more functional for its staff, more informative for visitors and more inspiring for the nation. Such an opportunity comes along rarely. Not to seize it would be impractical, insensitive and irresponsible. Now is the time to act.



A copy of the draft *Comprehensive Design Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement*, which analyzes the proposed plan and its alternatives may be obtained from

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Comments on both documents must be received at this address by March 11, 1999. If you prefer e-mail, please send your comments to: White_House_Liaison@nps.gov.

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