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August 29, 2017

Coral Gables Historical Resources & Cultural Arts
2327 Salzedo Street, Second Floor
Coral Gables FL 33134

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Re: LETTER OF INTENT

4125 Santa Maria Street
MIAMI FL 33146

Dear Board of Architects:

This existing Two-Story Colonial Style Single Family residence is altered to bring the property's front facade back to its original historic state. Emphasizing once again the hierarchy of its entrance between the garage doors and the double high porch angled to one side. It is more of an open plan where a new stair defines not just the rear facade facing Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables but also the center axis where interior spaces such as family room, dining room, foyer, living room, and open terrace connect through the den in a radial fashion. Adjacent to the previously mentioned new stairs is the double high den to which the house revolves.

After receiving some comments from the Board of Architects and the Historic Department regarding the rear facade coming across as flat and being self-critical I could only respond accordingly. I agree that the rear elevation needed further design. The solution was to emphasize the ends and the stairwell. The two ends have tower like qualities and incorporate some of the most sophisticated details of the eaves. Furthermore, the stairwell not just enhances the center of the rear facade but also breaks the roof line.

Sincerely,

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