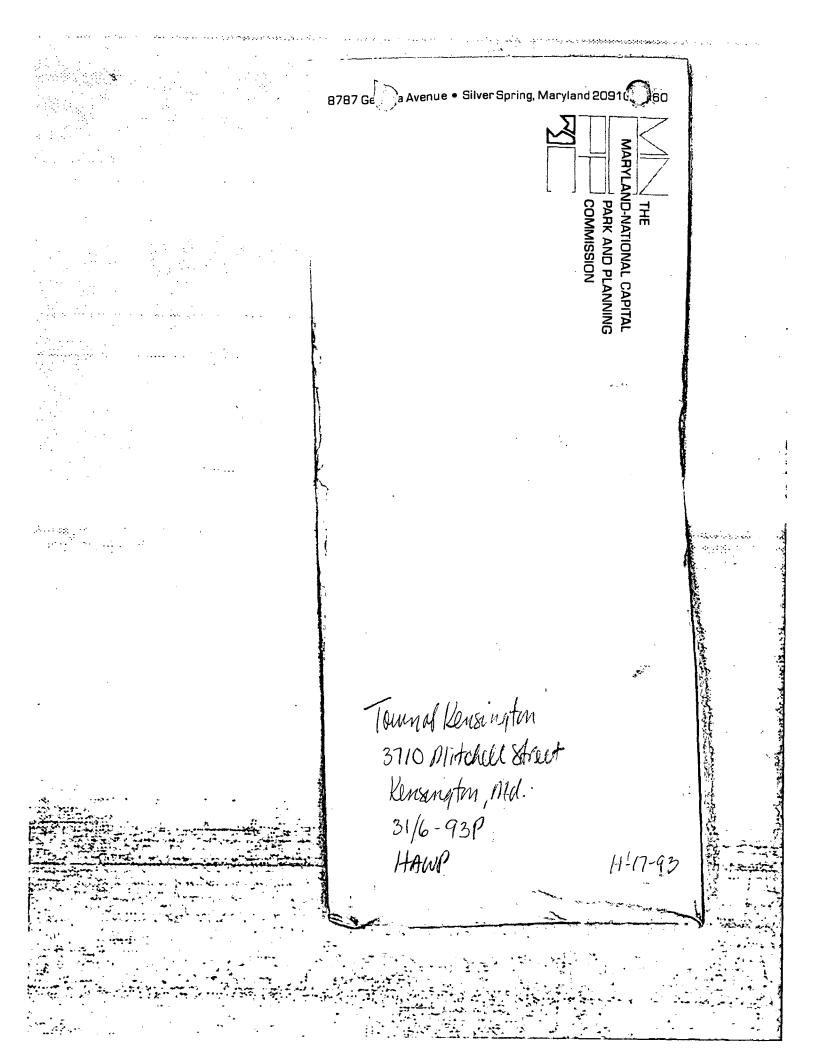
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Hubbard, Acting Chief Division of Development Services and Regulation Department of Environmental Protection

FROM: Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator Design, Zoning, and Preservation Division M-NCPPC

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit DATE: MANMAD 18,1993

The Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit. The application was:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Area Work Permit Applicants

FROM: Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator Design, Zoning, and Preservation Division M-NCPPC

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit Application - Approval of Application/ Release of Other Required Permits

DATE:

Wilmber 18,1993

Enclosed is a copy of your Historic Area Work Permit application, approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at its recent meeting, and a memorandum stating conditions (if any) of approval.

You may now apply for a county building permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), at 250 Hungerford Drive, Second Floor, in Rockville. Please note that although your work has been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, it must also be approved by DEP before work can begin.

When you file for your building permit at DEP, you must take with you the enclosed forms, as well as the Historic Area Work Permit that will be mailed to you directly from DEP. These forms are proof that the Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed your project. For further information about filing procedures or materials, please call DEP at 217-6370.

If your project changes in any way from the approved plans, either before you apply for your building permit or even after the work has begun, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at 495-4570.

Thank you very much for your patience and good luck with your project!

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: (including composition, color and texture of materials to be used:)

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(If more space is needed, attach additional sheets on plain or lined paper to this application)

ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION (2) COPIES OF: SUCH SITE PLANS (lot dimensions, building location with dimensions, drives, walks, fences, patios, etc. proposed or existing) and/or ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS (floor plans, elevations, etc.), PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AREA AFFECTED, as are necessary to fully describe the proposed work.

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MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO THE: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 51 MONROE STREET, SUITE 1001 ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 3710 Mitchell Street Resource: Kensington Historic District Case Number: 31/6-93P Public Notice: 11/03/93 Applicant: Town of Kensington

PROPOSAL: ADA Alterations

Meeting Date: 11/17/93

HAWP/Alteration

Tax Credit: No

Report Date: 11/10/93

Staff: Patricia Parker

RECOMMEND: Approval with Conditions

This HAWP is submitted for the Commission's approval of alterations to the Kensington Armory to address ADA required accessibility for the disabled. Over the years, the 1927 National Guard Armory has undergone change to permit adaptive re-use of the building as a town hall. The Armory now houses the mayor's office, meeting rooms, a Victorian parlor, a children's museum and a large hall for exhibitions and activities.

The proposal includes changes to the interior to up-grade toilet rooms, partition changes and the addition of an elevator, the reconfiguration of an existing exterior stair to permit new ramping to service the first floor, and a new concrete sidewalk adjacent to the west facade.

The interior changes will not be discussed here as they are outside the purview of the Commission; however, the proposal for a new ramp and stair, because of its impact on the exterior (specifically the north facade), and the proposal for a new sidewalk on the west facade require the Commission's review.

STAFF DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

The Kensington Armory is a primary resource located in the Kensington Historic District at the corner of Armory and Mitchell Streets. The building sits on approximately one acre.

The building, as presently configured, does not provide adequate ingress/egress facilities for the disabled. The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), a civil rights law, requires that buildings serving the public must be readily accessible to and useable by people with disabilities. The ADA sets forth minimum requirements for accessibility (ADAAG 4.1.7(3)). These minimum requirements include:

- An accessible route from an access point such as parking or the sidewalk to an entrance;
- 2) An accessible entrance (e.g., width of door, door lever not knobs, ease of opening door, no steps);
- 3) If public toilets are provided one shall be accessible;
- Accessible routes to all features on the ground or entry level floor; and
- 5) Displays and written material shall be located where they can be seen by a person with a disability, and exhibits shall be no higher than 44" from the floor.

This application addresses these guidelines. First, it provides accessibility via an exterior sloping enclosed ramp measuring 21'-4" wide x 31'-6" long (See Plan A-106). This ramp will be located on the north side of the existing building and will be an additional element within the entrance portico of the structure. The new ramp will enlarge the width of the entrance portico by fourteen feet and four inches.

ADA requires that the surfacing of the ramp should be firm, stable, and slip resistant to be considered "accessible". This proposal meets these guidelines - the proposed surface will be textured concrete with a 1:12 slope to meet the building code. Staff has addressed the issue of treatment of the concrete with the architect. Staff prefers a board striated concrete finish to provide abrasion. The architect has agreed.

Staff assumes that handrails will be provided, inside of the wall, along both sides of the ramp segments meeting code requirements. The architect describes the handrails as painted metal in the application. Further discussion with the architect indicates that he prefers to use a black cast iron railing with a traditional profile. Due to ADA requirements, it is doubtful that such a profile will be approved. Should 1-1/2" o.d. pipe rail be required, this rail should be painted a low-luster finish, having a peened texture for gripping.

The proposal indicates that the walls and sides of the ramp will be brick with a coping detail to match the molded cap of the existing entrance portico. Staff has asked the architect to further amend the drawings to indicate that the new brick and mortar shall match the existing brick wall surfacing. The architect has agreed to this condition.

Staff is pleased to see that the architect has attempted to mask the required inclusion of the new ramp by locating it

posterior to the existing stair and leaving the existing stair in place. Staff notes that one run (from the first floor down to the landing) has been narrowed, to make space available for the new ramp. Certainly, economies of construction have been achieved; but more importantly, the structure has incurred less impact than if the ramp had been placed forward of the stair. Moreover, disabled citizens will not have difficulty determining how to enter the building because the ramp is part of a circulation core and they will not feel separate and apart from others who enter by traditional means of access. The architect has wisely chosen to reorganize existing space before suggesting building anew.

There is no change to the existing entrance doors other than adding panic hardware on the inside.

The new ramp wall, indicated in the proposal at 4'-1-1/2", is lower in height than the top of the coping of the portico at its origin and gradually rises to match the height of the existing brick wall. Attention is also given to detail.

Secondly, the applicant proposes construction of a new sidewalk to provide a second means of egress for the disabled from the Basement floor. The sidewalk follows the natural grade with a textured concrete surfacing to match the existing sidewalks on the property.

Staff is concerned that the proposal does not include a description of required signage and the location of such signage.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

In summary, staff recommends approval of this application. The access modifications do not occur at the expense of the historic integrity of the building. Further, the applicant has chosen materials and detailing consistent with the existing structure.

The staff recommends that the Commission find the proposal consistent with the purposes of Chapter 24-8(b)2:

The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site, or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter;

and with Standards #1, #5, #9 and #10:

A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment; and



Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved; and

New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment; and

New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired;

and with the following conditions:

1. Masonry and mortar of the new ramp shall match features of the existing brick wall as closely as possible.

2. The applicant provide details and location of required signage.

3. ADA guidelines required for accessibility and code compliance in historic structures shall be strictly adhered to.

KENSINGTON ARMORY - EXISTING

A. SITE

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The site for the Kensington Armory is a corner in downtown Kensington bound by Armory and Mitchell Streets. The site is approximately one acre.

B. BUILDING EXTERIOR

The Kensington Armory was constructed for the National Guard in 1927. As originally constructed, it was a two story building with basement. The front (north) portion consisted of offices and the middle portion a large Drill Hall with a two-story Stage to the south. The entire exterior is brick with precast concrete copings, cornices and sills. The north and south portions have a flat roof of built-up felt whereas the Drill Hall has a barrel vaulted roof covered with a membrane and asphalt shingles. The exterior windows are the original steel frames with single glazing except in the Basement offices which are aluminum frame replacements. Some Basement windows have been blocked up along the east wall (Firing Range) office supply room and Mayor's office and the west wall (Kitchen and Men's Restroom). The Armory building entrance was reconfigured in 1976 to eliminate the original, horseshoe shaped, ramped entrance. The revised entrance is a brick arched portico with upper (First Floor) and lower (Basement) entrance plazas. This portico has molded brick wall caps.

Each plaza is accessed from the east parking lot by a half flight of concrete stairs. The concrete stairs in both up and down flights have spalled, cracked at the risers, and generally deteriorated. These need to be repaired and have the expansion joints repacked and caulked as well.

The First Floor entrance Plaza which serves as the building's "front door" has no disabled access since it is approached only as a stairway. The rear of the First floor does have an on-grade entrance next to the stage end of the Drill Hall. Thus the entire First Floor has only one potential disabled accessible entrance and, more importantly, exit.

The Basement Level has an on-grade access from Mitchell Street but not directly from the parking lot. The rear -Council Room - exit from the basement floor has a multi-riser condition in its pathway.

Therefore, the current building and site configuration does not provide adequate entrance and exit facilities for disabled or elderly users as required by the ADA.



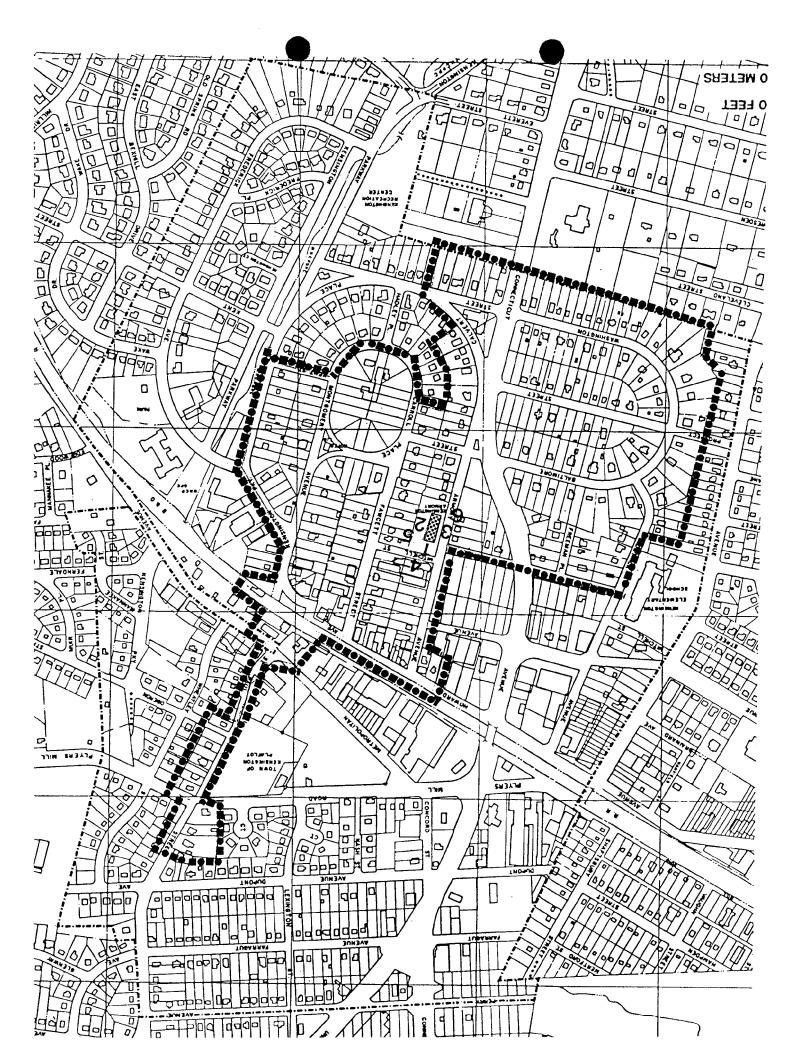
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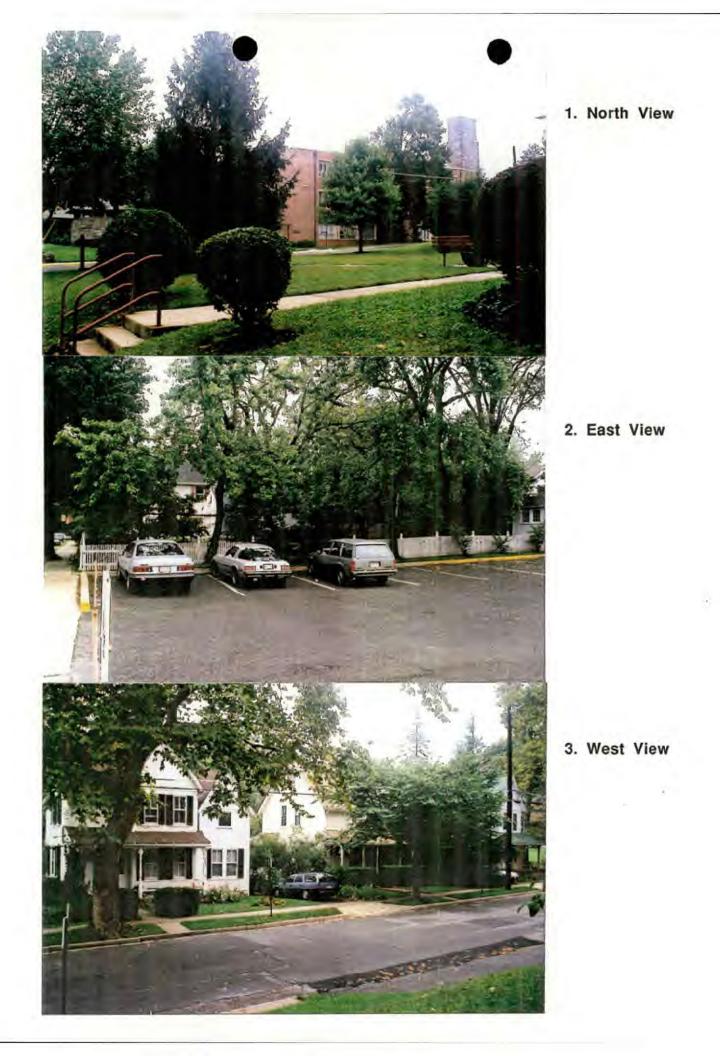
A. ENTRANCE RAMP - NORTH

A sloped ramp is proposed to be added to the entrance portico on the north side of the structure to comply with ADA requirements to allow handicap accessibility to the First (main) floor of the building. This ramp has a 1:12 slope in accordance with the building code. The ramp surface is textured concrete to match the entrance plaza surface. The walls and sides of the ramp are brick with a molded brick cap top match the existing entrance portico detailing. The ramp handrails are painted steel. The ramp structure has been positioned to provide minimal functional and aesthetic impact on the existing Armory.

B. EXIT SIDEWALK - SOUTH

A sidewalk has been added adjacent to the west facade of the building to allow a required (building code) handicap accessible exit as a second means of egress from the Basement floor. This sidewalk follows the natural grade and is concrete with a surface and texture to match the existing sidewalks on the property.



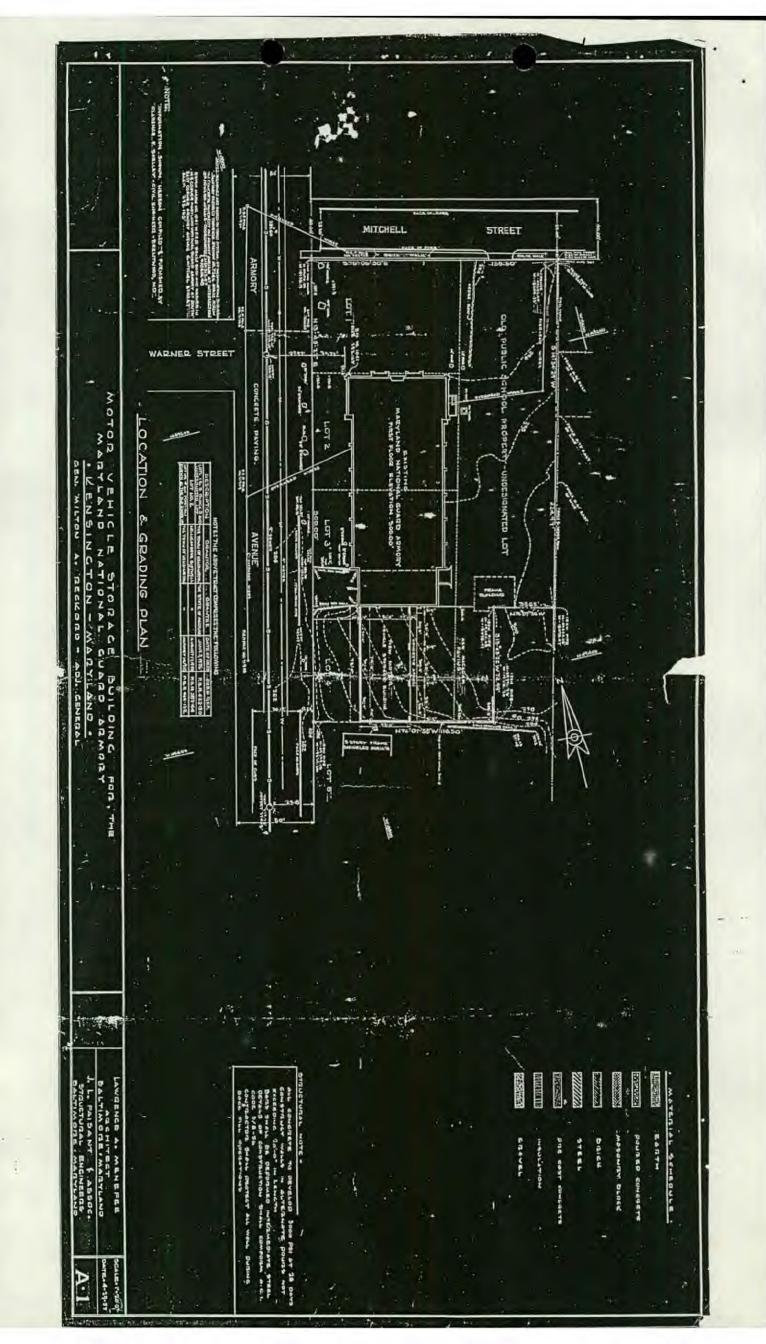


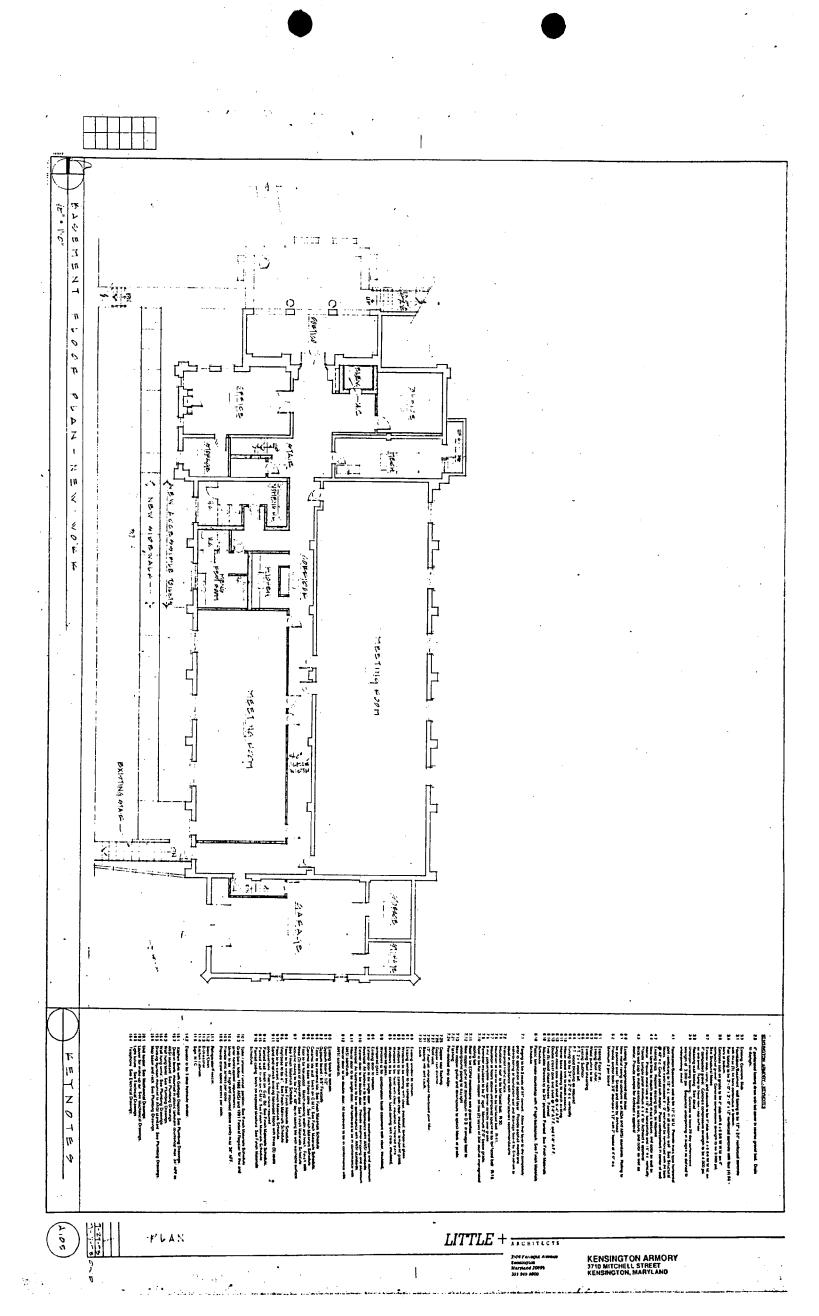


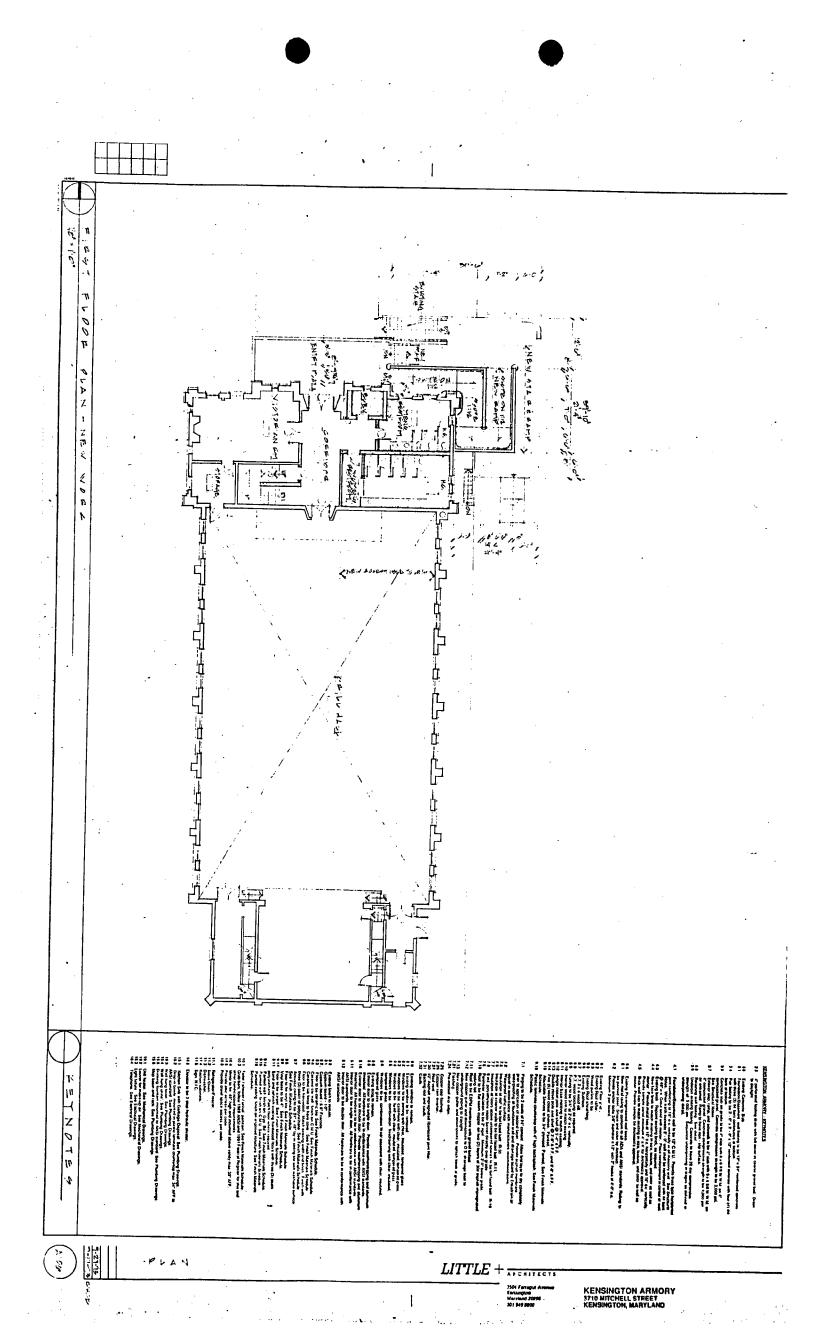
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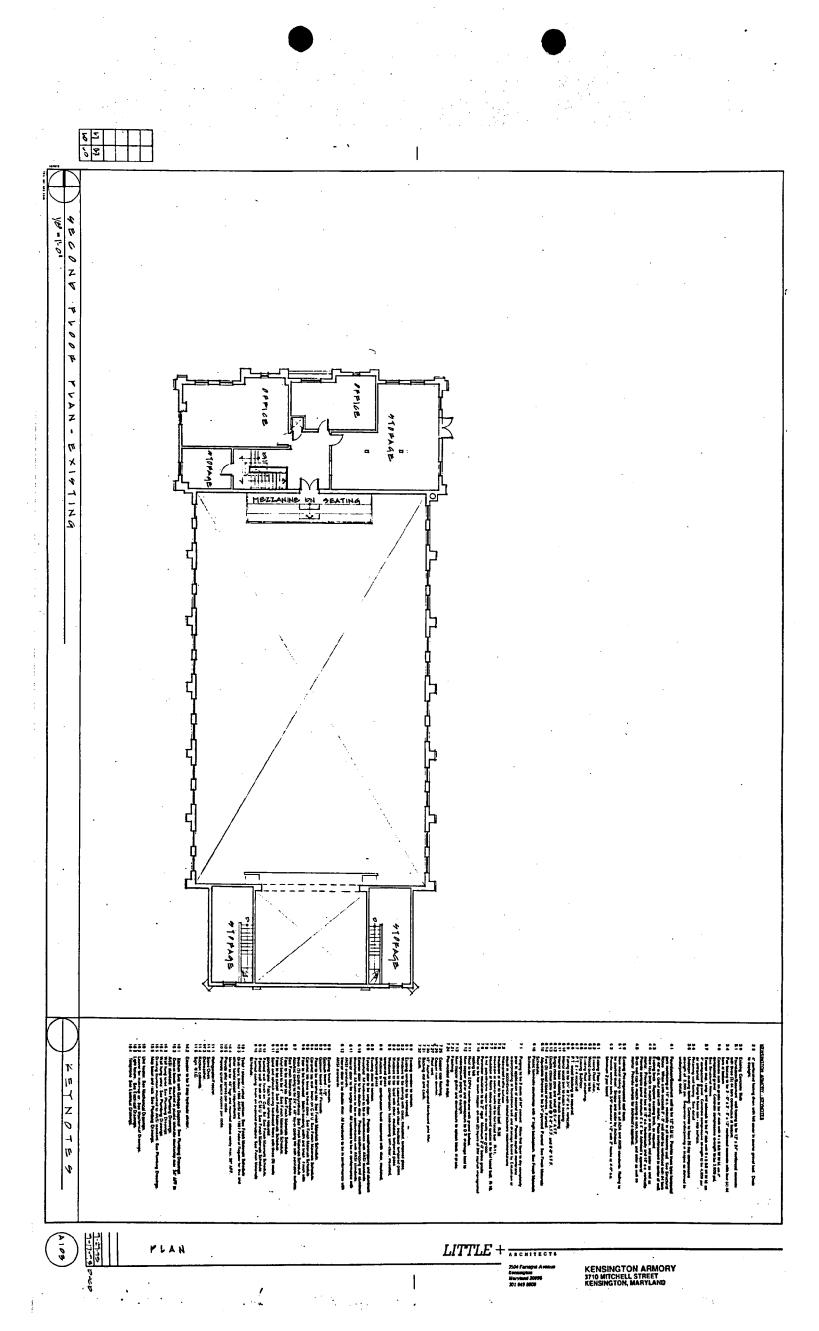
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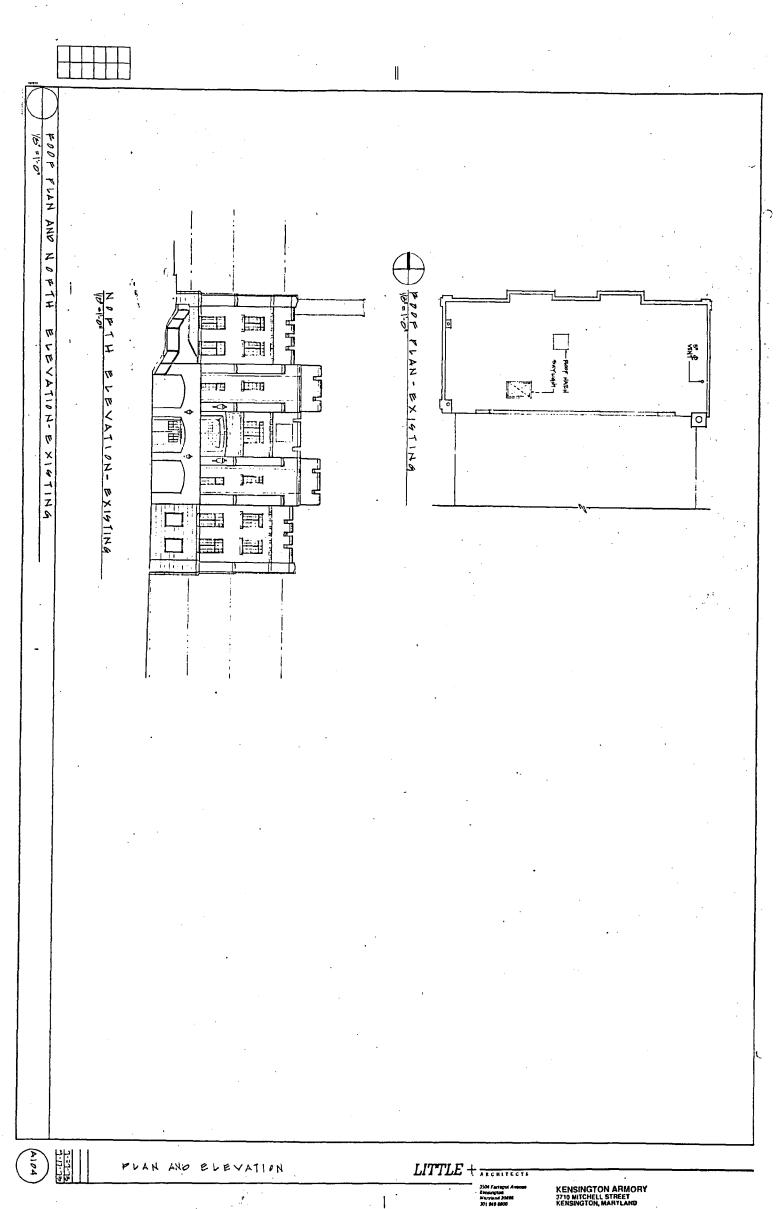
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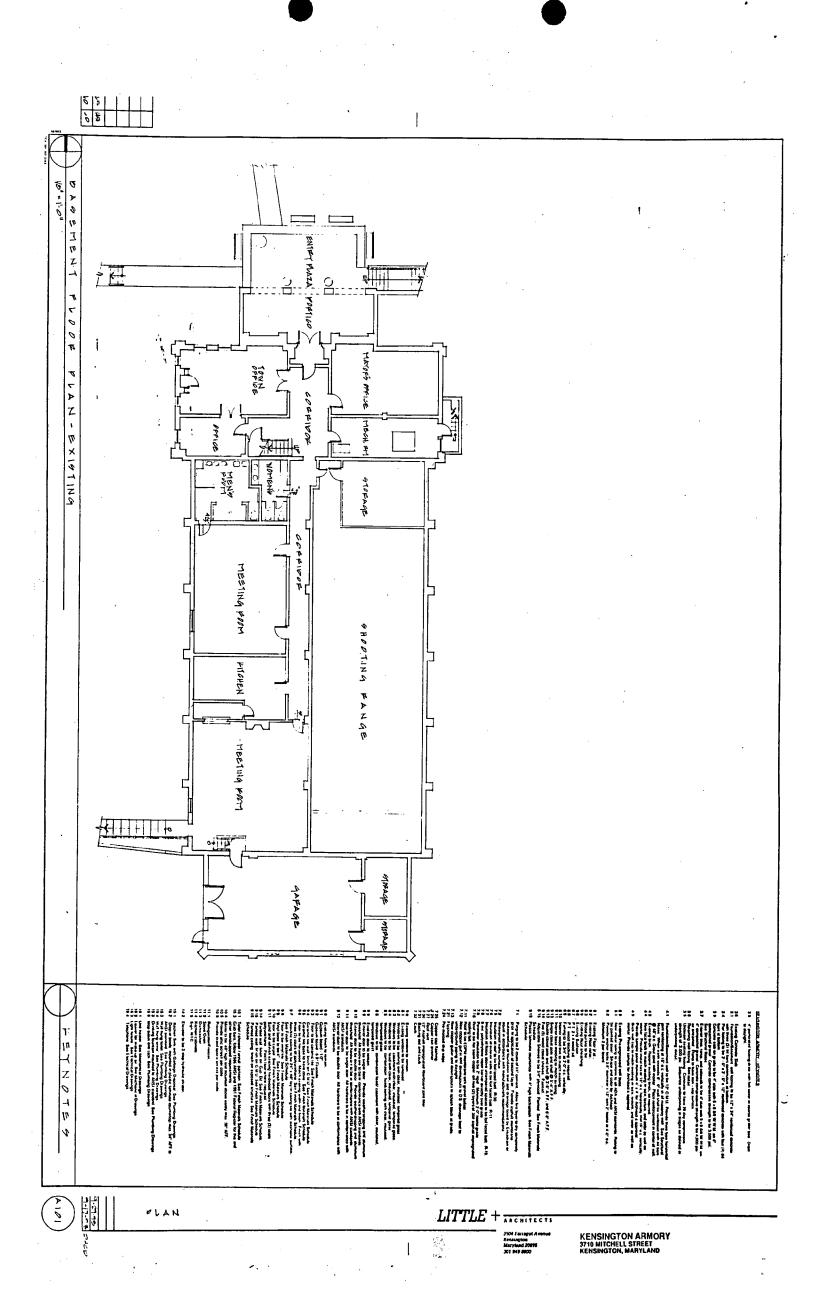


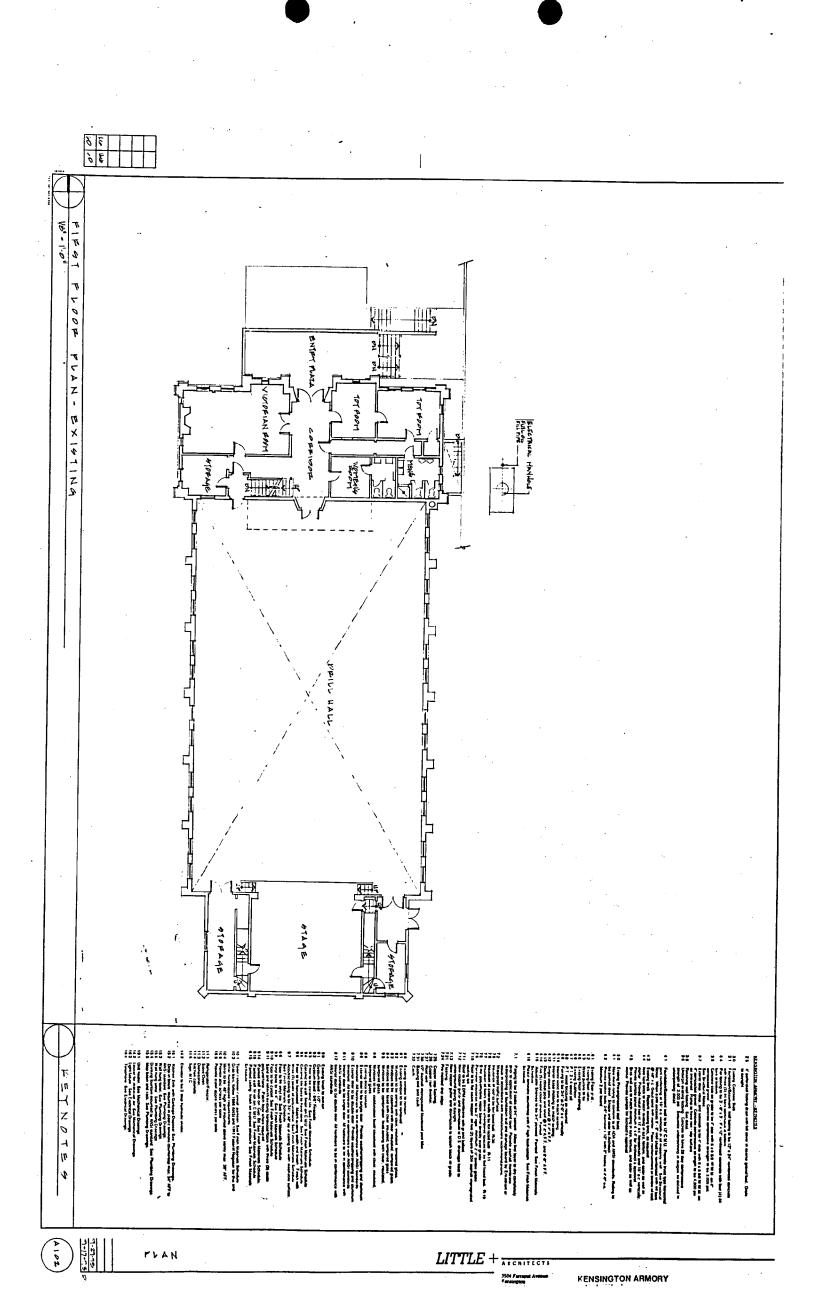


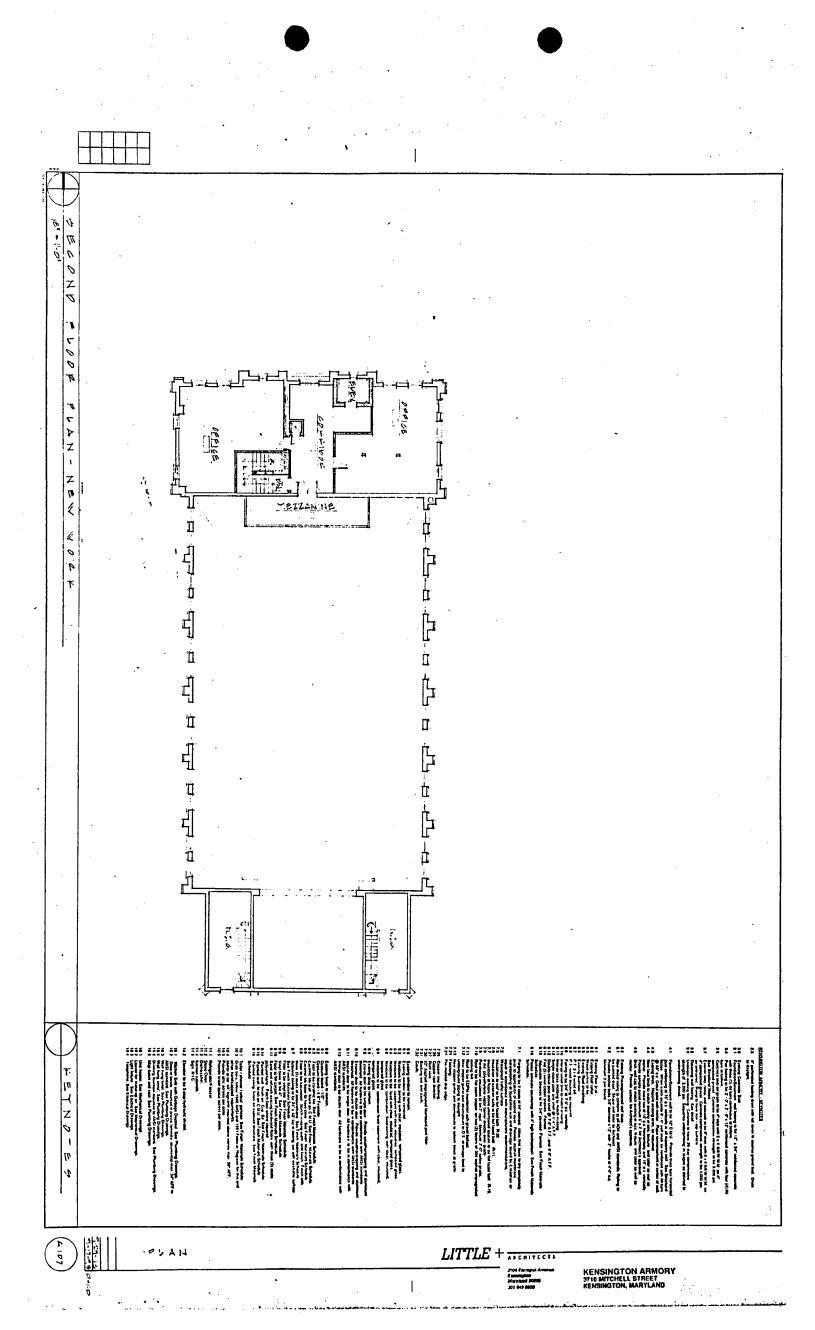


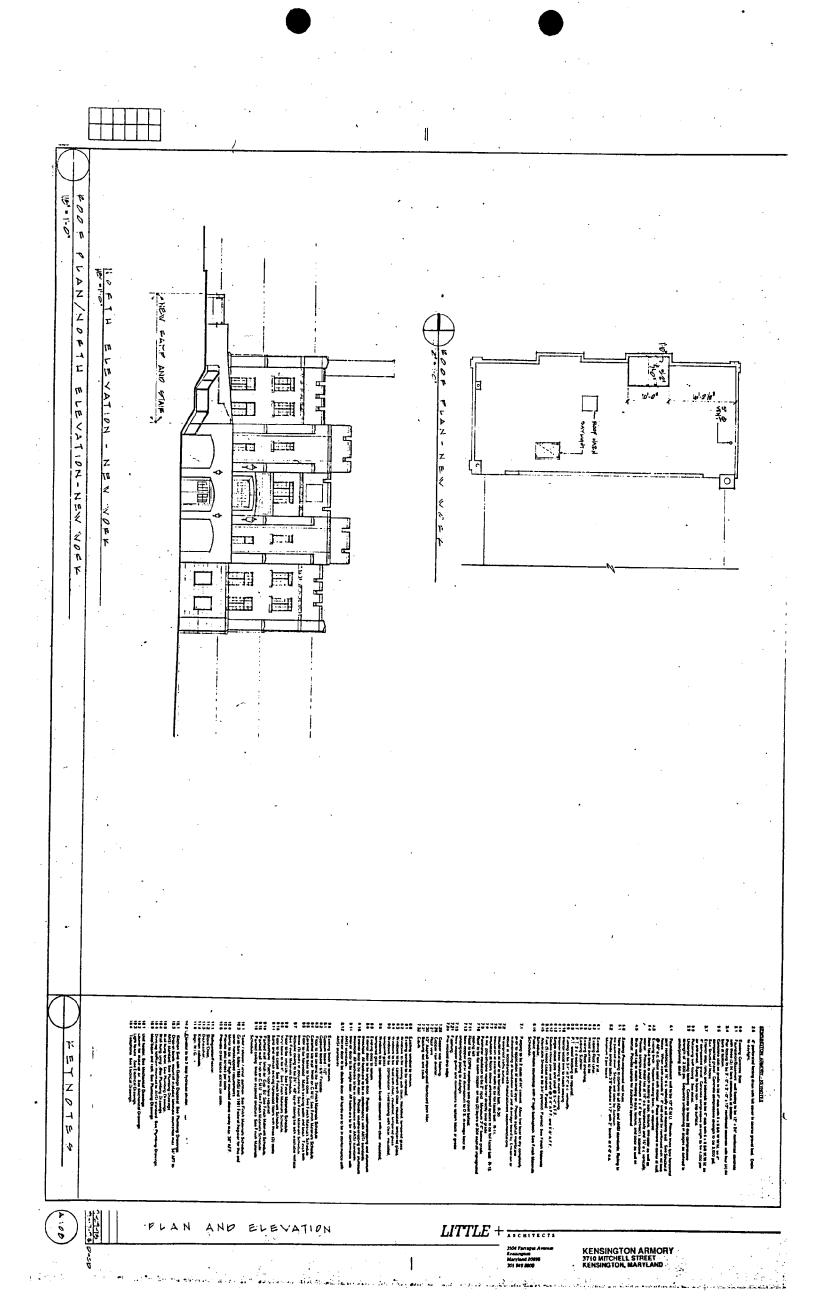


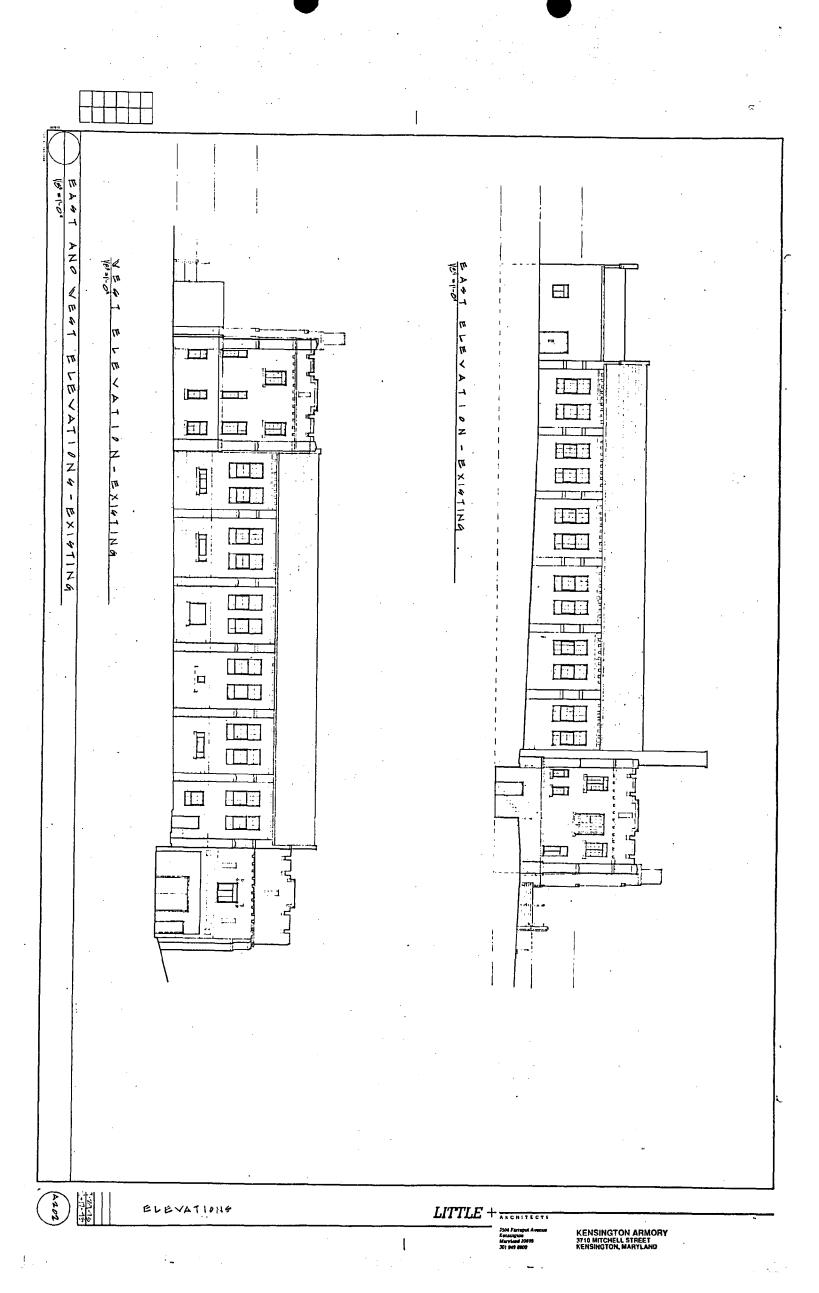
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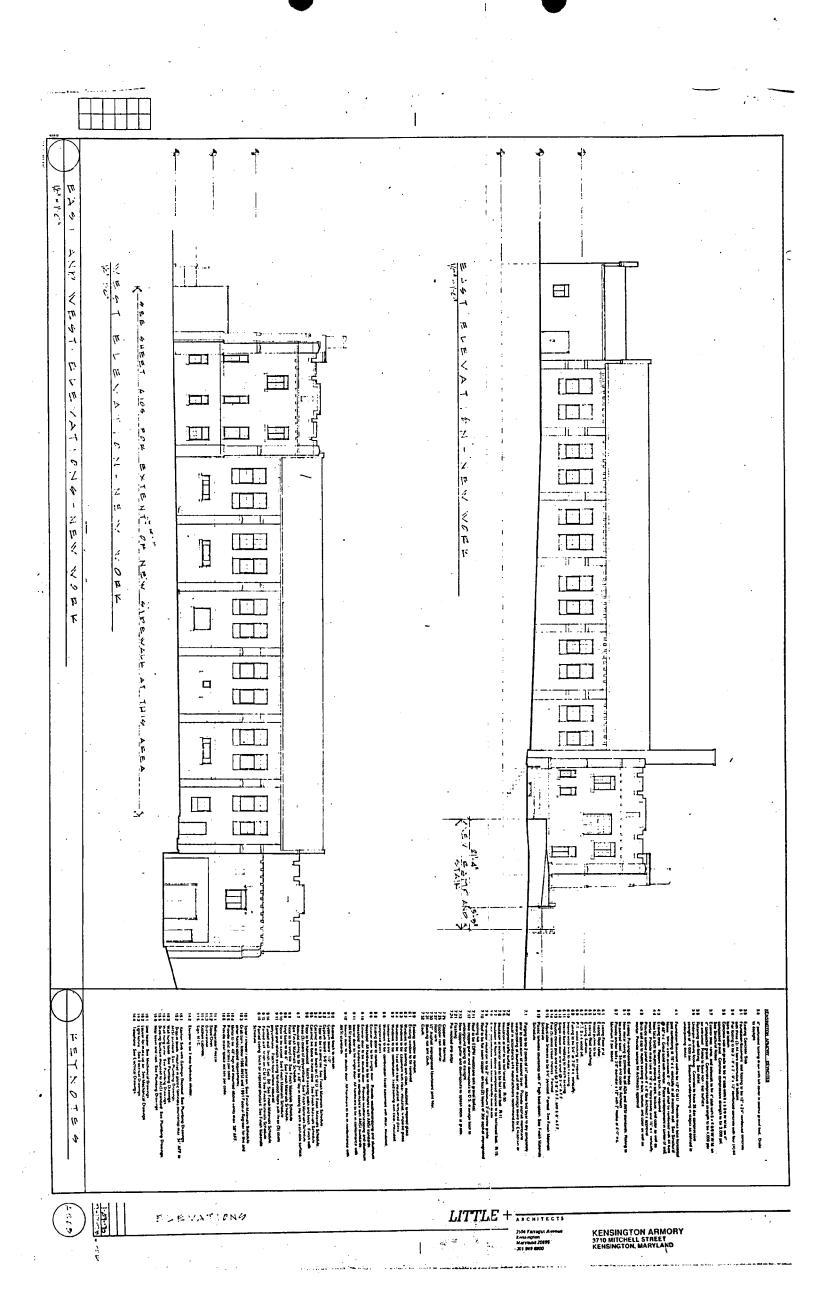


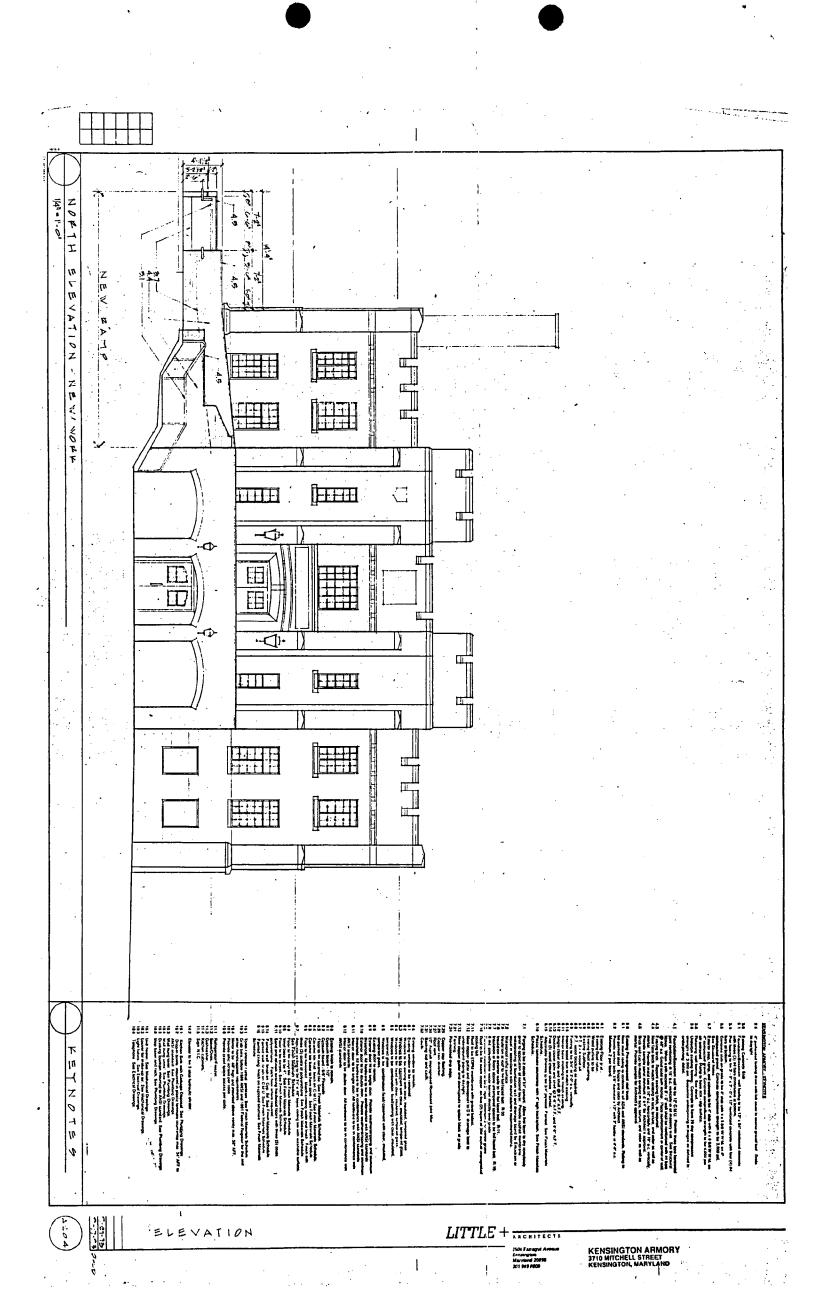








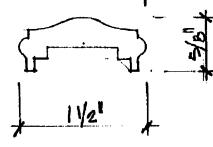




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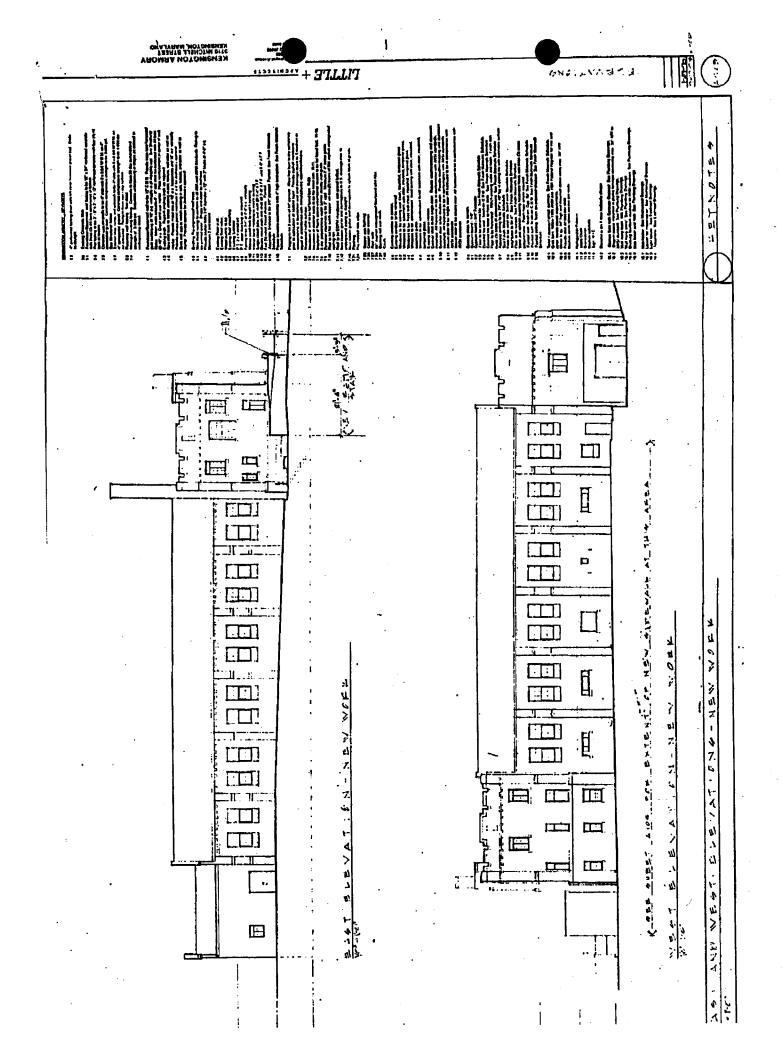


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August 18, 1994

Office of Preservation Services

Ms. Pat McAuley Clerk Treasurer Town of Kensington 3710 Mitchell Street Kensington, MD 20895

Kensington Armory, Montgomery County Re: Window Survey

Dear Ms. McAuley:

Thank you for stopping by on Monday. By now, I believe you have received a letter from the Director reflecting the items discussed at the easement committee meeting on August 9th. As we also discussed at that meeting, I would like to provide a fuller description of the requirements for a window survey which will provide sufficient information for the Town and the Trust to make a decision about the potential rehabilitation or replacement of the steel windows at the Armory.

A window by window assessment should be conducted to determine the extent of deterioration of each window, and to consider the steps and costs involved in the rehabilitation of each window. We ask for photographic documentation of the existing conditions to illustrate the assessment. The assessment would include general items such as the number of windows, and the number of original windows remaining. And it would include specifics about the condition of the frames, sashes, glazing and hardware, the amount of rust, the number of sashes that are racking, the method of installation of the original frames into the Armory walls, etc.

The assessment should also include a recommendation for the rehabilitation of the existing windows, including non-original windows at the basement level. The proposal would also include a proposal for storm windows which would meet the City's requirements of sound and condensation control. Costs should be itemized to reflect removal, if required, of individual frames for work offsite, repair work, new fabrication of frame or sash elements, if required, re-installation costs, etc.

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Alternative proposals should be presented in a parallel format, including costs, for comparison. The <u>Secretary of the</u> <u>Interior's Standaards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for</u> <u>Rehabilitating Historic Buildings</u> advocate the retention and repair of historic materials and features, such as windows, whenever feasible. If deterioration warrants the replacement of historic windows, the <u>Standards</u> recommend replacement in-kind, with the replacement window matching the original in material, configuration, color, operability, number and size of panes, profiles and proportion of metal sections and reflective qualties of the original glass.

The Trust is currently working with another architect, Mr. David Hunter, of Anshen & Allen, Inc. (2526 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 410-467-7011) on a project which involves the possible rehabilitation of steel windows on a building in Baltimore dating to the 1920's. Bill Pencek has asked Mr. Hunter if he would talk with Don Little about his research and contacts with window manufacturers and contractors, etc. and Mr. Hunter is more than willing to share his information. This should be useful as Mr. Hunter's research is current, the project is local and involves issues similar to those at the Kensington Armory.

Thank you for consulting with the Trust on this matter. If you need further information please contact Robin D. Ziek at (410) 514-7633.

Sincerely,

Robin D. Ziek Preservation Officer Office of Preservation Services

cc: Don Little, Project Architect Mr. David Hunter Hon. Gilbert Gude Dr. Thomas F. King Mr. Mike Seebold Ms. Gwen Marcus Ms. Marie-Regine Charles-Bowser



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August 15, 1994

Office of Preservation Services

Ms. Pat McAuley, Clerk Treasurer Town of Kensington 3710 Mitchell Street Kensington, MD 20895

> Re: Easement Committee Review Kensington Armory, Montgomery County

Dear Ms. McAuley:

Thank you for attending the easement committee of the Maryland Historical Trust on August 9th with your architect, Mr. Don Little. It was most informative, and the presentation provided the committee with a good understanding of your intentions regarding the rehabilitation of the Kensington Armory.

I understand that, at this point, the Town of Kensington is planning to move forward on exterior work associated with both compliance with ADA and fire safety/egress as well the installation of a new HVAC system. The rest of the project will be undertaken in phases, as the funding becomes available. Based on the recommendation of the easement committee I approve of the following items which relate to the new HVAC system:

1. the installation of the exposed ductwork in the Drill Hall, running in a straight run from the small mezzanine service rooms at the rear of the building;

2. the replacement of the rear windows in these small mezzanine rooms with grills, which are required for the operation of the HVAC system. Until further decisions are made about the remaining windows at the Armory, please plan to reserve these rear windows for future consideration;

3. the placement of condensers on grade at the rear of the building. They will be screened from view in this location, and will have a lower impact on the building than a rooftop location.

However, at this point, I do not approve of the wholesale removal of the radiators from the Drill Hall. I understand that the radiator system will be abandoned, but I feel that I need

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more information regarding the radiators and their current configuration. Are these radiators wall-mounted? How many floor penetrations are there for the radiator piping? I am concerned about repairs to original fabric which may be required if the radiators are removed.

With regard to modifications which will allow you to meet ADA and fire safety requirements, I approve of the following:

1. the widening of the exterior door from the Council Chambers on the basement level leading out to Armory Avenue;

2. the widening of the exterior door at the rear stage entrance leading out to the parking lot;

3. the installation of the handicapped ramp using a solid brick railing which will match in appearance the existing brick railing at the terrace level;

4. the use of a new metal safety railing at the main entrance steps leading from the parking area to the terrace level. I am not sure that the windows actually provide the best clue for a compatible design of a hand rail here, but as this is a proposed modification of a 1970's entrance addition to the Armory, I feel there is some leeway for design decisions here.

I understand that the fire safety requirements will necessitate the widening of the interior Drill Hall doorway which leads out to the parking lot. I am prepared to approve of this alteration to meet the fire codes. However, at this point, I do not approve of the alteration of the opposing doorway simply to provide a symmetrical stage facade. I believe it is more important to retain original fabric where possible.

This approval is valid for a period of six months from the date of this letter. If construction has not been started by that date this approval will expire and a new approval will be required. Any changes, alterations, or substitutions must be reviewed and approved by the Trust. Thank you again for attending the Easement Committee meeting. If you need further information please contact Robin D. Ziek at (410) 514-7633.

Sincerely,

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J. Rodney Little Director

JRL:rdz cc: Hon. Gilbert Gude Dr. Thomas F. King Mr. Mike Seebold Ms. Gwen Marcus (Ms. Marie-Regine Charles-Bowser



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> Jacqueline H. Rogers Secretary, DHCD

July 7, 1994

Office of Preservation Services

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Ms. Pat McAuley Clerk Treasurer Town of Kensington 3710 Mitchell Street Kensington, MD 20895

> Re: Easement Committee Review Kensington Armory, Montgomery County Handicapped access ramp, proposed rehabilitation

Dear Ms. McAuley:

The easement committee of the Maryland Historical Trust met on June 28th and reviewed the proposals for the rehabilitation of the Kensington Armory. At this point, the Trust has reviewed only schematic architectural drawings. We understand that certain portions of this project (HVAC, etc.) will be undertaken in the near future. We urge you to send us the final construction documents for our review as quickly as possible.

Based on the recommendation of the easement committee I commend you on your general approach to make this building handicapped accessible at every functional area. In this way, you will be able to use only a portion of the building, depending on the particular event/meeting, and that portion of the building will be handicapped accessible.

However, at this point, I do not entirely approve of the design of the proposed handicapped ramp off of the east parking area. Why do you propose a solid brick wall at the meeting point of the handicapped ramp with the pedestrian steps? The use of the solid wall will offset the balance and symmetry which presently exists now, and cover up the foundation at the northeast corner of the building. In addition, the proposal we have reviewed indicates three different railing conditions at this one location: a solid brick wall for the handicapped ramp, a new metal grid railing for pedestrians coming in from the east parking area, and the existing pipe rail leading down to the basement entrance.

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Robin Ziek, of my staff, has reviewed with you by phone the state requirements which involve the Trust. This office is required to review the entire project under the State's historic preservation law. In addition, with the placement of a preservation easement on the Armory, this office is required to review and approve of all changes and alterations to the structure.

Because we will need to review completed construction drawings and specifications for all portions of this project, perhaps it would be helpful to schedule a meeting within the near future to discuss our concerns about that portion of the project which is scheduled for construction later this year. That might be a good time to also discuss specific proposals with regard to the rehabilitation of the steel windows, necessary repointing of the masonry, and acoustic and thermal upgrades for the Drill Hall.

Thank you for consulting with the Trust on this matter. If you need further information please contact Robin D. Ziek at (410) 514-7633.

Sincerely,

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J. Rodney Little Director

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cc: Hon. Gilbert Gude
 Dr. Thomas F. King
 Mr. Mike Seebold
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November 4, 1993

William Donald Schaefer

Jacqueline H. Rogers Secretary, DHCD

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Office of Preservation Services Mr. Kevin Rainey Senior Planner Montgomery County Government Department of Housing and Community Development 51 Monroe Street Rockville, Maryland 20850-2419

RE: Kensington Armory ADA Modifications

Dear Mr. Rainey:

Thank you for submitting the project listed above for our review and comment. This office has evaluated the project for its effects on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Montgomery County proposes to provide CDBG funding to the Town of Kensington for the proposed ADA modifications to the Kensington Armory. As your letter states, the Armory is a contributing resource of the Kensington National Register Historic District. This office has reviewed the submitted plans and photographs which depict the accessibility modifications including the addition of a ramp, interior elevator and bathroom alterations. The Trust concurs that the proposed modifications have been designed in conformance with the Secretary of Interior's <u>Standards for</u> <u>Rehabilitation</u> and that the project will have no adverse effect on the Kensington Armory and the Kensington Historic District.

Since this is a determination of no adverse effect, the County must seek the comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Please send your request along with the documentation noted in 36 CFR 800.8(a) to:

Mr. Don Klima Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Old Post Office Building, Suite 803 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

For your convenience, we have forwarded a copy of this letter to Mr. Klima.

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Mr. Kevin Rainey November 4, 1993 Page 2

We appreciate this opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Ms. Lauren Bowlin at (410) 514-7637.

Sincerely,

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Jo Ellen Freese Administrator Project Review and Compliance

JEF/LLB 9302273 cc: Mr. Don Klima Hon. Gilbert Gude Dr. Thomas King Mr. Mike Seebold ~Ms. Gwen Marcus

KENSINGTON ARMORY - EXISTING

A. SITE

The site for the Kensington Armory is a corner in downtown Kensington bound by Armory and Mitchell Streets. The site is approximately one acre.

B. BUILDING EXTERIOR

The Kensington Armory was constructed for the National Guard in 1927. As originally constructed, it was a two story building with basement. The front (north) portion consisted of offices and the middle portion a large Drill Hall with a two-story Stage to the south. The entire exterior is brick with precast concrete copings, cornices and sills. The north and south portions have a flat roof of built-up felt whereas the Drill Hall has a barrel vaulted roof covered with a membrane and asphalt shingles. The exterior windows are the original steel frames with single glazing except in the Basement offices which are aluminum frame replacements. Some Basement windows have been blocked up along the east wall (Firing Range) office supply room and Mayor's office and the west wall (Kitchen and Men's Restroom). The Armory building entrance was reconfigured in 1976 to eliminate the original, horseshoe shaped, ramped entrance. The revised entrance is a brick arched portico with upper (First Floor) and lower (Basement) entrance plazas. This portico has molded brick wall caps.

Each plaza is accessed from the east parking lot by a half flight of concrete stairs. The concrete stairs in both up and down flights have spalled, cracked at the risers, and generally deteriorated. These need to be repaired and have the expansion joints repacked and caulked as well.

The First Floor entrance Plaza which serves as the building's "front door" has no disabled access since it is approached only as a stairway. The rear of the First floor does have an on-grade entrance next to the stage end of the Drill Hall. Thus the entire First Floor has only one potential disabled accessible entrance and, more importantly, exit.

The Basement Level has an on-grade access from Mitchell Street but not directly from the parking lot. The rear -Council Room - exit from the basement floor has a multi-riser condition in its pathway.

Therefore, the current building and site configuration does not provide adequate entrance and exit facilities for disabled or elderly users as required by the ADA.



Historic Preservation Commission

51 Monroe Street, Suite 1001, Rockville, Maryland 20850 217-3625

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

TAX ACCOUNT # 1024901	
NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER TOWN OF KENSING TO	<u> 5N</u> TELEPHONE NO. <u>301-949-2424</u>
(Contract/Purchaser) ANDRESS 3710 MITCHELL STREET 1	(Include Area Code) KENSINGTON, MARYLAND 20895
CITY	STATE ZIP
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PLANS PREPARED BY HITTLE + ARCHITEC	T3 TELEPHONE NO. 301-949-8800
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REGISTRATION NUMBER	
LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE	
House Number Street MITCH	ELL STREET
Town/City KENSINGTON Elec	tion District13
Nearest Cross Street ARMORY AVENUE	
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1A. TYPE OF PERMIT_ACTION: (circle one)	Circle Dne: A/C Slab Room Addition
Construct Extend/Add Alter/Renovate Repair	Porch Deck Fireplace Shed Solar Woodburning Stove
Wreck/Raze Move Install Revocable Revision	Fence/Wall (complete Section 4) Other ENTRANCE RAMP
1B. CONSTRUCTION COSTS ESTIMATE \$ 55,000	
1C. IF THIS IS A REVISION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIVE P	
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1E. IS THIS PROPERTY A HISTORICAL SITE?	
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4A. HEIGHT <u>3</u> feet <u>0</u> inches	
4B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one	of the following lecations:
On party line/Property line Entirely on land of owner	
	(Revocable Letter Required).
I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application	
plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this t	o be a condition for the issuance of this permit.
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Signature of owner or authorized agent (agent must have signature notarized o	

APPROVED For Chairperson, Historic Preser	rvation Commission
DISAPPROVED Signature	Date
APPLICATION/PERMIT NO: 93/0/30072	
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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMITS CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS	WRITTEN DESCRIPTION	PROJECT INTENT	PROJECT PLAN	TREE SURVEY	DESIGN FEATURES	FACADES	MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS	PHOTOGRAPHS	PROPERTY OWNER ADDR.
NEW CONSTRUCTION	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ADDITIONS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PARTIAL/TOTAL DEMO.	*	*	*					*	*
DECKS/PORCHES	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*
FENCES/WALLS	*	*	*				*	*	*
DRIVES/PARKING AREAS	*	*	*	*	 		*	*	*
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TREE REMOVAL	*	*	*	*			*	*	*
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WINDOW/DOOR CHANGES	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*
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SIGNS	*	*	*			*	*	*	*

Please see attached instructions for further details regarding these application requirements.

<u>NOTE</u>: Historic Area Work Permits are not required for ordinary maintenance projects, such as painting, gutter repair, roof repair with duplicate materials, and window repairs.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

a. Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:

SEE ATTACHED

b. General description of project and its impact on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

SEE ATTACHED

2. <u>Statement of Project Intent</u>:

Short, written statement that describes:

a. the proposed design of the new work, in terms of scale, massing, materials, details, and landscaping:

ATTACHED SEE b. the relationship of this design to the existing resource(s): ATTACHED c. the way in which the proposed work conforms to the specific requirements of the Ordinance (Chapter 24A):

COMPATIBLE IN FORM & MATERIALS. LOCATED ON REAR

3. <u>Project Plan</u>:

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale (staff will advise on area required). Plan to include:

- a. the scale, north arrow, and date;
- b. dimensions and heights of all existing and proposed structures;
- c. brief description and age of all structures (e.g., 2 story, frame house c.1900);
- d. grading at no less than 5' contours (contour maps can be obtained from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring; telephone 495-4610); and
- e. site features such as walks, drives, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.
- 4. <u>Tree Survey</u>: If applicable, tree survey indicating location, caliper and species of all trees within project area which are 6" in caliper or larger (including those to be removed).

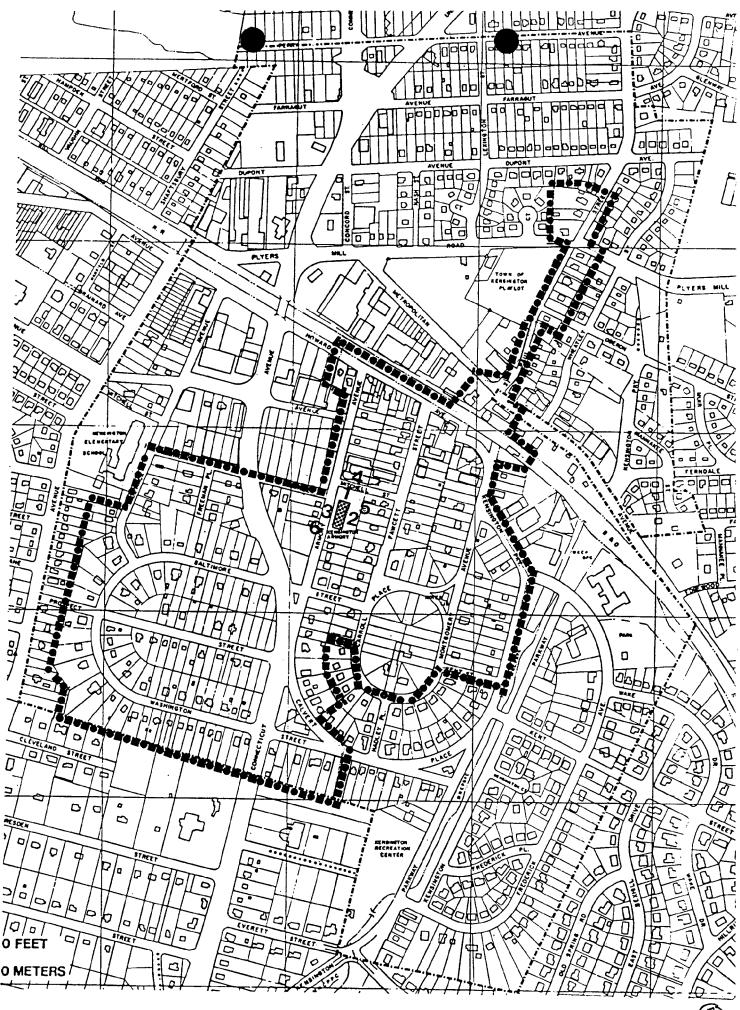
KENSINGTON ARMORY - PROPOSED

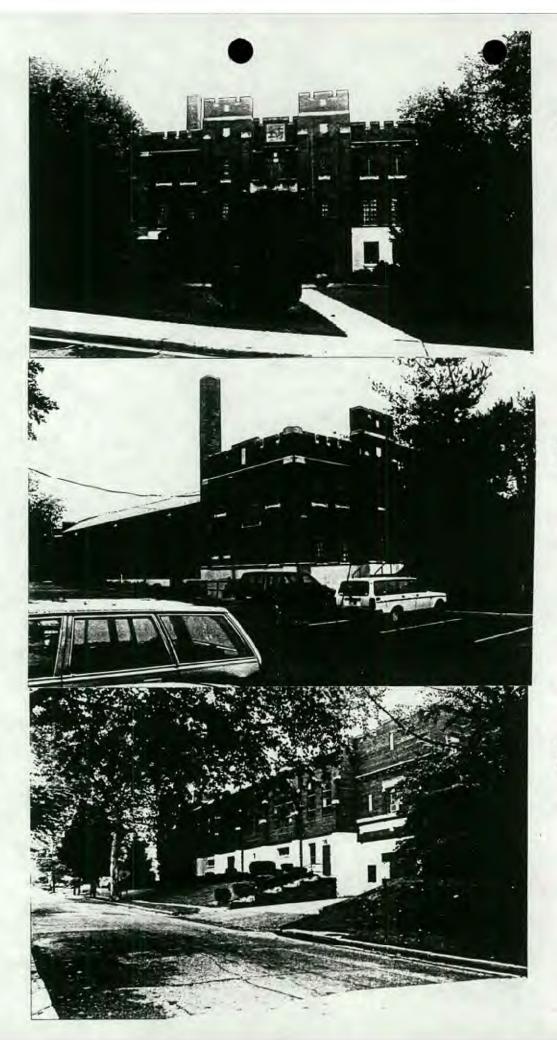
A. ENTRANCE RAMP - NORTH

A sloped ramp is proposed to be added to the entrance portico on the north side of the structure to comply with ADA requirements to allow handicap accessibility to the First (main) floor of the building. This ramp has a 1:12 slope in accordance with the building code. The ramp surface is textured concrete to match the entrance plaza surface. The walls and sides of the ramp are brick with a molded brick cap top match the existing entrance portico detailing. The ramp handrails are painted steel. The ramp structure has been positioned to provide minimal functional and aesthetic impact on the existing Armory.

B. EXIT SIDEWALK - SOUTH

A sidewalk has been added adjacent to the west facade of the building to allow a required (building code) handicap accessible exit as a second means of egress from the Basement floor. This sidewalk follows the natural grade and is concrete with a surface and texture to match the existing sidewalks on the property.



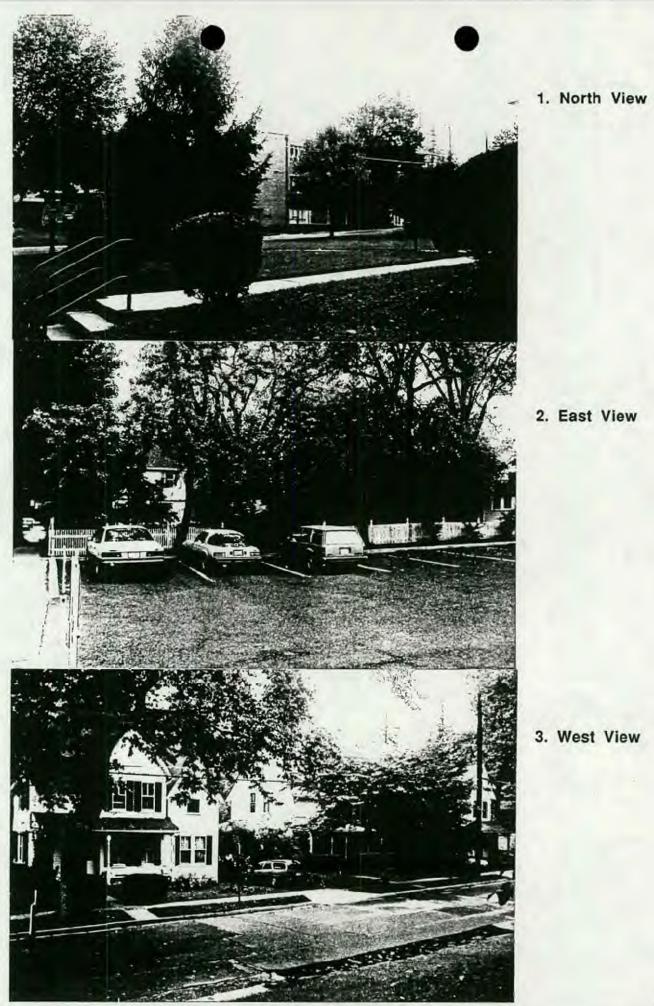


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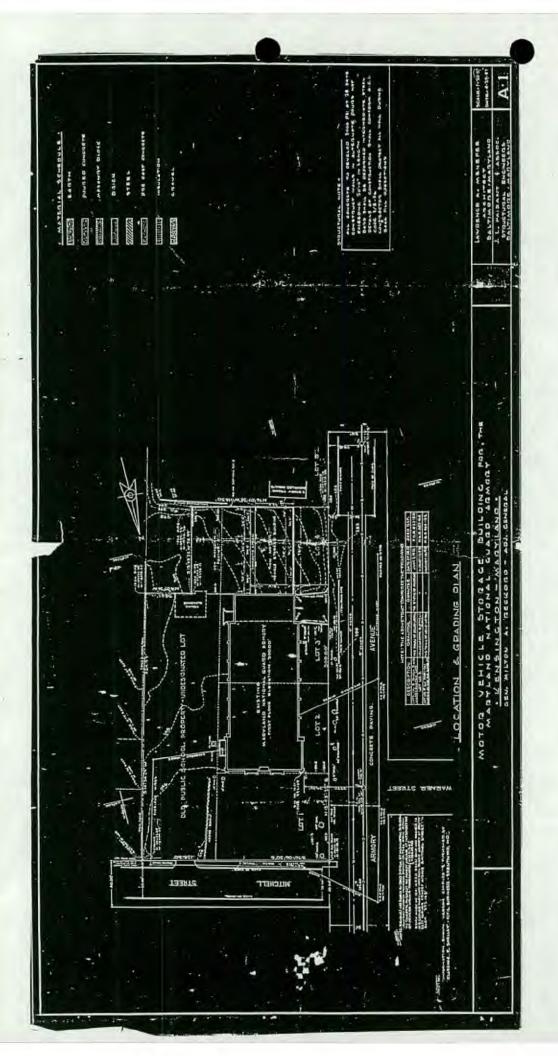
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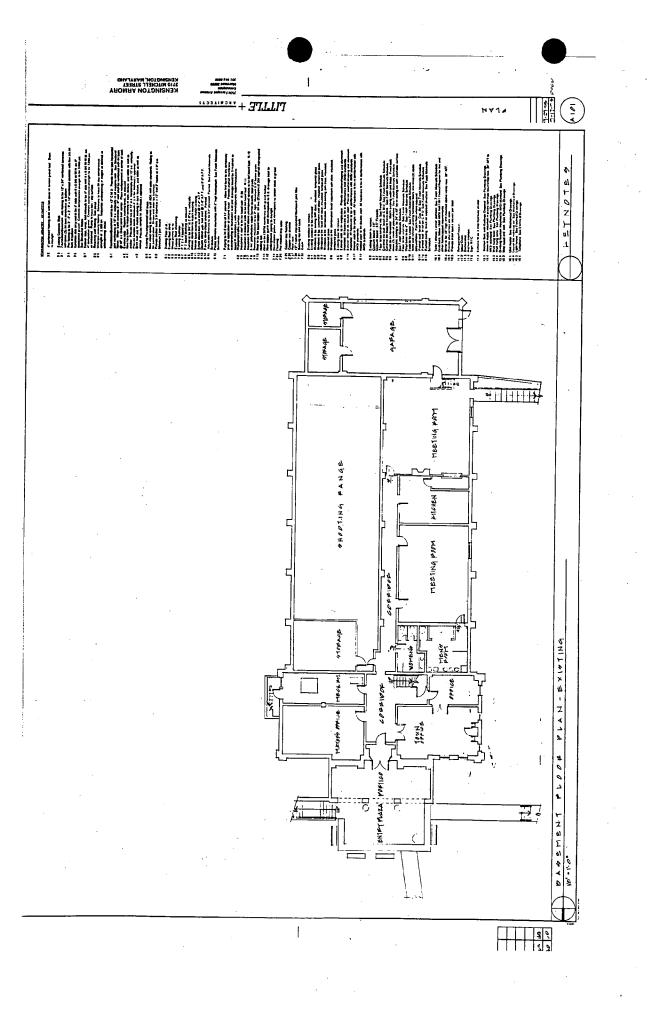


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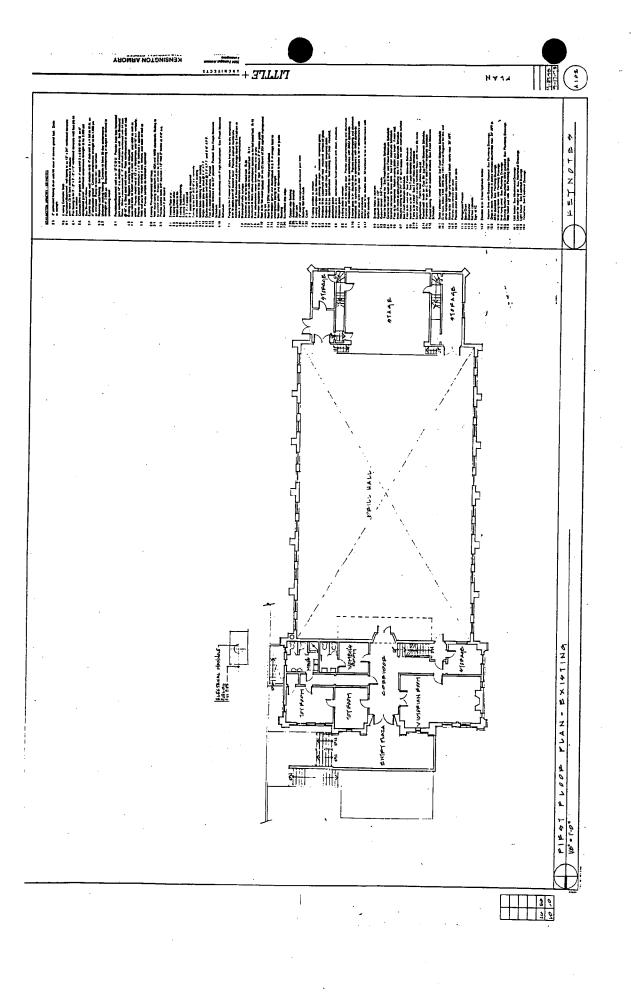
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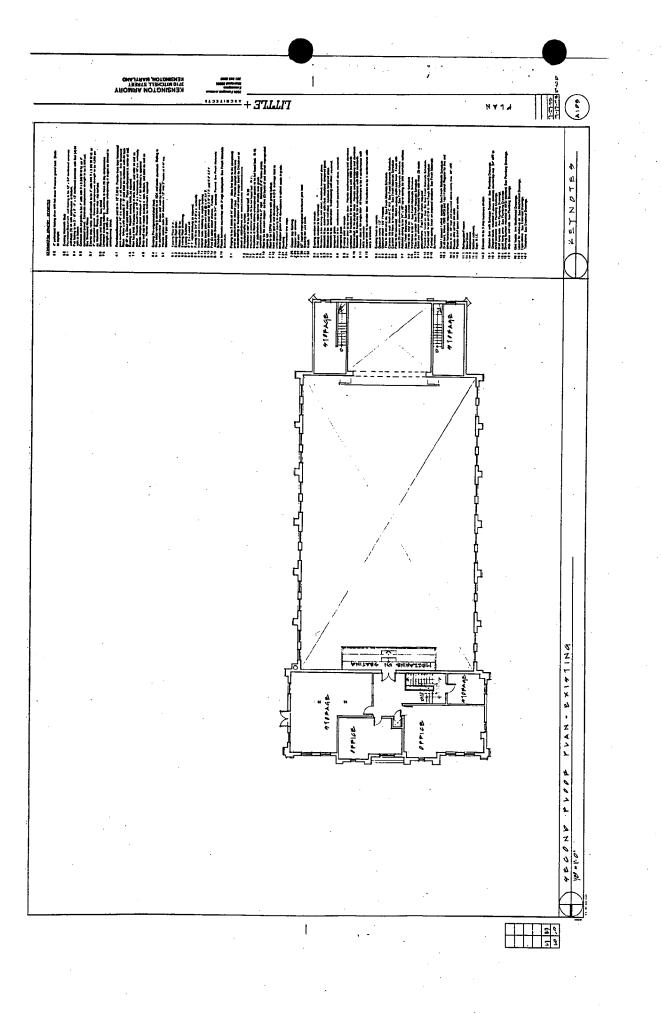


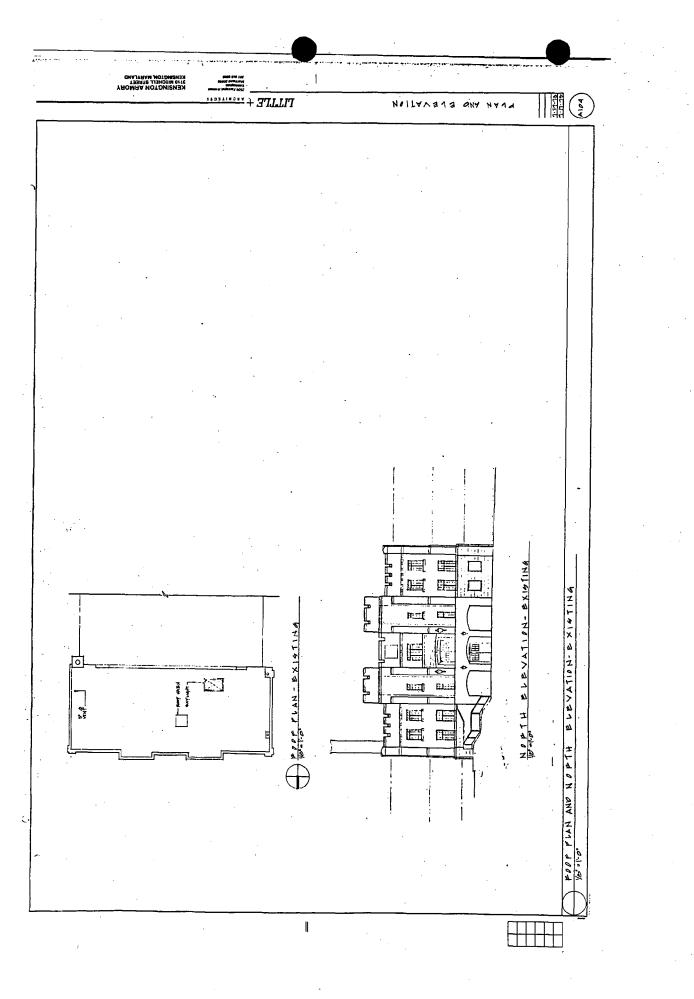


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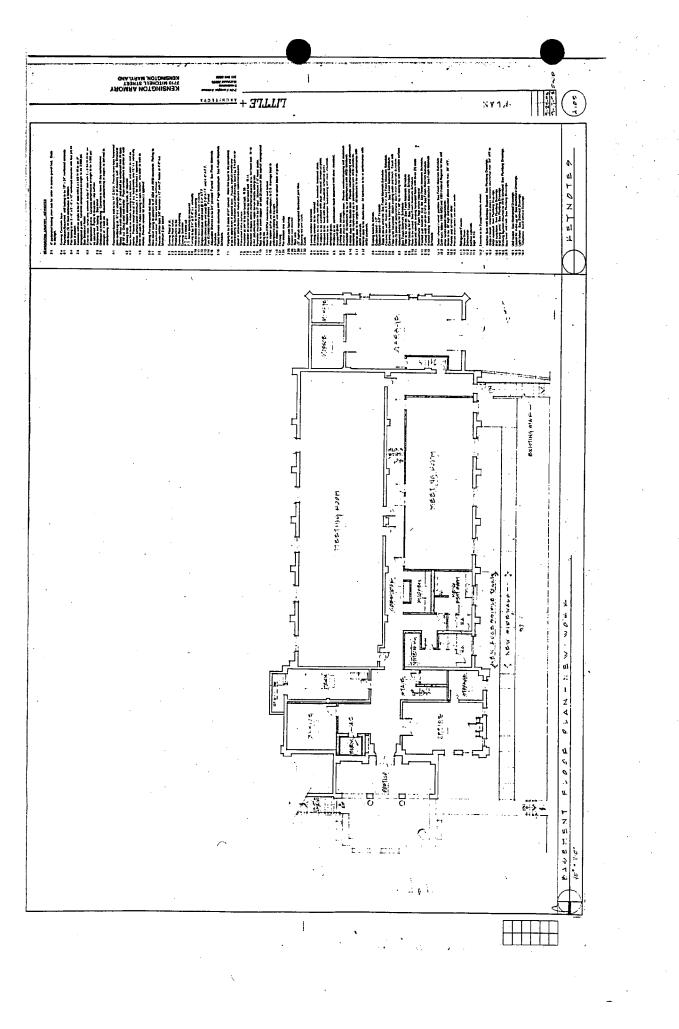


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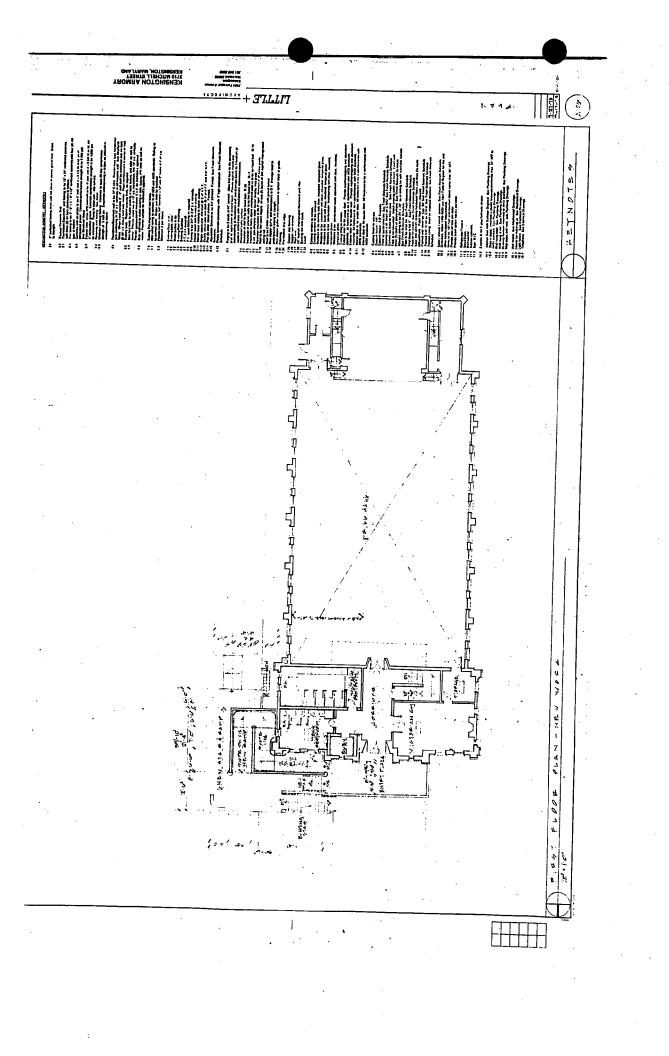




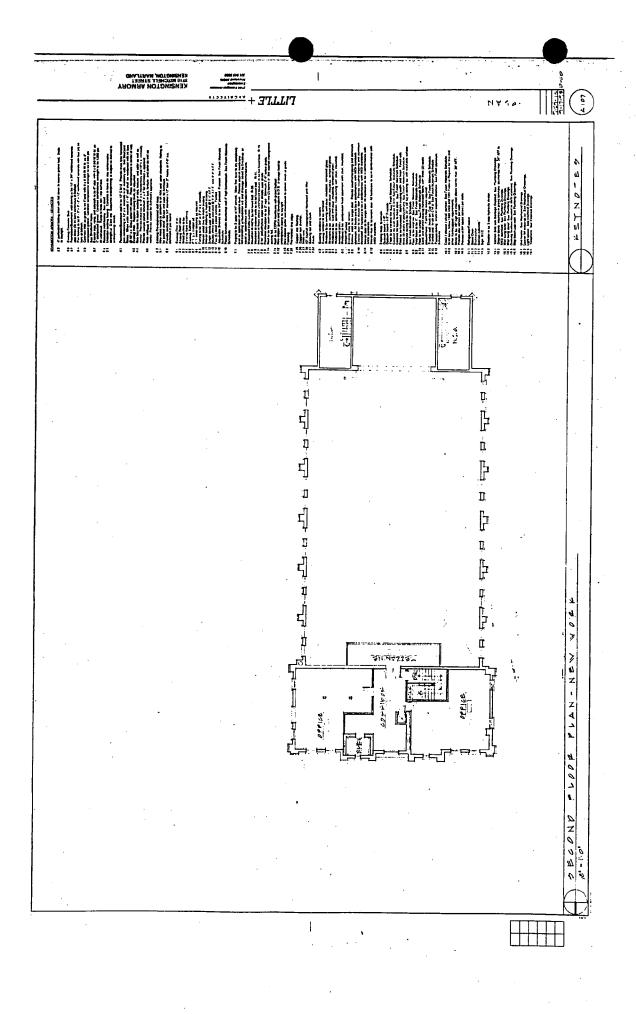
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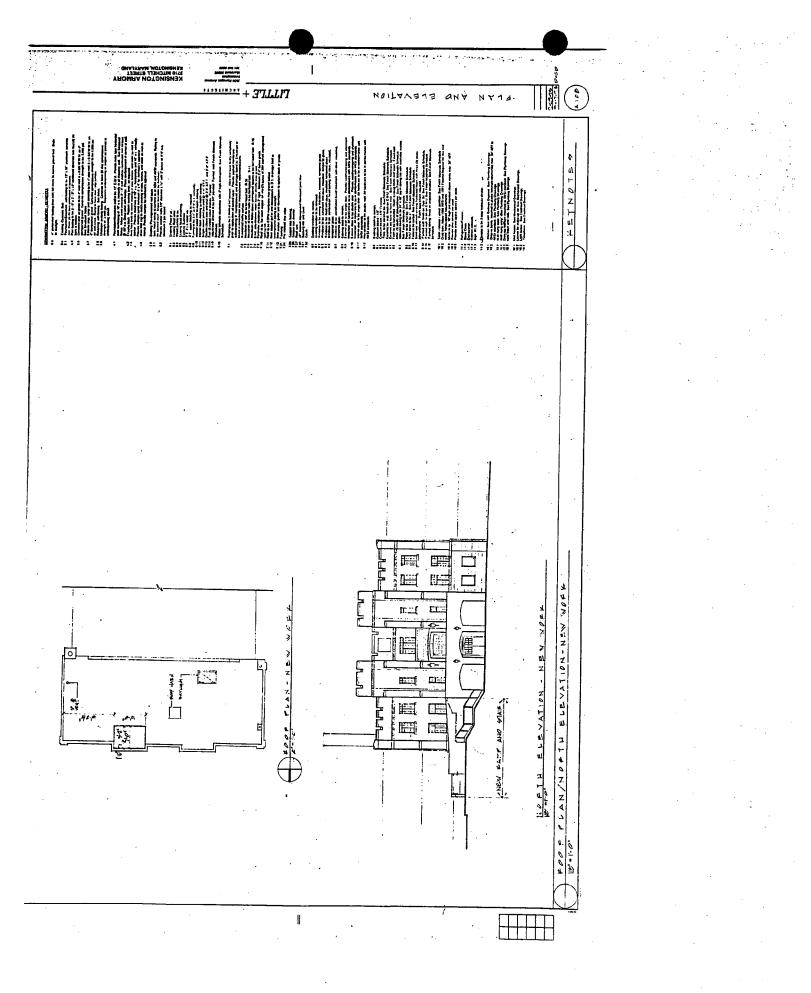
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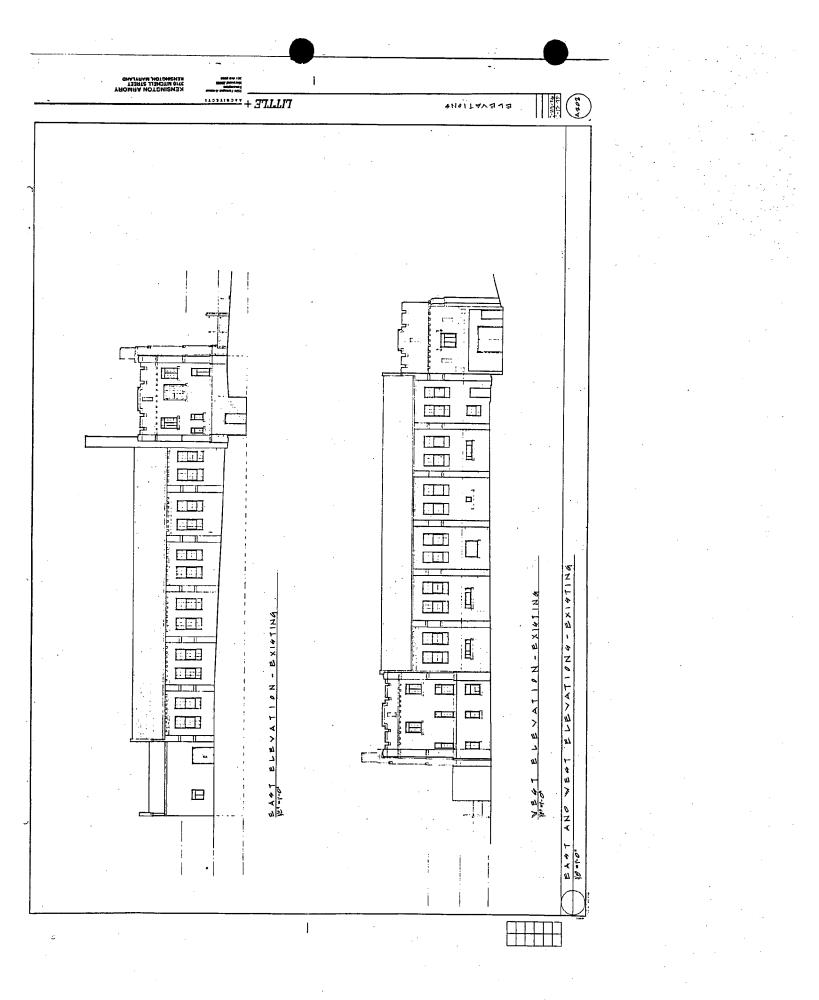
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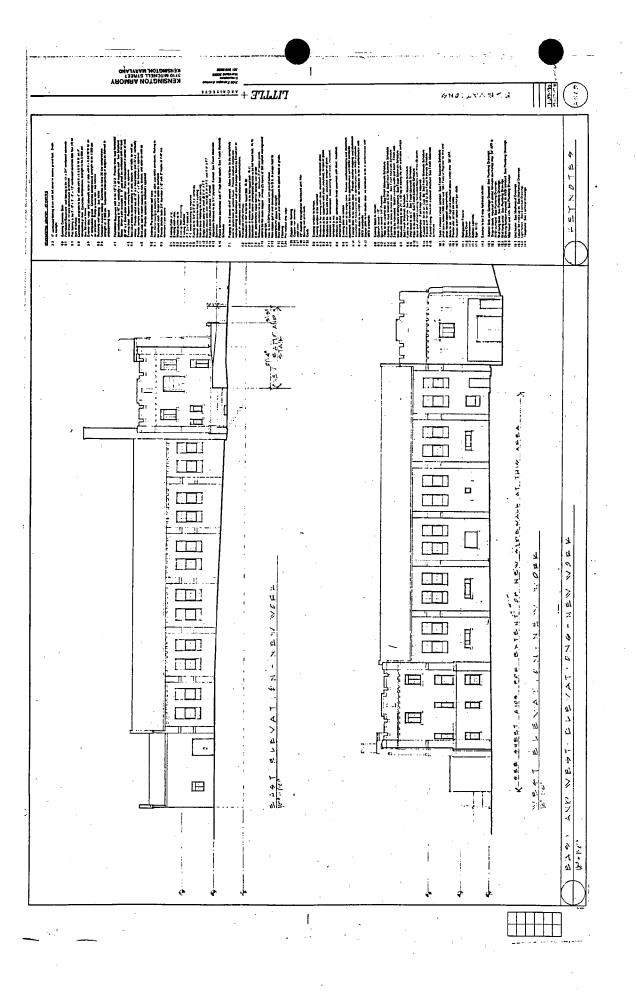




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