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Subject: Research Plan

Hi Ed-

I hope you are well. Thanks so much for your help.

Our objectives for our January research trip (Jan. 5 through 9) include tracking down the following items:

1. Decisions of the Baltimore City Zoning Board of Appeals prior to 1971. During a previous research trip to the City Archives, we noted that these records were stored in numerous boxes (well over 100) on the second floor. Apparently a subsequent researcher has left these records in some state of disarray. Keaton has some experience with these records (and the post-1971 records, which are stored at the Zoning Board of Appeals office downtown) and would be willing to assist in the reorganization of any files that may be misplaced.
2. City Council decisions from 1908 to 1931 under the nuisance ordinance. These decisions were made by the mayor's office, and allowed the mayor to decide whether to approve certain uses that were deemed to be nuisances. During a previous research trip to the City Archives, we found a few of these records, but were wondering if there may be more that are stored in some other location.
3. City Council transcripts. We have identified a variety of legislative ordinances of interest, and we are wondering whether it would be possible to find some way of accessing the underlying rationale for the ordinances (as might be provided by transcripts or voting records) rather than just looking at the text of the ordinances as they were approved. Do you have an idea who we should talk to about transcripts ranging from the 1930s to the present?
4. A large-plot scanner. During our January research trip, one of our most important objectives is to scan some very large maps that are currently held by the ZBA. These maps are approximately 3 feet wide and 3 feet across. The ZBA has agreed to let us take them from their office for a day or two, and Keaton is willing to take them wherever we might be able to get them scanned. Would the state archives or any educational institution have a large-plot scanner that we could use?

Any suggestions on these objectives would be most appreciated!

Any help you can provide in making sure we have access to the records would be wonderful. I will say that David Tanner has been very helpful to date and has indicated he is happy to have us come in January.

Many thanks-

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