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REMARKS BY MAYOR EDWARD I. KOCH  
ANNOUNCING AGREEMENTS FOR WHITE STREET JAIL SITE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1984, BLUE ROOM, 11:45 A.M.

GOOD MORNING.

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND LOWER EAST SIDE COMMUNITY GROUPS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT IN THE DEVELOPING OF 30,000 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE AND 86 UNITS OF SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING AT THE NORTH END OF THE WHITE STREET JAIL SITE. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND THE CITY AT LARGE.

THE CHINATOWN PLANNING COUNCIL HAS FILED AN APPLICATION FOR SECTION 202 FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROJECT'S HOUSING COMPONENT. THIS FUNDING IS, OF COURSE, SUBJECT TO HUD'S APPROVAL, AND I AM VERY HOPEFUL THE APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED.

(MORE)

I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE CITY HAS MET ITS DESIGN GOALS FOR THE NEW 500-BED WHITE STREET DETENTION CENTER, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PERMITTING MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE. GOOD NEIGHBORHOODS MAKE GREAT CITIES, AND THE CITY WANTS TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS NEW FACILITY BE INTEGRATED INTO THE CHINATOWN COMMUNITY AND, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, BECOME AN ASSET TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THAT IS WHY WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL SPACE, AND WHY THE NORTH END OF THE SITE IS BEING DESIGNED FOR A COMBINATION OF RETAIL, OFFICE AND HOUSING USES.

THE DETENTION FACILITY ITSELF WILL BE NINE STORIES HIGH, 235,000 GROSS SQUARE FEET IN SIZE, AND OCCUPY ABOUT 37,000 SQUARE FEET OF THE 50,000 SQUARE FOOT BLOCK. THE ARCHITECTS ARE URBANH & LITCHFIELD GROSSFELD OF NEW YORK.

(MORE)

THE REMAINING 13,000 SQUARE FEET AT THE NORTH END OF THE SITE WILL HOUSE A THREE-STORY COMMERCIAL BUILDING, TO BE LEASED BY THE CITY TO A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING WILL SERVE AS A BASE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 11-STORY HOUSING TOWER ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SITE. CONSTRUCTION OF THE DETENTION CENTER WILL BE COMPLETED BY JULY, 1988.

WITH ME THIS MORNING ARE COMMISSIONER BOB LITKE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES; GREG JOHNSON, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC STRUCTURES; AND CHARLES WONG OF THE CHINATOWN PLANNING COUNCIL. BEFORE WE TAKE QUESTIONS, I WILL ASK THEM EACH TO SAY A FEW WORDS. FIRST, BOB LITKE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF OPERATIONS  
MONTE KURS

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JACQUELINE McMICKENS  
COMMISSIONER

August 23, 1984

Monte Kurs, Assistant Director  
Office of the Mayor  
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100 Church Street, 20th Floor  
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RE: C-109, White Street Limited Access

Dear Mr. Kurs: *Monty*

In answer to your memo to me of August 3rd, 1984, I want to outline some of the reasons that we proposed limited access to White Street:

1. Both facilities, the Tombs and the Lower Manhattan Detention Facility, combined have a capacity of 926 inmates, formidable size jails.
2. Agreement with the community has made it essential that all traffic, pedestrian and vehicular, enter the Lower Manhattan Detention Facility through entrances/exits on White Street (inmate visitors, bail, civilian and correctional staff, business and official visitors, supplies, food, garbage removal, police, fire and maintenance.)
3. The Tombs was designed for all pedestrian traffic to enter through one entrance/exit on White Street (staff, inmate visitors, bail, official and business visitors.)
4. Amount of anticipated pedestrian traffic is considerable and will not be hindered in any way.

*OK w/ Community*