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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

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June 22, 1983

Mr. Peter Tchilinguirian
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Dear Mr. Tchilinguirian;

I refer to your letter No.A-104 of June 14, 1983 regarding the parcel of land earmarked for the building of our new Church Complex, adjoining the A.G.B.U. Alex Manoogian Cultrual Centre. The matter was discussed at our last Parish Council meeting and the contents of the same came as a surprise to me.

The question of leaving the CHURCH sign in place was discussed and agreed to between us and it is really not appreciated why it was thought necessary to refer the matter to your Attorney at this junction for legal opinion who will convey the same to us directly, as soon as possible.

On review of the matter, when plans for building the AGBU CENTRE and the CHURCH COMPLEX were first discussed and initiated in 1978/79 it was the joint and common desire of the Committees/Councils and the General Assemblies of both our national and Community Organizations that the CENTRE and the CHURCH should be built on the same land, which was bought jointly by our two Organizations.

In order to help in achieving this objective expeditiously, it was agreed that the AGBU take up the matter first and that the CHURCH and its Membership would help in collecting donations, so that the first stage of these plans would be completed without any internal competition or overlapping, in view of the large common membership and joint plans.

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It is regretted that the spirit of mutual cooperation with which the united project was initiated has not prevailed between our two organizations and unforeseen obstacles came up after the AGBU Centre was completed and negotiations for the transfer and severance of the land were taken up in order that the Church also commence its building program. The misunderstandings and unpleasantness that arose when the AGBU first submitted its controversial Draft Agreement for transfer to the CHURCH, of its portion of the land and subsequently, are too fresh in everyone's mind to need recapitulation here.

The impression that was conveyed and gathered in our joint meeting and discussions on May 9, 1983, was that we should continue these negotiations in the original spirit of mutual cooperation and finalize the Draft Agreement as soon as possible, in order that the CHURCH also commences construction of its Building and Complex and thus gives effect to the earlier wishes and directives of the Community.

In the circumstances, it is regretted that it was thought necessary to refer the simple matter of leaving the SIGN BOARD in its place, to your Attorney for legal opinion till the matter is finally resolved between us.

However, as mentioned earlier, the matter is now under active consideration by us and that we shall submit the final text of the Agreement, containing our firm offer, to you in the near future, to put an end to these long drawn out discussions and negotiations and save our two Organizations and the Community of any further impediments and embarrassments.

With best wishes.

Yours very truly,


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Chairman, Parish Council

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