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September 13, 2011

Mr. Chris Collins
County Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Collins:

Thank you for meeting with us several weeks ago, and for your interest in and support of Graycliff's acquisition of the Caretaker's Cottage that was original to the Graycliff estate, and which adjoins our current property.

As you know, this small piece of land, with house and garage, returns Graycliff to its original "footprint" restoring the property to its proper scope and size as it was when owned by the Martin family.

Although the Cottage was not designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the interior shares many similarities with the Foster House, which WAS designed by Wright. As we discussed, the Cottage was sold after the deaths of Isabelle and Darwin Martin by the Martin's children to a local family, which has owned it ever since.

There has been no "remodeling" or other updates, with the exception of a roof. Thus, the Cottage is essentially intact as it was during the Martin family ownership.

We have agreed to purchase the property for \$140,000, and now have a contract for that amount. We expect to have the closing in a few weeks. We are very grateful for the \$40,000 from the "capital improvements fund" you have made available for cultural non-profits, which have made it possible for the Graycliff Conservancy to fulfill its mission of restoring and making accessible to the public the Graycliff Estate.

Thank you VERY much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Reine Hauser
Executive Director

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