

**EMBASSY OF SINGAPORE
SECURITY MODIFICATIONS**

International Center
Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street, NW
Washington, DC

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

November 26, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for security modifications at the Embassy of Singapore, International Center, Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street, NW, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 72.10(38.40)41491.

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The Department of State has submitted preliminary and final plans for enhancing security at the Singapore Chancery at the International Center in Northwest Washington, DC. The security enhancements include the insertion of a new entrance pavilion containing a guard station and a screening facility for deliveries. This facility would be inserted into the existing perimeter wall at the front of the Chancery. A new doorway for a separate consular entrance for individuals requesting visas would also be provided. Finally, new security gates would be provided at the existing garage entrance facing Van Ness Street. The guard house and delivery screening room would be built predominately of brick to match the embassy. Additionally, black and gray granite and limestone accents would be used in ways that are similar to the area surrounding the existing entrance. The new wall and gates for the garage entrance would be similar to the existing gates currently adjacent to the visitor parking.

The Coordinating Committee coordinated the project at its November 10, 2004 meeting. The proposal as submitted conforms to the Commission's Categorical Exclusion requirements at Section 8 of the Commission's Environmental Procedures. It was further determined that provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act are not applicable to this proposal because the International Center does not contain any properties eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, nor are any neighboring historic properties affected by this project.

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