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Dear Mr. Beglinger:

In its public meeting of 16 July, the Commission of Fine Arts approved, based on its prior review of the submission materials, the proposed final design for a new Arabian leopard exhibit at the National Zoological Park. The Commission appreciates the responsiveness to its previous advice and looks forward to the review of future projects at the National Zoo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Luebke', with a stylized, flowing script.

Thomas E. Luebke, FAIA
Secretary

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