October 26, 2006

To Petitioners and Other Interested Parties:

RE: Petition #222.06
The Arlington Building (the former Shreve, Crump, and Low building), 330 Boylston Street, Boston.

At its October 24, 2006, meeting, the Boston Landmarks Commission, after deliberation and review of testimony, voted not to accept the petition for the aforementioned property. In making this finding, the Commission stated that while the building has a high level of local significance, the historical information presented at the hearing did not meet the level of significance required by the definition of a Landmark as defined in Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975 as amended. This definition requires that a Landmark have historical, social, cultural, architectural, or aesthetic significance to the city and the Commonwealth, the New England region, or the nation. The Commission noted that they would reconsider a petition should new information that elevates the building's significance above the local level be discovered.

The Commission appreciates the interest and efforts taken in the recognition and protection of Boston's architectural heritage.

If you have any questions concerning the designation process, please call our office at 635-3850.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ellen J. Lipsey
Executive Director

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LANDMARK PETITION FORM

Boston Landmarks Commission

City of Boston
The Environment Department
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Boston, Massachusetts 02101
617-635-3850

NOTE: This petition must be completed in full in order to be accepted and scheduled for a preliminary hearing. The petition may be returned if all questions have not been answered completely. Please type or print. Call the BLC staff at 635-3850 if you have any questions regarding the petition process. Marks sections to be filled out by petitioners.

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PETITION
We, ten registered voters of the City of Boston, petition the Boston Landmarks Commission as authorized by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended.

☑ TO DESIGNATE ☐ TO AMEND THE DESIGNATION OF ☐ TO RESCIND THE DESIGNATION OF

☑THE FOLLOWING: 330 Boylston St., Back Bay 02116
(street address, neighborhood and zip code or street boundaries if district)

☑ Shrews Building
(name, historic and/or common)

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OWNER’S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS FROM ASSESSOR’S RECORDS Ronald W. Drucker
50 Federal St. #1000 Boston MA 02110

WARD & PARCEL NUMBER FROM ASSESSOR’S RECORDS 09 and 5 # 0501169000
The assessor’s office is on the 3rd floor of Boston City Hall; a copy of the tax bill, available at City Hall, may be attached to the petition form.

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☑ We recommend the designation category to be: (check one; see information sheet for details)
☑ LANDMARK (check one...) ☐ Exterior only ☐ Interior only ☐ Exterior and Interior
☑ LANDMARK DISTRICT ☐ ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION ☐ PROTECTION AREA DISTRICT

☑ We recommend this action for the following reasons:
(note architectural and/or historical significance)
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see attached

...additional space on back of page if necessary)

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Spokesperson for the petitioners: Tim Van Mitchell Phone Number: (617) 266-2873

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The Shreve, Crump and Low Building at 330 Boylston Street was erected in 1904 as the local branch of Bryant and Stratton Commercial School, a national chain with branches in many cities. The architect was William G. Rantoul, who was well known for his many luxurious houses and estates. The school use required the unusually large window areas, which remain to the present. Occupancy of the lower two floors by Shreve Crump and Low began in 1929, this firm founded in 1796 being the oldest jewelry store in America. Although Shreve, Crump and Low has occupied various Boston locations since the eighteenth century, its seventy-seven-year presence at the corner of Boylston and Arlington Streets is a significant part of Boston’s commercial and social history.

The Shreve, Crump and Low Building, or the Shreve Building, is a rare example of an early twentieth-century Eclectic style which carefully combines motifs from several historical styles into a new unified whole. At five stories tall, The Shreve Building does not compete with or overshadow its neighbor across Boylston Street, the Arlington Street Church, one of Boston’s prominent landmarks. Nor does The Shreve Building cast shadows on the Boston Public Garden, which it also faces. As the corner and anchor building on its block, The Shreve Building, by its very size and high visibility, sets the tone for this part of Back Bay’s well-known shopping area.

The two street facades of the Shreve, Crump and Low Building, with their orderly classicism and rich Eclectic materials and detailing, are unique in Boston. This, combined with the building’s modest height and dominant location, make it worthy of landmark protection.
Current parcel is: 0501169000
Address is: 330 BOYLSTON ST
Owner is: DRUKER RONALD M TS