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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Honorable Richard S. Schweiker
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schweiker:

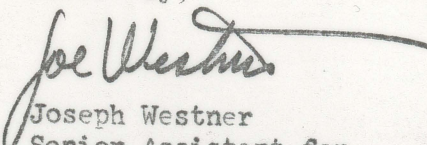
This is in reply to your inquiry on behalf of Milford Theadford of Edgewater Park, New Jersey.

When the Easton (Pennsylvania) Redevelopment Authority acquired the Shiloh Baptist Church property in late 1972, it made no commitment to the church with regard to rebuilding on the same piece of land. Rather, in response to inquiries, the Authority indicated that there was no reason why the church could not relocate in the project area, acting as a redeveloper, if it so chose.

The piece of land upon which the church was located is part of a large (approximately 20 acres) site upon which much needed residential development was planned. The Redevelopment Authority has been negotiating with a developer who is willing and eager to construct residential units on this site.

We are pleased to report that in recent weeks, the Authority, the prospective residential developer and representatives of the church have been working to formulate a plan whereby the housing units could be constructed and the church rebuilt on its original site. While nothing has been finalized yet, we are hopeful that this matter will soon be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Sincerely,


Joseph Westner
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Legislative Affairs