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Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

We believe that the many persons who attended the October 30, 1979, public meeting on the proposed North Sea-Tac Park were provided a good opportunity to express many varied and valid concerns. Last week, Ed Parks of your staff briefed us on all five schemes which were recently developed for the proposed park. Since the public meeting, residents in the area have also contacted us individually about their concerns. Based on our review of all of this information, we would like to express our views on the proposed park. These views are summarized below.

First, the Sea-Tac Communities Plan envisioned the overall development of a golf course and other rather passive open space uses for the North Sea-Tac study area. However, based on the proposed North Sea-Tac Park study information on recreational needs and other considerations, we earlier expressed our preference for the use of the "Modified Passive 2" conceptual plan alternative as the basis for further analysis and study in the development of a final recreation plan for the area which would include certain active use facilities as well as open spaces. This was expressed in our August 6, 1979, letter to Ms. Janis Smooy, consultant. With reference to the five proposed North Sea-Tac Park schemes which we reviewed last week, we would prefer scheme "Q" for further study. We believe scheme "Q" is most closely related to the "Modified Passive 2" conceptual plan and also reflects major land use features originally envisioned in the Sea-Tac Communities Plan.

Second, we want to emphasize our concern that any final park plan should not only consider the recreational needs of the community as a whole but also all of the possible significant adverse impacts on the residential neighborhood immediately adjacent to the study area. This is important since the adjacent areas, ~~except~~ to the south, will remain primarily in residential uses and any proposed park plan use must be compatible with these nearby residential areas as well as with the airport operations. Needless to say, this is a unique situation involving a major airport with all of its inherent problems and much care must be taken to avoid the development of any land use solution for a problem originally

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related to the airport from becoming yet another kind of problem for the community. As such, we would encourage any further steps which can be taken to fully insure that more detailed input from the concerned residents in the immediate study area could be obtained and considered in the development of the final park plan.

We want to continue working closely with the Port, county, consultants, and citizens on this important planning project. We believe that a North Sea-Tac Park plan can be developed which will effectively serve the main recreational needs as well as minimize or avoid the adverse impacts if all of the interested parties will work closely together in a positive manner. Please call us if you have any comments on the views which we have expressed above.

Sincerely,

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