EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF
PROPOSED NEGOTIATED SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY

Manhattanville Station Post Office Site, New York, New York, G-NY-439

Submitted pursuant to Section 203(e) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended by Subsection (i) of Section 1, Public Law 522, 82nd Congress.

Location: West 134th Street between Morningside Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York.

Reported Excess By: General Services Administration

Description: 32,798 sq. ft. of land on which are located two one-story metal buildings, each 8 ft. x 20 ft.; three 500 gal. underground gasoline storage tanks and one underground oil storage tank.

Acquisition Cost: $175,000

This property was acquired by the Government for a post office site in two separate transactions. The easterly portion was acquired in 1938 by purchase, and the westerly portion was acquired in 1942 through condemnation. The Post Office Department, by letter dated September 12, 1952, indicated that the site was no longer required for a post office and recommended that it be disposed of. Thus, it was reported excess to the needs of this Administration, screened for other Federal use and determined to be surplus to the needs of the Federal Government in March 1953.

The New York City Housing Authority is contemplating the development of a Federally-aided low rent housing project to reclaim a slum area which includes the subject property, and has requested that it be sold to the Housing Authority. It is understood that the housing project has been approved by the Board of Estimate of the City of New York and by the Federal Government.

In view of the fact that the New York City Housing Authority requires this property for its low rent housing project, it is the opinion of this Division that the public interest will be best served by giving
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authority to the Regional Director at New York to negotiate the sale of it to the New York City Housing Authority for its currently assessed valuation of $185,000.

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