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Margaret M. Peery
14 Water Street
Charleston, SC 29401

IN RE: Site inspection
14 Water Street
Hurricane Hugo Damage

Dear Ms. Peery:

On October 26, 1989, a partial inspection of 14 Water Street was performed. The purpose of this inspection was to advise on the structural characteristics of the site.

Our conclusions are the exterior trim and siding lap joints moved relative to each other during the storm. The relative movement has broken the paint at most of these joints, creating a water entry point. These areas should be sealed as soon as possible to prevent rot. The interior trim joints moved relative to each other during the storm, breaking the paint in these locations. Due to the flexure and vibration of the house during the storm, there is widespread cracking of the walls and ceilings.

The chimneys should be lined to re-establish their structural integrity. The forces of the winds caused the chimneys to flex and vibrate, breaking down their interior mortar bonds. The wainscoting joints have separated and should be reworked. The counter veneer has separated. The brick arch to the family room is cracked and should be epoxy injected. There are minor cracks in the foundation. The porches are cupping in places and should be sealed. The gutters have sustained heavy damage and should be replaced.