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Dear Professor Stanley,

I left a voice message for you yesterday because word has gotten back to me of how a misunderstanding on my part may have now put you in a difficult position—it has definitely put me in one.

When we were discussing the Sasaki Garden, my focus was on near future, because I had been focused on the planned, upcoming improvements we would like to undertake. So, when you asked me if the Sasaki Garden was "safe," I said, "yes," because I had in my mind that we were discussing the next decade.

However, my answer should have been more expansive: that nothing destructive is going to happen to the Sasaki Garden or on the Washington Square Village block (in fact, just the opposite—we would like to undertake improvements very soon as we have discussed) before 2022, but that subsequent plans for that block would affect Sasaki Garden as part of the proposals to bring that area down to grade, creating new open space, and building facilities on both the east and west side of the blocks—as well as below-grade—to meet NYU's academic needs.

The lack of clarity in our discussion was all mine, and I apologize, particularly because I realize you may now be in the position of having repeated information that did not provide the full picture. I am cc'ing your colleagues on the University Space Priorities Working Group so that they are aware of the issue caused by my lack of clarity.

Please let me know of any recommendations you may have for me to correct the record, and to make clear this was a case of my giving you an incomplete answer and not a case of you answering a question to your Working Group incorrectly. I do hope you will accept my apology for my misstatement.

Sincerely,

Alison Leary
Executive Vice President

CC: Members of the USPWG