Hearing Date: 5/8/2007
LPC Docket Number: 075898
Manhattan, Block: 1251, Lot: 27
304 West 91st Street - Riverside - West End Historic District
A Renaissance Revival style rowhouse designed by Martin V.B. Ferdon and built in 1893. Application is
to **construct a rooftop addition.**

HDC Testimony
As illustrated in the presentation, the rooftop addition will peak out over the Gothic Revival, stone church
next door. With this in mind HDC would like to recommend different materials, masonry instead of
stucco on wonderboard and copper flashing rather than aluminum, be used to create a more fitting
backdrop for the church's roofline. We also question whether more mechanicals are to be installed atop
the addition, something HDC would oppose.

Hearing Date: 5/8/2007
LPC Docket Number: 074221
Manhattan, Block: 1168, Lot: 56
250 West 77th Street - Individual Landmark Historic District
An Art Nouveau/Secessionist style hotel designed by Emery Roth and built in 1901-1903. Application is
to create a new entrance at the West 77th Street façade.

HDC Testimony
HDC largely approves of this application which is a vast improvement over the present entrance and
moves the building closer to its original grandeur. The railing should be redesigned to appear more like
the iron railing apparent on the 1914 photo. We would also like to suggest that the applicants consider
reinstalling stained glass seen in the charming historic photos in either the transoms or the entire
windows. Also we are concerned about the signage. There is no indication of any on the proposal, but we
do assume that the building will somehow be identified. The Hotel Belleclaire has the potential, with
proper restoration, to be a premium property and to live up to its title of Individual Landmark. With some
changes, this proposal can be part of that movement forward.