To the Honorable, the President and Members of the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City (continued)

the Building Inspection Engineer authorizing the construction of a bank building at 11 West Saratoga Street. This permit was issued prior to the announcement by the City of its plans to establish the Charles Center. Since then the Union Trust Company has abandoned its plans for this building.

Section 170, Paragraph 1706 of Article 5 of the Baltimore City Code provides:

> "No fee or other service charge, or portion thereof, paid for any permit, certificate, inspection, test or any other service rendered, shall be refunded except that where no work has been done or any privilege enjoyed under a permit, certificate, inspection, or other service, the Board of Estimates may make a refund of not more than 70 per cent of any fee or service charge for such permit, certificate, inspection or service. However, no refund shall be granted on any fee or service charge which is less than $5.00."

Under the above provision of the law, it is the opin- of this office that the Board of Estimates may make refund of not more than seventy per cent (70%) of the cost of this building permit.

Very truly yours,

/s/ HUGO A. RICCIUTI
City Solicitor

/s/ JAMES S. SFEKAS
Assistant City Solicitor

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Mr. Arthur R. Watson, Director
Baltimore Zoo
Druid Hill Park
Baltimore - 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Watson:

In answer to your recent request for an opinion as to whether or not there is any legal restriction on you as the Director of the Baltimore Zoo in connection with writing a book, or newspaper or magazine articles, based upon your experiences as a Zoo Director, for monetary gain, we wish to advise you as follows.