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'Spare Us Total City'

To The Commercial Appeal:

It enrages me that Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams is inclined to approve the plaza design for the Overton Park segment of I-40. It is especially underhanded of Shaw and Cox to present an earnest compromise by eliminating two interchanges in order to save several trees in the park.

Let us not compulsively rape and pilage some of the last virgin timber in American in the name of "comfort," "convenience" or "economic progress." Let Overton Park stand as a memorial to a time when man had a reverence for nature, a time when he was more obviously an integral part of it, not a manipulator

and destroyer; let it stand as a sanctuary for those of us who acknowledge in ourselves a reverence for nature.

Spare us total city.

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