Reasons for the designation of the Property at No. 26 Lombard Street.

The property at 26 Lombard Street, consisting of the R.G. McLean, Printers building on the east and the Barclay, Clark & Company Lithographers building on the west, is designated on architectural and historical grounds. The McLean Building, built in 1890, is a good example of the Romanesque Revival style as it was popularly applied to commercial architecture in the period. Bartizans at the parapet level are distinctive features of a facade that includes stone arched openings at the base, moulded brickwork in the central level window piers, and a row of arched windows at the top floor. The Barclay building, built in 1894, is of historical significance as the home of the prominent Grip Printing and Publishing Company. Together the buildings form an important element in the streetscape for the value of proportion and craftsmanship in masonry detail.

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