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Mr. Marc Holma
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue
Richmond, VA 23221

Subject: Route 1 Improvements at Fort Belvoir
From Telegraph Road to Mount Vernon Memorial Highway
Discovery and Investigation for Feature No. 1 at Otis Mason House

Dear Mr. Holma:

In accordance with previous discussion and communication with your office we hereby provide you with documentation for the subject site discovery, Feature No. 1. This discovery is located near the project's current (and original) Otis Mason House site. The investigation and documentation for Feature No. 1 was performed by VERSAR (a private firm) with an office in Springfield, Virginia. The Federal Highway Administration, as lead federal agency for the Route 1 Improvements at Fort Belvoir project, requests your concurrence with our determination that Feature No. 1:

1. Does not further inform the site or refine any of the National Register criteria as originally applied to the Otis Mason House or the proposed nomination for the Woodlawn Cultural Landscape Historic District.
2. Due to previous disturbance the feature retains little integrity and its true function is not known.
3. It has no potential to yield additional information about the site.
4. The currently completed investigation and documentation (enclosed) are sufficient to allow construction activities to proceed.
5. Field notes and documentation will be curated with your office and Fairfax County.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 703-404-6282 or email at jack.vandop@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Jack VanDop
Senior Program Manager

Enclosure: VERSAR May 20, 2015 US Route 1 Monitoring Letter Report

cc:

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(w/enclosure)

Mr. Ross Bradford, Senior Associate General Counsel, National Trust for Historic
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Consulting Parties as identified in the project's Programmatic Agreement