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Donna Andrews
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20 North Eighth Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107 - 3191

Re: Foreign Affairs Security Training Center – Addendum for Ammunition Supply Point and Helicopter Operations
Nottoway County, Virginia
DHR File No. 2010-1921

Dear Ms. Andrews,

On April 6, 2015, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) received additional information regarding the above-referenced project for our review and comment pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. DHR understands that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of State (DOS) are proposing to acquire and develop several parcels of land for a Foreign Security Affairs Training Center (FASTC) at Fort Pickett, Nottoway County, Virginia. The FASTC will provide training for a variety of law enforcement and security disciplines managed by the DOS Bureau of Diplomatic Security. The project is partially funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), but GSA will assume lead agency responsibilities under Section 106.

We understand that the scope of work for this project has changed slightly to include an ammunition supply point (ASP) and helicopter training on LRA Parcel 9. Survey of the area proposed for the ASP was conducted in 2011-2012 and documented in the report titled, *Phase I Archaeological Survey and Phase II Evaluation for the Proposed Foreign Affairs Security Training Center, Nottoway County, Virginia*. No archaeological resources were identified in the vicinity. Based on the results of the survey conducted, we agree that no further archaeological or architectural investigations are warranted in connection with the ASP. Furthermore, no ground disturbing activity is associated with the helicopter training. Therefore, based upon a review of the information provided, DHR concurs that the addition of the ASP and the helicopter operations to the FASTC program would have no adverse effect on historic properties.

For architectural questions and any other questions, please contact me at (804) 482-6084, or via email at andrea.burke@dhr.virginia.gov.

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Sincerely,



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