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Mr. John T. L. Rollins, Jr.
Trustee, Haymarket Baptist Church
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Reference: Relocation - Waterfall Road

Dear John,

This relates to our telephone conversation of several days ago regarding Waterfall Road at Antioch Church and the desires of the County and the citizens to get it widened. John Hitrik, right of way agent for Prince William County, called to ask if I ever heard anything after our last meeting in May, 1988. Told him no, but would contact you. Apparently the County is again desirous of trying to get something worked out.

Unfortunately, where Waterfall Road passes between the Church cemetery and my property, there are obvious obstacles, as well as serious concerns and reasons that it would be inappropriate to widen the road in its' current alignment.

Back in 1980 there was agitation by certain local citizens to improve Waterfall Road. Recognizing the impractical widening approach, I offered to provide right of way across my field if they could get right of way from the Church. The attached sketch was prepared by the VDH&T (now VDOT) as to possible routing. My offer remains open.

It is understood that some members of the church oppose a relocation. The opposition is understood as I don't cotton to giving up any property. However, sooner or later the widening or the relocation will take place. Wouldn't it be beneficial to try to control the resolution?

The present road bed is continually being widened and now the travel surface is within twelve (12) inches of the cemetery fence. The road is rough and sooner or later there will be damage to the nearby headstones when a vehicle careens off the road. With the increasing traffic, the chances of such an occurrence increase.

In order to try to alleviate the matter, and as told you, I would consider buying the necessary land from the church and donating the right of way to the County.

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Three conditions would be:

1. an ability to purchase the land downstream of the right of way from the church. The smaller the remainder the better;
2. that Waterfall Road from Antioch Road southeast to present stone entrance of church be vacated with land each side of the center line reverting to adjacent owners (Church and Wright). Access via Waterfall Road would continue from vicinity of Jennifer Lane. There was discussed a second entrance direct from the new road.
3. That price established for land is reasonable.

Comment above in item #1 regarding making the remainder small relates directly to alignment of the route.

While there is a willingness by me to meet and discuss, you and/or other trustees might like to explore the case with Mr. Hitrik. His address is:

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Right of Way Agent
Roads Engineering Division
Prince William County
4361 Ridgewood Center Drive
Woodbridge, Virginia 22192-5308
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Johnny, thanks for your time in discussing this matter by phone and agreeing to reopen this case that became inactive due to lack of communications.

Most sincerely

Edward B. Wright

cc: John M. Hitrik
~~Pastor~~ Larry Lee, Haymarket Baptist Church

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