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BEN LOMOND STONE ACCESSORY BUILDING--FIELD TRIP FOR ARCHEOLOGISTS

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Enclosed are some xeroxed materials relating to the small stone accessory building, thought to have been a slave quarters of Ben Lomond, the manor nearby. The materials include a U.S.G.S. Quad map (Gainesville) identifying the site; two photographs of the building; a fact sheet prepared in early March 1979 about the Westover Baptist Church's need to have the building removed from their property; a site plan showing the building in relation to the church's proposed new facility and parking lot and driveway--which in the final submitted site plan calls for total demolition of the structure; and other material relating to Ben Lomond.

As matters now stand, the church intends to proceed with its building as soon as the county grants the building permit, despite the objections raised by both the Prince William County Historical Commission and the County Park Authority. The permit may be granted as early as the beginning of next week (16 April); and the first phase of construction calls for grading and leveling to gain entrance to the site. Therefore, any archeological work should commence immediately.

The Historical Commission is obtaining cost estimates on moving the building, either whole or piecemeal. No new location has been found, but it is possible that the Community Center across Sudley Manor Road, owned by the County, may have room for it. Archeologists may want to coordinate their efforts with the moving of the building--if and when it occurs--in addition to any excavating to be done before demolition or moving takes place. Reverend Philley, pastor of Westover Baptist Church has indicated a willingness to cooperate with any archeological efforts necessary to record and document the structure.

Please send any reports, suggestions, or recommendations that come out of this preliminary investigation to me at the NVPDC address. Thank you for your assistance in this project.

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