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Mr. T. Triplett Russell  
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RE: Hazelwood, Prince William County

Dear Mr. Russell:

In response to your letter of June 20, I have asked our Prince William County architectural historian, Frances Jones, to contact Miss Colvin and conduct an architectural survey on the house. Miss Jones is conducting a survey of all Prince William landmarks but apparently has not yet visited Hazelwood.

Once that is completed we can then take the material to one of the monthly meetings of the State Review Board and get the board's opinion on whether or not the building may meet the criteria for registration as a historic landmark. If the board feels that the place can qualify it will authorize the staff to prepare nomination forms for presentation and final consideration at a future meeting.

I should add that registration as a historic landmark is primarily an official recognition that a place is one of the state's cultural resources; it places no restrictions on an owner's use of his property. The house can yet be altered or demolished and the property can yet be subdivided. If an owner of a significant piece of land wants to prevent subdivision he may do so by placing an open-space easement on the property. In Virginia such easements are usually held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation which holds easements on several thousand acres of scenic farmland in northern Virginia. I have enclosed a brochure on the foundation's easement program, and suggest that you contact the director, Mr. Tyson Van Auken, for further information if you feel Miss Colvin might be interested. The Foundation's easements do not contain architectural restrictions; however, we have found that protection of the land is an effective way of guaranteeing that the house will be in sympathetic hands.

I will let you know once Miss Jones has had an opportunity to visit the property.

Your interest in historic preservation is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Calder Loth  
Senior Architectural Historian

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Enclosure

✓ cc: Frances Jones