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July 21, 1980

Miss Frances Jones C/O Northern VA Planning District Commission 7309 Arlington Blvd. Falls Church, Virginia 22042

RE: Hazelwood, Prince William County

Dear Frances:

The attached letters explain the need for you to visit Hazelwood for us. Mr. Russell has given us a very thorough history of the property so it will not be necessary for you to research it at this point. I would like very much if you can get good architectural analysis and photographic coverage as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Calder Loth

Senior Architectural Historian

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Attachments

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20 June 1980

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Gentlemen:

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Miss Callie Colvin is the owner of "Hazelwood" (formerly Tradition) in Prince William County near Nokesville. She has asked me to bring it to your attention, in the hope that it can be placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register. She lives on the property and has no immediate intention of selling it, but is quite elderly and is fearful that it will be destroyed should anything happen to her. She has been besieged by speculators, who promise, even threaten, that it will be demolished.

The enclosed history, which I wrote at her request, will give you some idea of the age, character and historic significance of the house and outbuildings. It was built on the Foote dividend of the Brent Town grant and has been owned by only two families in nearly 300 years. The house is in good repair but has no modern conveniences. To protect it Miss Colvin has had it sheathed with a modern material that should be removed. The farm has over 300 acres on Broad Run.

I would be most grateful if you could send me sufficient information so that I may present its qualifications for inclusion in the Virginia Landmarks Register in correct form. I can arrange for someone to visit "Hazelwood", given sufficient notice.

Your kind attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

T. Triplett Russell

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Mr. T. Triplett Russell 1800 Coral Way Miami, Florida 33145

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 Junes 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 guranteeing 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