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Maurice Atkin  
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Dear Mr. Atkin:

This letter is in regard to our telephone conversation today about a house in Gainesville, Va., at 14300 John Marshall Highway, which is owned by Maurice Atkin and Robert R. Nathan, Trustees. This house has been included in the Prince William County Architectural and Historical Sites Survey being conducted by the NVPDC and the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission.

Since you expressed concern that a structure included in the architectural and historical sites survey might be subject to some sort of government regulation, this letter is to inform you that owners of surveyed sites are under no obligation to repair or in any way restore or improve their property. The purpose of the survey is to identify and inventory county historic resources. Knowledge of the existence of potentially important historic sites or structures is useful to Federal, state and county government agencies so that projects with Federal or state financial involvement may avoid an adverse impact on any local cultural resource. Sites eligible for listing in the State and National Registers, selected from the survey results, receive recognition and protection through such listing, and also become eligible for Federal funding assistance and tax benefits. Identification of buildings, sites, and objects that contribute to the character of a community can be used for local planning purposes.

If you have any further questions about the survey, please contact me; otherwise, please inform me in writing of your permission

as of March 1, 1980

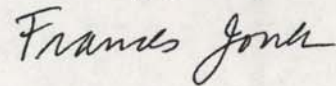
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to inspect and photograph the house. I would appreciate knowing the name of the tenant so that I may make an appointment to see the house. Any information you may have on the house's ownership history would also be appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances Jones".

Frances Jones  
Architectural Historian

FJ:srm

cc: Marlene Heck, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission