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Mr. Robert L. Hundley  
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RE: ROUTE 234, MANASSAS BYPASS - PROJECT NO. 0234-076-107, PE101  
Prince William County

Dear Mr. Hundley:

Over the past year we have worked with your consultant, Wilbur Smith and Associates, to identify the places of historic interest in the area of the proposed Manassas Bypass. Initially, in a large study area, 86 places of historic or architectural interest were identified by the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission and 45 additional places were identified by others, including the Prince William County Historical Commission and the Manassas Museum.

As the study for the highway progressed, the study area was narrowed and attention was focused on the 39 places in the reduced study area, with particular attention paid to those places which either are listed on or could be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. In the reduced study area, the Manassas National Battlefield Park and Moor Green (or, the Moor House) are listed on the National Register. The Brawner Farm, contiguous to the Battlefield Park, has been determined by the Keeper of the National Register to be eligible for the Register. Possibly the Battlefield Park would be expanded to include the Brawner Farm. The Monroe House, on Route 781 south of Interstate 66, has been recommended by the State Review Board of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission for the National Register of Historic Places. A headstone, located in the southwest corner of the junction of Route 29/211 and Route 705, marks the grave of a Confederate officer, T. L. Dunklin, who died in the Second Battle of Manassas. The Dunklin marker would not be eligible for the National Register, though it is of local historic interest.

Of the five places named above, the Battlefield Park, in its present boundary, would not be affected by any route under consideration for the highway, nor would Moor Green be affected by any route. The Brawner Farm would be adversely affected by Alternative A; and in fact, it would be bisected if that alternative were to be the one chosen and built. The Monroe House would not be affected by Alternative B (the one nearest it) if the mitigation measure discussed by the consultant and me were to be made. That measure calls for a 125-145 feet space between the house



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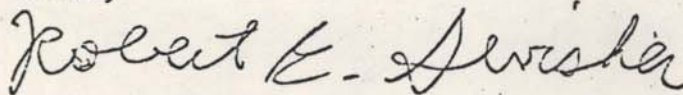
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and a service road which would be built as part of Alternative B. That service road would be the nearest new pavement to the Monroe House.

The Dunklin marker could be affected adversely by Alternative B; though, if it is determined that it is in the path of the highway, we would ask that it and the grave it marks be moved to a cemetery in the Manassas area. Ideally, though, the marker and its grave should remain in their original location, even if that would be within the highway right-of-way. If Alternative B is chosen and if the Dunklin marker would be within its right-of-way, we would ask that a temporary barrier be built around it to protect it from machinery during construction. We have no objection to Alternative B.

Apart from the five places named above, no other place of historic or architectural interest would be affected by any alternative under consideration for the Manassas Bypass.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert E. Swisher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Yours,".

Robert E. Swisher  
Environmental Officer

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cc: Miss Sally E. Moran