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WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES
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Mr. Robert L. Hundley
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Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Hundley:

Reference to: Route 234, Manassas Bypass
project no. 0234-076-107, PE101
Prince William County

This is to expand upon two points in my February 27 letter to you and to document a meeting about those points that took place subsequent to the letter. That meeting included the Messrs. Wray and Rollings of your agency, Mr. Humeston of the FHWA, Ms. Sally Moran of Wilbur Smith and Associates, and myself. We talked about Alternative B as it would relate to the Monroe House and to the memorial stone of T. L. Dunklin, a Confederate officer.

The Monroe House has been recommended by the State Review Board of the VHLC for the National Register of Historic Places. We would nominate to the Register a tract of land surrounding the house sufficient to preserve an acceptable setting for the house. Your consultant has assured me that, if Alternative B is selected, no pavement would be closer to the Monroe House itself than 125 feet. That would allow for an acceptable setting for the house and the right-of-way line for the proposed frontage road (the closest pavement) would be the eastern boundary of the National Register tract. Such a provision would result in no effect to the National Register tract.

In regard to the Dunklin marker—I have been told that the highway alignment could be shifted slightly to the east to avoid the marker but yet to include the marker just within the right-of-way. Such a provision would be much more preferable to moving the marker and (oddly) could ensure the marker's preservation by its being in the public domain. I have been told that care would be taken during construction to protect the marker and that the land immediately around the marker would not be disturbed.

Again, we have no objection to Alternative B.

Yours,

Robert E. Swisher

Robert E. Swisher,
Environmental Officer

c. to Ms. Sally Moran.