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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Manassas National Battlefield Park
Manassas, Va. 22110

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Miss Ann Satterthwaite
Planning Consultant
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Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Miss Satterthwaite:

The National Park Service is pleased that the local community is taking steps to preserve Signal Hill and the Confederate earth works on it. As you know, a Confederate Signal Station there played a major role in the Battle of First Manassas. Had it not been for the alert work of an officer stationed on Signal Hill, the Union flanking attack may not have been discovered and the outcome of the battle would almost certainly have been different.

Because this area was far beyond our Congressional authorized boundary, we have no authority or possibility of authority to preserve this historical resource. Despite our deep interest in seeing it protected, we could only hope that local action would be initiated.

Our local community should be congratulated for their efforts to insure that this resource is preserved, and we would like to lend our encouragement and moral support to this worthy cause. The American public, both local and national, will benefit from this preservation of our precious national heritage.

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Hoffman
Superintendent