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Ms. Sally Moran
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Dear Sally;

I am enclosing a contact sheet containing the photographs I took recently of the Monroe House (76-147), at 7220 Cushing Rd., near Wellington. I hope the photographs will be useful to you in determining the location of the Rt. 234 Manassas bypass. I understand that the Monroe House is the only structure that may be affected by any of the alternative routes being considered.

I apologize for the small picture size, but the processing was quickest by ordering a contact sheet. I am also enclosing two slides taken of the Monroe House in mid-January.

I recommend that you contact Dell Upton at the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission about this house because, as I said on the telephone, he was with me when I surveyed the house, and he took most of the measurements. In addition, Dell has a lot of experience with houses of this type and age, and can tell you more about its features than I. If he is not available to meet with you, perhaps he will give you a copy of his notes and drawings.

The fact that the house is covered with asbestos tar paper is both a preservation advantage and a hindrance; it protects the house from the weather, but prevents closer inspection of architectural details.

I will send you the VHLC completed survey sheet as soon as I have finished it. For bibliographic references, the house is described in Prince William, The Story of Its People and Its Places.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely yours,

Frances Jones

Frances Jones
Architectural Historian/
Surveyor

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