

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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Office of the Director

Mr. Marc Holma
Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23221

Dear Mr. Holma:

This is to advise you that US Army Garrison, Fort Lee (Fort Lee) in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) proposes to construct an alternate ingress from state route 36, Washington Street onto Fort Lee. Fort Lee and VDOT intend to alleviate traffic congestion at the entrance gate of Lee Avenue with this road improvement project. This project is identified as VDOT Task #12-071 and titled, Fort Lee Entrance Gate Alternative, Prince George County, Virginia.

Enclosed with this correspondence is a concept map of the project provided by VDOT demonstrating approximate location. VDOT will provide Fort Lee with drawings based on the concept map in the upcoming weeks. Courtesy copies will be provided to your office. The project proposes to construct 500-600 feet of new road beginning at route 36 and terminating at an existing parking area on Fort Lee. Also enclosed is a map of the existing entrance layout with the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and additional maps depicting previous disturbances.

The APE extends from Washington Street to the south and includes portions of existing parking areas. The western boundary of the APE is the installation boundary and the existing fence line and the eastern boundary is Lee Avenue. There are no known historic properties within the APE. Aerial imagery from 1954 and 1965 identify previous disturbance from earlier road construction. The earlier road construction was the original 1917 entrance to Camp Lee seen in use until at least 1954, as demonstrated on the enclosed maps.

Therefore, given the previous disturbances and the paucity of known historic properties in the APE Fort Lee concludes, in accordance with Section 800.5, that the undertaking will have no effect on historic properties within the APE for the construction of the Fort Lee Entrance Gate Alternative. A concurrence block is included for your convenience.

Given the proximity of Petersburg National Battlefield I am forwarding a copy of this correspondence to Mr. Lewis Roger, Superintendent of Petersburg National Battlefield. Fort Lee

concludes that no negative impact will occur to Petersburg National Battlefield, and expects a positive impact by alleviating potential traffic back-ups and delays into the park from the eastbound lane of Washington Street.

Comments and questions regarding the documentation are welcome and may be directed to Arny Wood, Cultural Resource Manager, commercial number (804) 734-4434, or e-mail at amy.wood@us.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Williams

Director

Directorate of Public Works

**Enclosures** 

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources concurs with the determination of No Historic Properties Affected regarding the construction of Fort Lee Entrance Gate Alternative, Prince George County, Virginia/

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