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MCCORMICK TAYLOR, INC.

RE: Blue Ball Properties Transportation Improvement Project, Weldin Plantation Archeological Site, 7NC-B-11; conclusion of Phase III data recovery field work

Dear Mr. Kleinburd:

We have reviewed the Management Summary prepared by McCormick Taylor and received in this office on May 3, 2004, for the completion of data recovery at the Weldin Plantation Archeological Site, (7NC-B-11). We concur that the data recovery has been completed in accordance with Stipulation VI.A of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Blue Ball Properties Transportation Improvement Project. Our approval of the completion of the data recovery is with two conditions. First, the excavation of the historic well in the east half basement area (Feature 25) was unable to be completed due to its depth, technical difficulties and potential costs involved in doing so. We fully understand that decision but recommend that project construction be monitored in that area by project archeologists and that construction provisions allow archeologists time to recover objects and record information that may be uncovered below the depths of their data recovery excavations. Second, we want to remind to DelDOT that Stipulation VI.C calls for archeological monitoring during the removal of Weldin Road in the vicinity of this site. Data recovery fieldwork on the north side of the site uncovered a Feature (Feature 29) of unknown function that appears to extend north under Weldin Road. It may or may not have survived the construction of Weldin Road, but its presence is justification for monitoring Weldin Road removal in this area.

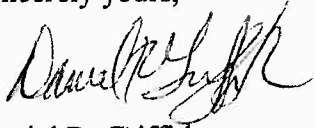
From our perspective, DelDOT project construction may proceed in this area, taking into account the comments and conditions outlined above and mindful of the requirements to protect the remainder of the site during construction. Thank you for the opportunity to

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comment on the data recovery completion. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely yours,



Daniel R. Griffith

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