Final Environmental Assessment

For the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC)
2017 Master Plan Update

Prepared by:
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APPENDIX C. SECTION 106 CONSULTATION
Part 1 of 2
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Re: Initiation of Project/Section 106 Review
Environmental Assessment for the George P. Schultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center
Master Plan Update, Arlington, Virginia

Dear Ms. Kampinen:

The Department of State (DOS) is updating its Master Plan for the George P. Schultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC) at Arlington Hall in Arlington, Virginia (Figures 1 and 2). NFATC is the headquarters for the Foreign Service Institute (FSI). As part of the 2016 Master Plan Update, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), on behalf of DOS, is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. NEPA requires federal agencies to evaluate the potential impacts that proposed actions may have on the human and natural environment. GSA and DOS are co-lead agencies for the NFATC Master Plan Update and associated Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA). DOS is a cooperating agency for NEPA. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8, the Section 106 process is being coordinated with the NEPA process for this undertaking.

SECTION 106 INITIATION
The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate the project review process with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR), as required by Section 106, and its implementing regulations (36 CFR § 800). To facilitate timely completion of the environmental review, in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.3, GSA and DOS are initiating consultation with your office because the NFATC Master Plan Update is an undertaking that has the potential to affect historic properties. At this time, GSA and DOS wish to receive formal comment on:

- Definition of the undertaking’s Area of Potential Effects (APE) for historic (above-ground) and archaeological resources
- Identification of historic properties
- Identification of consulting parties and scope of public involvement.
Figure 1. Project location shown on the Alexandria, Virginia 7.5-minute quadrangle (USGS 2013).
Figure 2: National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC) – Current Campus and Buildings
Figure 3: Existing Conditions - National Foreign Affairs Training Facility (NFATC)
Master Plan Update: Purpose, Need, and Objectives

The Master Plan Update will document the physical requirements and architectural and engineering intent for improvements to this campus for classroom training and distance learning for DOS. The programs and support offered through NFATC equip DOS professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to carry out the department's diplomatic mission throughout the world. World events and maintenance of U.S. diplomatic leadership place increasing demands on U.S. diplomatic professionals. The Master Plan Update lays the groundwork for phased improvements to this essential facility needed to accommodate its evolving training mission, as well as its ever-changing population (on-site and distance learners) over the next decade.

The NFATC is comprised of two major parcels: a 65 +/- acre main academic campus, and the 7 +/- acre West Parcel used by FSI for satellite parking and, by Memorandum of Agreement with Arlington County, as a public park (Figures 2 and 3). The area of the buildings on the NFATC campus now totals approximately 623,500 gross square feet. With the implementation of this Master Plan Update, the primary uses of the NFATC campus will remain unchanged. Objectives of the NFATC Master Plan Update include having the ability to:

- Provide facilities that can simultaneously support training of:
  - Foreign Service personnel and their families
  - Other DOS employees (domestic and overseas)
  - Other Federal Agency employees and U.S. military personnel
  - Government Contractors.
- Provide innovative, technology-enabled classrooms that support interactive, experiential training methodology, as well as blended and mentored e-learning.
- Provide IT facilities, equipment, and personnel space to support the increased requirements for technology based distance learning for domestic and overseas staff.
- Accommodate the planned 2020 consolidation of offsite FSI classroom training facilities from other National Capital Region locations.
- Provide additional facilities to train and support existing programs and recently levered training requirements that are driving training demand beyond current campus capacity, as well as accommodate training requirements for the increased population projected by DOS.
- Provide instructional ancillary space including testing facilities, independent and group study space, faculty/staff offices, and the necessary added facility infrastructure support.
- Provide adequate childcare, parking, student study/collaboration, and other information resources and amenities to support users of FSI services from the foreign affairs community at large. Unlike those who live or will be in an area for an extended period of time, these students come to FSI while in transition for a year or less. They are often not able to get their names on “childcare waiting lists” or to prepare properly for their assignments if there is inadequate childcare or parking while they are in FSI training.
- Maintain historic buildings and greenspace on the campus and meet historic preservation requirements.
- Comply with local, state, and federal environmental requirements, including stormwater management and energy conservation.
- Plan for expansion and renovation of campus facilities in a manner consistent with the original Master Plan (1989) and its 2005 update.
To achieve these objectives, the DOS anticipates the 2016 Master Plan Update will require phased construction of several new buildings and phased expansions to existing buildings. At this time, the general consensus is the improvements listed below are necessary. However, future improvements and future square footage needs will be identified through the NEPA process and documented in the EA.

- **Building B** - A new training/classroom building of 200,000 +/- GSF. Budgeted, funding is being requested.
- **Child Care Facility Expansion** - An addition of 10,000 GSF to the existing Child Care Facility. Budgeted and Funded.
- **Parking Structure** - A new parking structure for 700 +/- vehicles. No request for budgeting or funding at this time.
- **Building F Expansion** - A 75,000 +/- GSF expansion of Building F. No request for budgeting or funding at this time.
- **Building K Expansion** - A 12,000 +/- GSF multi-purpose space expansion of Building K. No request for budgeting or funding at this time.
- **Building K Expansion** - A 25,000 +/- GSF office/classroom expansion to Building K. No request for budgeting or funding at this time.
- **Visitor Center Expansion** - A 6,800 +/- GSF visitor processing expansion to the Visitor’s Center. No request for budgeting or funding at this time.
- **Physical Security Enhancements** - New perimeter fencing. Future planning only. No request for budgeting or funding at this time.

**Alternatives**
The EA will evaluate the impacts of up to three Development Alternatives, in addition to a No Action Alternative. The Master Plan Update will establish design and planning principles to guide the efforts associated with integrating existing and new buildings, access points and roadways, open/green space, utility systems, infrastructure, and other site elements in a sustainable way that yields a unified campus environment. Further information on alternatives considered and measures taken to avoid and minimize impacts to historic properties will be presented in a forthcoming Determination of Effect report.

**HISTORIC RESOURCES**

**Definition of the Area of Potential Effects**
The proposed APE for historic resources includes the entire 80.5-acre tract of land that was historically associated with Arlington Hall Station, which previously occupied the NFATC site. This boundary includes the entire 55+/ acre tract occupied by the NFATC main campus plus a 14.5+/- acre tract located between the NFATC main campus and the 7+/ acre NFTAC West Parcel (used for parking and a public park) that is presently utilized by the National Guard. The proposed APE is bordered by US Route 50 (Arlington Blvd.) on the north and by ca. 1940 residential developments (Barcroft and Alcova Heights) on the east, south and west (Figures 4 through 6).
Figure 5. Proposed Area of Potential Effects for historic resources on 1963 plan sheet of Arlington Hall Station, which was the base mapping used in developing the property’s National Register Boundary in 1988. The APE is commensurate with Arlington Hall Station’s National Register Boundary.
A review of the SHPO's VCRIS site shows eligible or "not evaluated" sites adjacent to the Arlington Hall Station Historic District boundary, including the National Register-eligible Barcroft Historic District, which borders the NFIATC site on the west and the unevaluated but historic-age neighborhood of Alcova Heights on the east (Figure 6). While historic resources are adjacent to the campus, it is felt the APE for historic properties should remain within the current Historic District boundary of Arlington Hall Station. Given the presence of the new Guard buildings and an arterial four-lane road (George Mason Drive), as well as the heavily landscaped and screened campus boundary, the undertaking would not have indirect effects that could affect character-defining features of adjacent historic properties.

Identification of Historic Properties
One historic property, Arlington Hall Station, is contained within the proposed APE. The property was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the Keeper of the National Register in 1988. The history of the NFAC facility has been documented in previous cultural resources reports (Brown, Eichman, et al. 1988; Metcalf and Assoc. 1988) and the Historic American Buildings Survey for Arlington Hall Station (Miller and Assoc. 1989). These studies were conducted prior to the transfer of the facility from the U.S. Army to the DOS. When Arlington Hall Station was determined eligible for listing in the NRHP in 1988, the 86.5-acre campus contained the original buildings of the Arlington Hall Junior College (1924-1942) and the buildings constructed during World War II when the federal government acquired the property to relocate the U.S. Signal Intelligence Service from Washington, DC. At the time of the determination of NRHP eligibility, the historic district contained as contributing features, all buildings, structures, and landscape features constructed prior to 1946, including all temporary, semi-permanent, and permanent World War II buildings. In 1989, GSA and DOS entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Virginia SHPO for the operational transfer of the property to DOS. Between 1989 and 2015, all World War II-era buildings were demolished and replaced with new construction (compare Figures 7 and 8). Extant contributing features to the historic district include two cottages, the meadow, the pond, bridges, the administration building, and the gymnasium.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The definition of an archaeological APE, brief land use history, and assessment of archaeological potential are included in Attachment A: Archaeological Assessment.

PROPOSED SECTION 106 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

PROPOSED LIST OF CONSULTING PARTIES
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
Arlington Historical Society
National Capital Planning Commission
National Guard Bureau
Arlington Department of Community Planning, Housing, and Development

It is anticipated that one Consulting Party Meeting will be held at the assessment of project effects stage. If the undertaking is determined to adversely affect historic properties, then additional consulting party coordination will occur, as warranted, in order to resolve adverse effects.
Figure 7: NRHP and parcel boundary circa 1988 showing Administration Building, Gymnasium, Riding Arena, and Cottages associated with Arlington Hall Junior College (1924-1942) and Operations Buildings A and B and numerous World War II-era buildings then comprising the historic district.
SECTION 106 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
As part of the EA, GSA will study the impacts of each alternative on the natural, cultural, and social environment. GSA will be consulting under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. 306108, and intends to partially fulfill the Section 106 public notification and consultation requirements through the NEPA scoping process.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING:
GSA will be holding a Public Scoping Meeting to obtain input from the public on the 2016 Master Plan Update effort. The meeting will be an informal open house where visitors may receive information on the project and provide comments to Project Team Members. Meeting information is provided below:

Date: Tuesday, July 19th
Time: 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington
4444 Arlington Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22204
WRITTEN COMMENTS:
Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments on the scoping issues in addition to or in lieu of giving their comments at the public scoping meeting. Written comments regarding the EA for the Master Plan Update for the NFATC at Arlington Hall must be postmarked or received no later than August 11, 2016 and sent to the following address:

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Attention: Ms. Alexis Gray, Project Manager
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If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Alexis Gray, NEPA Compliance Specialist. Her contact information is provided below.

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Attachment A: Archaeological Assessment
REFERENCES

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John Milner Associates, Inc.

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United States Geological Survey (USGS)
2013 Alexandria, Virginia-District of Columbia-Maryland 7.5-minute quadrangle.
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ATTACHMENT A: ARCHAELOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Archaeological Area of Potential Effects
The proposed archaeological APE is limited to those portions of NFATC not disturbed by 1991 construction activities. Aerial photographs at the time reveal that the majority of the 35.2 ha (87 ac) has been graded by heavy machinery (Figure 1). Five areas within the boundaries of the NFATC were not impacted by this activity. These areas, labeled the Meadow, East Parcel, Visitor’s Center, West Parcel, and Gymnasium Test Areas, total 3.8 ha (9.5 ac) and comprise the current archaeological APE for this project (Figure 2).
Figure 1: 1991 aerial photograph of the Project Area showing the extent of disturbance and the five areas not affected by the earth moving activity (courtesy of the National Archives). The approximate locations of the Test Areas are shown in yellow.
Figure 2: NFATC Project Area showing the locations of the test areas.
Background Research
The history of the NFATC facility has been documented in previous cultural resource reports (Brown, Eichman, et al. 1988; Metcalf and Assoc. 1988) and the Historic American Buildings Survey for Arlington Hall Station (Milner and Assoc. 1989). These studies were conducted prior to the transfer of the facility from the U.S. Army to the DOS. No archaeological surveys were conducted during this time.

An online file search for previously identified archaeological sites and previous cultural resource surveys within a 1.6 km (1.0 mi) radius of the current archaeological APE was conducted utilizing the VDHR Virginia Cultural Resource Information System (VCRIS). No archaeological sites have been identified and no archaeological surveys have been conducted within the boundaries of the NFATC.

Two prehistoric archaeological sites have been identified within the 1.6 km (1.0 mi) radius. Site 44AR0015 is an open air quarry site with an unknown prehistoric affiliation. The site, located on the banks of Four Mile Run, exploited quartz and quartzite cobbles eroding out of the banks. The site was recorded in 1982 and has not been evaluated for NR status. Site 44AR0040 is an open air lithic workshop of unknown prehistoric affiliation. The site was identified in 1972 by the landowner and consisted of quartzite flakes and cores. This site has not been evaluated for NR status.

Three Phase I archaeological surveys were completed within a 1.6 km (1.0 mi) radius of the Project Area, DHR Survey Report numbers AR-018, AR-071 and AR-076. Survey AR-018 was conducted approximately 0.8 km (0.5 mi) slightly northwest of the Project Area. Survey AR-071 lies directly east of the Project Area. The majority of this survey lies within the 1.6 km radius, however, the eastern edge lies without. Survey AR-076 lies northeast of the Project Area, greater than 1.6 km from the Project Area. No sites were identified during these surveys.

Review of Aerial Photographs
Aerial photographs taken between 1937 and 1984 were examined to record the historic/modern evolution of the APE (Figure 3-Figure 11).

Meadow Test Area
Beginning in the north, the Meadow Test Area appears to have changed the least since 1937. An aerial photograph that originally appeared in the 1937 brochure for Arlington Hall Junior College includes the eastern portion of the test area. A pond is visible in the southeast quarter, although it appears to be dry. A 1945 photograph depicts the entire facility and shows two buildings at the northern end of the test area. The pond is no longer extant. Asphalt walking paths are located along the northern edge of the area and bisecting the test area from the buildings at the north end to the road at the south end. A third building was located is the northeast corner of the test area, with a garden to the immediate west. The area was populated with mature trees, which are more numerous to the west. By 1949, all of the buildings and paths are still present; however the garden does not appear to be present. A third path connects two roads at the southern end of the test area. The next available aerial photograph was made in 1957. By this time several changes had been made to the Meadow Test Area. The three buildings are present; however, new pathways and roads appear throughout. The 1962 photograph shows little change, with the exception of possible earth moving activity in the southern portion of the test area. No changes are evident in the 1967 or 1969 photographs. By 1974, the building in the northeast corner of the test area has been razed and several mounds of soil are present. The two buildings in the north central portion have been surrounded by an asphalt parking area. All of the paths are still present. Few changes are evident in the 1989 photograph. The tree cover has increased and much of the formerly bare soil is now covered with
grass or low vegetation. The Meadow Test Area was not impacted by the 1991 construction project that leveled much of the facility.

**East Parcel Test Area**
The East Parcel Test Area is located in an area where several rectangular buildings, used as barracks and later office space, were situated in 1945, 1949, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1969, and 1974. The buildings had been razed by 1980 and replaced by grass. It is the same in the 1989 photograph. The East Parcel Test Area was not impacted by the 1991 construction project that leveled much of the facility.

**Visitor’s Center Test Area**
The Visitor’s Center Test Area is located in a portion of the facility that has been greatly modified since 1945. In 1945, the test area included a rectangular building along its northern boundary. The southeastern portion was tree covered and what appears to be an unpaved road runs southwest to northeast through the test area. The visible portions of the ground surface are covered with sparse grass. No changes are evident in the 1949 photograph; however the road appears to have been paved. By 1957, the test area shows little change. The area to the southeast has been graded. The 1962 photograph shows construction activity in the southeast portion of the test area. No other changes are evident. Changes in the 1967, 1969, 1974, 1980, and 1989 photographs include the removal of trees in the southeast corner and the encroaching of the parking areas into the test area. The Visitor’s Center Test Area was not impacted by the 1991 construction project that leveled much of the facility.

**West Parcel Test Area**
The West Parcel area is located to the west of South George Mason Drive, outside of the secure area of the facility. The area has traditionally been used by facility personnel and the general public as a park with sports fields. In 1945 and 1949 a baseball field was located in the northern half of the test area and a rectangular building was present in the southeast corner. The rest of the test area was tree covered. This portion of the facility is not visible on the 1957 aerial photographs. By 1962, an unpaved road cuts through the center of the test area and most of the trees had been removed. In 1967, the central portion of the test area is an unpaved parking lot. Portions of the parking area appear to have been paved by 1974. No other changes are evident in the historic photographs. The West Parcel Test Area was not impacted by the 1991 construction project that leveled much of the facility.

**Gymnasium Test Area**
The Gymnasium Test Area is located between the two buildings remaining from the Arlington Hall Junior College, the Gymnasium and Arlington Hall. In 1945, the area is tree covered but several paths are visible. The area remains essentially unchanged until the present when the paved roads that traversed the test area had been removed. The Gymnasium Test Area was not impacted by the 1991 construction project that leveled much of the facility.

**Review of Historic Maps**
USGS topographic quadrangles for the project area are available beginning in 1900. No development is shown on the 1900 Washington, Maryland 15-minute quadrangle (USGS 1900). The next available quadrangle is the 1945 Alexandria, Virginia 7.5-minute. This map, a 1941-42 revision of a 1913-1915 edition, shows the original, still extant, college buildings and the facility road network. This was prior to the Army’s acquisition of the property. The 1951 map includes the two large multi-winged buildings constructed by the Army during World War II. The 1956 quadrangle depicts the entire complex as it was drawn from 1955 aerial photographs. No changes are evident on the 1965 quadrangle. New
buildings are shown in the eastern and western portions of the facility on the 1983 photorevised 1965 quadrangle. No new editions of this quadrangle were produced until 2011 when aerial photographs were layered over the topographic information.

Figure 3: 1945 aerial photograph showing the historic building locations in relation to the test areas (U.S. Army 1945).
Figure 4: 1949 aerial photograph showing the historic building locations in relation to the test areas (arlgis 2014).
Figure 5: 1957 aerial photograph showing the historic building locations in relation to the test areas (arlics 2014).
Figure 6: 1962 aerial photograph showing the historic building locations in relation to the test areas (arlgis 2014).
Figure 7: 1967 aerial photograph showing the historic building locations in relation to the test areas (arligs 2014).
Figure 8: 1969 aerial photograph showing the historic building locations in relation to the test areas (arlgis 2014).
Figure 9: 1974 aerial photograph showing the historic building locations in relation to the test areas (arlgis 2014).
Figure 10: 1980 aerial photograph showing the historic building locations in relation to the test areas (arligis 2014).
Figure 11: 1989 aerial photograph showing the historic building locations in relation to the test areas (arligis 2014).
Field View
A field view of the NFATC Project Area was conducted on November 5, 2014. The entire 35.2 ha (87 ac) Project Area was examined by pedestrian reconnaissance and five areas, those determined through an examination of historic documentation to be still undisturbed following 1991 construction activities (see Figure 1), were examined by the excavation of 16 shovel test probes (STPs), excavated to determine the extent of ground disturbance (see Figure 2). The results of the pedestrian reconnaissance and the STPs are discussed below. Soils in the Project Area are classified as Sassafras-Urban land-Neabsco complex, 0-3 percent slopes. This complex is found on hills on coastal plains. Sassafras soil is described as well-drained, with no flood hazard. Urban land includes land that has been developed or otherwise disturbed. Neabsco soil is described as moderately well-drained with no flooding hazard (NRCS 2014).

Meadow Test Area
The Meadow Test Area is located in the northern portion of the Project Area and measures approximately 2.6 ha (6.5 ac). It is bounded on the north, west and south by the boundary road, and on the east southeast by areas of new construction. The southeastern portion of the test area is the former pond site shown in photographs of Arlington Hall Junior College. The pond was not present in the 1945 aerial photograph. Aerial photographs show the pond location to contain more vegetation that the surrounding areas. The pond was fed by Doctors Branch and the area is currently low-lying and wetter than the surrounding areas of higher elevation. The southwestern portions of the test area are steeply sloped and consist of areas disturbed by storm drains. Other disturbances observed in the test area include portions of old roads and the remnants of a concrete wall (Figure 12-Figure 17).

Eight STPs were advantageously placed within the test area in an attempt to identify areas of intact, undisturbed soil stratigraphy (Figure 18). STPs were excavated to a maximum depth of 28 cm (11 in) below ground surface. STPs 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 appear to contain intact, undisturbed soils. STPs 3, 5, and 7 contain disturbed soils including, recently added topsoil and hydric soils, gravel filled soil in STPs 5 and 7, which were located near a storm sewer. Based on the results of the background research, as well as the field investigation confirming areas where intact soil horizons are present, Phase I archaeological survey is recommended in the Meadow Test Area prior to any proposed new construction/development activities.
Figure 12: Eastern portion of the Meadow Test Area, facing south toward Arlington Hall toward the former pond location.

Figure 13: Old road right-of-way in eastern portion of the Meadow Test Area, facing north.
Figure 14: Section of concrete retaining wall observed in north central portion of the Meadow Test Area, facing northeast.

Figure 15: Western portion of the Meadow Test Area, facing south.
Figure 16: Asphalt walking path bisecting the Meadow Test Area, facing north.

Figure 17: Former pond location in the south central portion of the Meadow Test Area, facing west southwest.
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Figure 18: Aerial photograph of the Meadow Test Area showing the locations of STPs and featured photographs.
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**East Parcel Test Area**

The East Parcel Test Area is located between parking lots along the eastern edge of the NFATC (see Figure 2). The small, rectangular shaped test area measures approximately 0.6 ha (0.4 ac). Vegetation in the test area consists of landscaped lawn and mature trees. Disturbances observed in the test area include buried utilities, storm drains, and slope (Figure 19-Figure 20).

Based on an analysis of historic aerial images and the disturbances observed during the pedestrian reconnaissance, no portion of the East Parcel Test Area was considered to contain intact soil horizons suitable for subsurface testing. Proposed development in the East Parcel Test Area should have no impact to significant archaeological materials eligible for listing on the NRHP and no further field investigations are recommended (Figure 21).
Figure 20: The Eastern Parcel Test Area, facing east-northeast from the western edge of the test area.
Figure 21: Aerial photograph of the East Test Area showing the locations of featured photographs.
Visitor’s Center Test Area
The Visitor’s Center Test Area is located in the southern portion of the NFATC, west of the eastern parking lots and east of the visitor’s center (see Figure 2). It is bounded on the north by a steep slope, with retaining walls and on the south by the boundary road, the area measures approximately 0.28 ha (0.69 ac). The central part of the test area consists of a landscaped lawn with several mature trees scattered throughout. Several benches and picnic tables are also located within the test area. Disturbances observed in the test area include moderate landscaping and the permanently installed benches (Figure 22 and Figure 23).

The central portion of the test area was considered to be suitable for subsurface testing. Two STPs were advantageously placed within the test area in an attempt to identify areas of intact, undisturbed soil stratigraphy (Figure 24). STPs were excavated to a maximum depth of 20 cm (8 in) below ground surface. STP 15 was placed in the north central portion of the test area, in the area of mature trees. This STP appears to contain fill. STP 16, placed in the south central portion of the test area, appears to contain intact, undisturbed soils. Based on the results of the background research, as well as a pedestrian reconnaissance confirming areas where intact soil horizons are present, Phase I archaeological testing may be warranted prior to new construction or development activities.

Figure 22: The eastern portion of the Visitor’s Center Test Area, facing east-northeast.
Figure 23: The western portion of the Visitor’s Center Test Area, facing west.
Figure 24: The Visitor’s Center Test Area showing the location of excavated STPs and featured photographs.
West Parcel Test Area
The West Parcel Test Area is located at the western edge of the NFATC facility (see Figure 2). It is bounded on the east by S. George Mason Drive; and on the south, west, and north by a modern housing development. The test area measures approximately 2.6 ha (6.4 ac) and includes a soccer field in the northwestern portion and a parking lot in the center. The remainder of the test area is made up of landscaped lawn and sparse mature trees (Figure 25-28). The majority of the test area has been graded or paved.

Four STPs were advantageously placed in the West Parcel Test Area in an attempt to identify areas of intact, undisturbed soil stratigraphy (Figure 29). STPs were excavated to a maximum depth of 10 cm (4 in) below ground surface before compact fill was encountered. Only STP 9 appeared to contain intact, undisturbed soils. The northwest corner of the area appears to be suitable for subsurface testing. This portion of the test area measures approximately 0.17 ha (0.42 ac). Based on the results of the background research, as well as a pedestrian reconnaissance confirming areas of intact soil horizons, Phase I archaeological testing may be warranted in the northwest portion of the West Parcel Test Area prior to new construction or development activities.

Figure 25: The southeastern portion of the West Parcel Test Area, facing west-northwest from the underpass walkway.
Figure 26: The southeastern portion of the West Parcel Test Area, facing east-northeast.

Figure 27: The western portion of the West Parcel Test Area, facing south from the edge of the soccer field.
Figure 28: The southwestern portion of the West Parcel Test Area, facing southeast.
Figure 29: Aerial photograph of the West Parcel Test Area, showing the location of excavated STPs and featured photographs.
Gymnasium Test Area
The Gymnasium Test Area is located in the center of the NFATC facility and is comprised of the lawn between Arlington Hall and the gymnasium. The test area consists of a landscaped lawn and measures approximately 0.58 ha (1.4 ac) (Figure 30-Figure 33). An asphalt path connects Arlington Hall and the Gymnasium and the test area contains several underground utilities (Figure 33).

Two STPs were advantageously placed in the West Parcel Test Area in an attempt to identify areas of intact, undisturbed soil stratigraphy (Figure 34). STPs were excavated to a maximum depth of 15 cm (5.9 in) below ground surface. One of the two STPs, located in the northwest portion of the test area appears to contain intact, undisturbed soils. Based on the results of the background research, as well as a pedestrian reconnaissance confirming areas where intact soil horizons are present, Phase I archaeological survey may be warranted in the Gymnasium Test Area prior to new construction or development activities.

Figure 30: The Gymnasium Test Area, facing north.
Figure 31: The Gymnasium Test Area, facing north-northwest.

Figure 32: The Gymnasium Test Area, facing southeast.
Figure 33: Asphalt paths in the Gymnasium Test Area, facing east. Note the patched asphalt and manhole plate indicating the locations of underground utilities.
Figure 34: Aerial photograph of the Gymnasium Test Area, showing the locations of excavated STPs and featured photographs.
Archaeological Research Expectations
An online file search for previously identified archaeological sites utilizing the VDHR Virginia Cultural Resource Information System (VCRIS) indicated that no archaeological sites have been identified within the Project Area. An examination of historic aerial photographs and historic mapping revealed that there was little development within the Project Area prior to the construction of Arlington Hall Junior College in the 1920s. The development increased when the property was acquired by the U.S. Army in 1942. The Project Area saw major construction projects throughout World War II and the Cold War years. By the late 1980s the majority of the acreage was built on or was paved for parking. After the facility was acquired by DOS in the late 1980s, another major redevelopment project required large portions of the facility to be graded for new construction (see Figure 2).

Based on this history, NFATC has been the locus of numerous episodes of development and redevelopment, resulting in a significant extent of the natural soil horizons contained in the 72 acre facility, having been disturbed or altered. This modification of the soils has compromised the potential for identifying archaeological materials. Further, any archaeological materials that might be present would exist within a disturbed context, reducing their research potential and rendering them ineligible for nomination to the NRHP. Based on archival research, and the November 2014 pedestrian reconnaissance, four minor portions of the facility, totaling 9.5 acres, may contain pockets of intact soil horizons with the potential for containing archaeological materials. It is recommended, that development in the greater facility be considered in terms of impacts to these limited areas of preserved soils. Further, prior to any construction in these areas, a program of Phase I archaeological testing should be considered to fully investigate the potential for prehistoric or historic archaeological deposits.
REFERENCES

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July 28, 2016

U.S. General Services Administration
National Capital Region
Attention: Ms. Alexis Gray, Project Manager
301 7th Street, SW, Room 4004
Washington, D.C. 20407

Re: Environmental Assessment
George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Security Training Center Master Plan Update
Arlington, Virginia
DHR File No. 2016-0732

Dear Ms. Gray:

Thank you for your letter of June 29, 2016 notifying the Department of Historic Resources as Virginia’s State Historic Preservation Office that the Department of State (DOS) is updating its Master Plan for the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Security Training Center at Arlington Hall in Arlington. As part of the Master Plan Update the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA, on behalf of DOS, is preparing an environmental Assessment and plans to coordinate the Section 106 review process pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.8 with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. Based upon the information provided, we offer the following comments;

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If you have any questions concerning our comments, or if we may provide any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me) at (804) 482-6088

Sincerely,

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November 22, 2011

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Reference  
Potential Section 106 Consulting Party  
Land Acquisition and Development  
Department of State Foreign Affairs Security Training Center  
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Chief Walt Brown
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Chief Lynette Lewis Allston
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Capron, VA 23829

Reference
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Land Acquisition and Development
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Fort Pickett, Nottoway County, Virginia

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Chief Robert Green
Patawomeck Indian Tribe
534 Fagan Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Reference
Potential Section 106 Consulting Party
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Department of State Foreign Affairs Security Training Center
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Kirsten Brinker Kulis – Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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Chief Bill Harris  
Catawba Indian Nation  
996 Avenue of the Nations  
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Reference  
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Land Acquisition and Development  
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Dr. Wenonah G. Haire  
Catawba Cultural Preservation Project  
1536 Tom Steven Road  
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Reference  
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Land Acquisition and Development  
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Kirsten Brinker Kulis – Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
November 22, 2011

Mr. Michell Hicks  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
PO Box 455  
Cherokee, NC 28719

Reference  
Potential Section 106 Consulting Party  
Land Acquisition and Development  
Department of State Foreign Affairs Security Training Center  
Fort Pickett, Nottoway County, Virginia

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Tahlequah, OK 74464

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Land Acquisition and Development
Department of State Foreign Affairs Security Training Center
Fort Pickett, Nottoway County, Virginia

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Chief Leo R. Henry  
Tuscarora Nation of New York  
2006 Mt. Hope Road  
Lewiston, NY 14092

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Land Acquisition and Development  
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Mr. Ronald Roark
Nottoway County
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PO Box 92
Nottoway, VA 23955

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Potential Section 106 Consulting Party
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Fort Pickett, Nottoway County, Virginia

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Mr. W. Kevin Massengill
Dinwiddie County
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Dinwiddie, VA 23841

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Town of Blackstone
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Blackstone, VA 23824

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