INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Gaithersburg NIKE Launch Site
Survey Number: M 21-187

Project: Master Plan Review, Section 110 review of doe
Agency: NIST/Commerce

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _________________ Date _________________

Eligibility recommended ____ Eligibility not recommended ___

Criteria: _A _B _C _D Considerations: _A _B _C _D _E _F _G _X None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
The Gaithersburg NIKE Launch Site is located at 770 Muddy Branch Road. This complex of 10 buildings operated as a Ajax missile launch site from 1955 to 1963. Consisting of concrete buildings of one and two stories, the architectural complex displays little ornamentation. Common NIKE buildings including a barracks, kennel, launch pads, storage buildings exist on site. However, compared to other similar sites, the Gaithersburg facility is small and does not have some of the standard buildings such as administration and operations. Twelve buildings have been built on site since the Army transferred the site in 1972. The existing NIKE buildings have undergone alterations such as window/door replacement or removal, interior modifications and equipment removal. Coupled with the site changes, the integrity of the buildings is sufficiently reduced to exclude them from National Register eligibility.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Annex, Supporting Photographic Documentation and DOE

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Lauren Bowlin Nov. 4, 1998
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program __________ Date
MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- *x* Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland ( Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- *x* Modern Period A.D. 1870-1930
- Unknown Period ( _ prehistoric ___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- *x* Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: __*buildings__

Historic Environment: __*suburban__

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): _military defense, missile launch site_

Known Design Source: ______________________________________________________________________
Figure 1: Location Map