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SUBJECT:

**HPO Project Number 07-0835** 

Fort Monmouth, Monmouth County, Oceanport Borough

Phase II Archaeological Investigation of Site 28-MO-386 (VSR-2)

Reference:

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey letter dated 28 September 2016, Subject: Monmouth County, Oceanport Borough, Phase II

September 2016, Subject: Monmouth County, Oceanport Borough, Phase II Archaeological Investigation of Site 28-MO-386, Fort Monmouth, United States

Department of the Army.

Dear Mr. West-Rosenthal:

Thank you for discussing the referenced letter with me yesterday. The letter notified the Army of the new SHPO opinion that the western locus of the subject site was eligible for inclusion on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. The letter also stated that, in accordance with the 2009 Programmatic Agreement between the Army and the HPO, it is necessary for the Army to execute Stipulations ID, IE, and IF of the Programmatic Agreement.

The Army has addressed the four items identified in the referenced letter concerning the Subject site:

- The HPO requested a digital copy of the final report for the subject investigation on a CD.
   The requested CD is included with this correspondence.
- Stipulation ID of the Programmatic Agreement has been fulfilled. Please see Attachment
   1 (Quitclaim Deed for the transfer of Fort Monmouth by the Army to the State of New
   Jersey Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority). The archaeological covenant
   regarding the subject site is on Page 8, Section 7.
- 3. Stipulation IE of the Programmatic Agreement states "With completion of identification efforts for VSR-2, all archaeological identification efforts for this undertaking are complete." With the submission of this letter, CD, and two attachments, the Army has completed the identification efforts for VSR-2 and all archaeological identification efforts for this undertaking are complete.

4. Stipulation 1F of the Programmatic Agreement has been fulfilled. Please see Attachment 2 (Memorandum of Understanding for the Transfer of Ownership of Archaeological Collections Between the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey and the U.S. Army Garrison, Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey).

I would appreciate confirmation that: 1) this letter, the two attachments, and the CD have been received; 2) there are no further actions required by the Army in regard to the archaeological stipulations in the 2009 Programmatic Agreement; 3) only the Western Locus of the subject site was found by the SHPO to be eligible for inclusion on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places; and 4) if maintenance or construction activities are necessary near the subject site, only the Western Locus of VSR-2 needs to be addressed in a protection plan (i.e., the Middle Portion and Eastern Locus require no protective measures and can be used or modified without restriction).

Thank you for your assistance and consultation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: 1 CD & 2 Attachments

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