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Ms. Elizabeth Johnson  
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Enclosed is one copy of a draft report that describes cultural resource investigations and background research conducted for the proposed extension of Interstate 526 in Charleston County. This report was compiled as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is being prepared for the project.

An intensive historic architectural resources survey of the project’s Area of Potential Effects (APE) was conducted in May 2009. Thirteen newly surveyed resources (5726-5737) were identified as part of the study. Of these resources, the Caretaker’s House at the Dill Sanctuary, Resource Number 5737, is the only property recommended eligible (as a contributing property) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The report also includes an assessment of effect for each of the seven Reasonable Alternatives. The following historic properties may be affected by the proposed project:

- The Fenwick Hall Historic District would be adversely affected by Alternatives A,C,D,E, F, and G through right-of-way acquisition and construction activities.
- The proposed Dill Historic District would be adversely impacted by Alternatives A and B through right-of-way acquisition and construction activities.
- Murray-LaSaine Elementary would be impacted by Alternative F through right-of-way acquisition. However, the impacts are not anticipated to cause adverse effects due to the minimal amount of right-of-way that would be required.

Additional cultural resource investigations (e.g. archaeological survey), assessments of effect, and consultation with your office will take place upon the selection of a Preferred Alternative.
In accordance with the memorandum of agreement approved by the Federal Highway Administration, March 16, 1993, the Department is providing this information as agency official designee, as defined under 36 CFR 800.2, to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

It is requested that you review the enclosed material and, if appropriate, indicate your concurrence in the Department's findings.

Sincerely,

Chad C. Long
Archaeologist

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Enclosures (2)

I ( ) concur in the above determination.

Signed:  
Date: 1/6/10

cc: Patrick Tyndall, FHWA