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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mr. David Fowler
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Re: GA D.O.T. Fort Attaway Narrative Denounces Rome's Historians' Work

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Thank you for providing me with a copy of Mark Grindstaff's November 21, 2003 report. I take my historical research and writing very seriously and I stand by my conclusions and my article. As I have explained before, I represent D.O.T. and I am doing legal work in connection with the acquisition of the right of way for the improvement of Highway 27. Therefore, I cannot give you legal advice nor take action contrary to the interests of my client. If for any reason I am called on to provide information as a historian, rather than to act as an attorney, I will of course present information as accurately as I possibly can.

Sincerely,



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cc: Pam Digsby, GA Department of Transportation