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Dear Ms. Fowler:

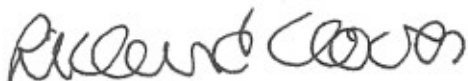
This letter confirms that, in our opinion, the historic property known as Fort Attaway in Rome, Floyd County, Georgia, meets the eligibility criteria for the National Register of Historic Places.

This historic fortification has been documented by the Georgia Department of Transportation as part of Section 106 compliance for a proposed road widening, bridge replacement, and railroad relocation project in the vicinity. Documentation including historical research and site investigation has been compiled and reviewed by archaeologists and historians at the Georgia Department of Transportation and our office. Supplementary documentation has been compiled by the Fort Attaway Preservation Society.

Fort Attaway meets National Register criteria A, C, and D as an excellent local example of a Civil War-era fortification, for its direct associations with local events and activities related to the Civil War, and for its potential to yield additional information through further archaeological investigation about the engineering, construction, use, and occupation of the fortification during the Civil War.

Please feel free to contact me by telephone at 404-651-5983 or by e-mail at [richard\\_cloues@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:richard_cloues@dnr.state.ga.us) if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Richard Cloues  
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From: Richard Cloues  
 To: "Mark.Grindstaff@dot.state.ga.us".GWNOGWIA.GWNO-DO  
 Date: 7/8/02 9:11AM  
 Subject: Re: Fort Attaway

Mark:

As we discussed at our meeting last Wednesday, our office has reviewed your June 19 e-mail regarding the eligibility and boundaries of Fort Attaway.

To recap:

We continue to believe that the fort is eligible as a historic structure as well as an archaeological site. Site boundaries identified through archaeological investigations help in setting the National Register boundaries for the fort, but we believe that additional land comprising the immediate historic setting of the fort also should be included because of the integral relationship between the fort structure and its location on the side of the hill overlooking the valley. Regarding the north and east boundaries, we believe that the north boundary should extend to the railroad and the east boundary should extend to at least the top of the quarry. We understand the south and west boundaries are not clear because of new development but that these boundaries are not critical to the project.

We continue to encourage DOT to investigate alternatives that would minimize or avoid encroachment on the historic fort. These include detouring rail traffic during construction, building a temporary railroad bypass just north of the existing railroad during construction, or shifting the new alignment slightly north of the existing alignment.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on this challenging project.

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>>> <Mark.Grindstaff@dot.state.ga.us> 06/19/02 04:14PM >>>  
 Hi Richard:

Please find attached our comments on your previous message regarding the historic boundary of Fort Attaway. Thanks for giving us the chance to respond.

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