GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
OFFICE OF PLANNING

October 27, 2003

Kathleen Padian
Director of Development
St. Coletta of Greater Washington, Inc.
207 South Peyton Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Ms. Padian,

I am writing in response to your October 21, 2003 letter regarding St. Coletta's future facility planned for the corner of 19th Street and Independence Avenue, SE, located within Federal Reservation 13.

Indeed, the site is not located in a historic district, nor does it border any listed historic properties or historic districts (at present, the Capitol Hill Historic District's eastern-most boundary extends to and includes the 1300 block of Independence Avenue). Thus, Historic Preservation Review Board review is not required as the project is not subject to the DC Preservation Law. As you may be aware, the DC Preservation Law protects all properties listed in the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and mandates review of permit applications by the Historic Preservation Review Board for historic compatibility prior to issuance.

The Historic Preservation Office's only requirement regarding this project is the phase one archaeological survey of the site, which has been completed. Of course, the staff is always available to review and comment on issues of historic preservation and compatibility to our colleagues within the Office of Planning, particularly on projects having a significant affect on Washington's built environment.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Burcham
State Historic Preservation Officer
Associate Director, Historic Preservation Office

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October 28, 2003

Ms. Kathleen Padian
Director of Development
St. Coletta of Greater Washington
207 South Peyton Street
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Dear Ms. Padian:

This letter is to notify you that we have completed our review of the Draft Phase I Archaeological Investigations for the Proposed St. Coletta of Greater Washington Facility and we agree with the findings that, although some parts of the foundation of the historic D.C. Jail were uncovered, it is no longer intact and there are no resources related to it that remain. Any additional excavation of this foundation will not reveal information concerning the characteristics of a "type, period, or method of construction" or "likely to yield information to contribute to our understanding of human history or prehistory". These are the National Register Criteria C and D, under which we evaluated the significance of this archaeological resource. Therefore your responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act have been concluded.

We will be sending you, under separate cover, our comments on the report. These comments are mainly editorial and should be incorporated into the final report.

If you have any further questions, or comments, please talk with Nancy Kassner of my staff. She can be reached at (202) 442 – 8843, or, nancy.kassner@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Lisa Burcham,
State Historic Preservation Officer

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