

Hampton, Virginia  
June 30, 1976

Mr. Robert Swisher  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, VA. 23072

Dear Mr. Swisher:

Enclosed is a brief proposal for an archeological survey of the section of "Kings Road" which will be disturbed by the construction of the NASA Refuse-Fired Steam Generating Plant. Total costs are estimated to be \$987.00 for a ten week effort commencing August 1, 1976. This proposal has been reviewed by Mr. James Parker, who Dr. Kelso proposed as the field archeologist for the project, and found to be acceptable to him.

It is my impression that if the proposal is acceptable to the VHLC you will notify NASA and they will arrange the funding. I am sending an information copy of this letter and the proposal to Mr. Herb Greene of the NASA project office.

If any questions should arise regarding this proposal, please contact me at work (827-3066) or at home (642-5875).

Sincerely yours,



Franklin H. Farmer,  
President, LRC Historical and  
Archeological Society

Enclosure (1)



PROPOSAL FOR AN ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF A SECTION  
OF "KINGS ROAD"

I - INTRODUCTION: In late 1976, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will begin construction of a refuse-fired steam generating plant on its property on Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. The construction process will result in the destruction or extensive disturbance of approximately 600 feet of "Kings Road", an early colonial road in the area. The location of the road in relation to the proposed construction is shown on the attached map. This proposal delineates the approach, schedule, manpower and cost involved in an archeological survey of the road by the LRC Historical and Archeological Society (henceforth called "the Society").

II - APPROACH: Since the road's drainage ditches have the greatest potential for archeological importance, these areas will receive the most attention. It is proposed that exploratory cross trenches, 2 feet in width, be dug across the drainage ditches at 100 ft. intervals along this 600 ft. section of the road. In addition, it is proposed that at two locations (to be determined after the ditch trenches are complete) the trenches be extended completely across the roadway, a distance of approximately forty feet. The excavation will be directed by a graduate archeologist (contract), with the field and conservation labor being provided by the Society. The processing of the artifacts from the excavations will be carried out in the Society's archeology laboratory in Bldg. 1159 on the Langley Research Center. The report of the survey will be the joint responsibility of the archeologist and the Society.

III - SCHEDULE: In keeping with the schedule NASA has established for site

preparation, it is proposed that the excavation will require six weeks, beginning on or about August 1, 1976. An additional month for artifact processing and reporting will be required.

#### IV - MANPOWER.

This effort would require approximately 100 hours of effort by the professional archeologist and 300 hours of labor by Society members, with 60% being applied to excavation and the remainder to artifact processing and report writing.

#### V - COSTS.

Manpower - Field Archeologist @ 4.62/hour for 100 hours	\$462.
Society labor - No cost	\$000.
Equipment - Field (for a crew of four): to include 2 wheel-barrows, 4 shovels, 5 trowels, wisk brooms, axe, pick, buckets, dustpans, drafting and measuring equipment, bags, tags, etc.	\$400.
Laboratory: Film (photographic), film processing, hot plates, chemicals, storage containers, record books, and misc.	\$125.
TOTAL	<u>\$987.</u>