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MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara Judy, Superintendent, JICA
From: David W. Morgan, Director, SEAC
RE: summary of archeological resource status at JICA

I thought it might be helpful for me to give you an overview of six key items as you settle into your post as superintendent at JICA:

- 1) the status of the parks' baseline archeological documentation,
- 2) an overview of major work SEAC has conducted at the parks recently,
- 3) a snapshot of what SEAC holds for each park in our capacity as the regional repository for archeological materials,
- 4) status of Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) issues at the parks,
- 5) major interpretive efforts conducted by SEAC on behalf of the park, and
- 6) status of looting or other incidents subject to documentation and/or prosecution under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act.

First, JICA has not had an archeological overview and assessment (O&A) report prepared for the park. The O&A serves as an essential baseline document that provides a compendium of known

site summaries and a review of past archeological studies. These previous studies are evaluated for adherence to current standards, and the O&A is used to generate electronic base maps of previous archeological investigations, historic plats, and similar data. Besides being a compilation of current archeological knowledge for the park units, the O&A provides recommendations for future archeological research and historical studies. Preparation of O&A reports is one of the services regularly undertaken by the staff of SEAC's Regionwide Archeological Survey Program (RASP), which is managed by Dr. Guy Prentice (850-580-8424). He is your main point of contact for O&As, as well as other National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 110 inventory and assessment issues.

As the RASP Program Manager, Prentice also serves as the SER's Regional Archeological Site Management Information System (ASMIS) database coordinator, and also oversees the development of SEAC's archeological GIS base map system. These data are being made available as secured web-based server applications to appropriate park staff. At JICA, Kate Funk has been given access to both the GIS web viewer and ASMIS database, and Amy Hite has been given access to the GIS web viewer. If you want to personally have access to the on-line ASMIS database or GIS web viewer, please email your request to Prentice (guy_prentice@nps.gov) along with the phone number you wish to have entered as part of the contact information that is required with every ASMIS access account.

Second, SEAC has a long track record of working in close collaboration with JICA. Just last summer Prentice led an archeological survey at the park using ground penetrating radar and magnetometer equipment to search for potentially significant archeological resources that may be impacted by ground surface erosion around the Clark House at the Carter Boyhood Farm. At the park's request the geophysical survey was expanded to also include a large portion of the athletic fields at Plains High School. The results of the survey are still being evaluated with a final report planned for completion this fiscal year. It is also worth noting that Prentice has personally contributed to the park's requirement to perform regular inspections of its archeological sites to ensure they are in stable condition. The last documented site condition inspections, conducted in the park by Prentice in 2013 identified erosion as a potential problem at the Carter Boyhood Farm, which prompted the geophysical survey in 2014.

Additionally, SEAC continues to provide support for NHPA Section 106 compliance issues as necessary for JICA, and SEAC serves as the Section 106 Cultural Resources advisor for the park

in PEPC. Section 106 field research and documentation were conducted on the park's behalf in FY 2009, 2011, and 2013, which resulted in the following reports on file at JICA and SEAC:

- *Subsurface and Geophysical Survey at the Plains High School Agricultural Building*
- *Archeological Monitoring During the Excavation of a Utility Line at Plains High School*
- *Archeological Testing of Property East of the Main Entrance of the Boyhood Farm*

A full list of compliance-related projects is available on request. I do note, however, that we have not been tasked with reviewing planned projects in PEPC for JICA since 2013. You may wish to visit with SEAC staff about how we can continue to provide assistance to the park by reviewing planned projects in PEPC. Please contact Mr. John Cornelison (850-580-8427), NHPA Section 106 Compliance Program Manager, for further details.

Third, SEAC manages approximately 6 cubic feet of archeological artifacts and just over 3 linear feet of archeological project records from JICA from 11 accessions. These accessions consist of archeological collections resulting from archeological projects that have taken place in the park, and include both artifacts and archeological project records. SEAC serves as SER's archeological repository, and park superintendents loan archeological museum collections to SEAC for long-term curation. The materials are available to you anytime for use, exhibition, interpretation, or other needs. Meanwhile, SEAC provides cataloging, security, a proper storage environment for preventive conservation, and access to all park collections by approved researchers. Collection condition surveys have been performed at SEAC by professional conservators during the last decade for paper, photographs, metal, glass, ceramic, and organic artifacts for all the park collections housed under our stewardship. Please contact Mr. Richard Vernon, SEAC Curator (850-580-8445), if you have any collections questions or need assistance.

Fourth, there are no outstanding NAGPRA concerns of which we are aware. There are no human remains, associated funerary objects, or unassociated funerary objects in our collections from your park. Dr. Margo Schwadron (850-580-8458) is the regional NAGPRA coordinator, and is available to assist you with any NAGPRA concerns, spanning creation of plans of action to inadvertent discoveries to consultation.

Fifth, another facet of the services we provide parks deals with interpretation. SEAC maintains a strong commitment to public outreach, education, and partnerships. SEAC's Dr. Meredith Hardy

(850-580-8428) coordinates the overall public outreach effort, and Dr. Mike Russo (850-580-8464) is in charge of the National Historic Landmarks and External Contracts Program here at SEAC. We work with parks to see that your data are available to both professional and public audiences, so that the parks can use archeological information to bolster, expand, and reinforce their own public outreach efforts. SEAC achieves this through traditional methods, such as formal reports, but also through a variety of other approaches, including archeologically-informed art, interpretive media like wayside content, presentations, the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program, and publications for a general audience. SEAC also has a strong social media presence, which we use to increase visibility of parks with respect to archeological interpretation.

Sixth and lastly, although JICA has yet to suffer from any known cases of illegal metal detector relic hunting or other form of looting, SEAC staff also have a long history of assisting parks in conducting Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA) crime scene investigations. Our staff remains at the ready to assist the park in these prosecutorial undertakings and associated documentation requirements if the need should arise. Additionally, there are no outstanding ARPA permits issued for non-NPS archeological investigations at the park.

I hope this serves as an useful summary of ongoing or recent archeology-related resources activities at JICA, and of the archeological resources available to you here at SEAC. Of course you should feel free to contact me directly, in addition to my staff listed above, if we may be of assistance.

/s/ David W. Morgan, Ph.D.
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