INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Pomonkey Nike Missile Site Survey Number: CH-676

Project: Underground Storage Tank Removal Agency: F/Army

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Pomonkey Nike Missile Battery was one of 21 batteries constructed during the Cold War to defend Washington D.C. Established in 1955, the Pomonkey site consisted of the three typical components of the battery: launch area, control area and housing compound. The launch area included such structures and buildings as underground storage tanks, transformers three underground missile silos, administration building, pumphouse. The control area also maintained an administration building, barracks and mess hall. The integrity of the Pomonkey site has been diminished since its ownership by the County. Many of the simple concrete buildings have deteriorated significantly; elements of the site such as the missile silos have been removed. The feeling and association of the missile site is no longer conveyed. The Planning Office of the Corps of Engineers is currently conducting a historic sites survey of the Nike sites. Many like Croom do not retain all three components (launch, control and housing). The Tolchester Nike Site retains a much higher level of integrity. In addition, the Croom battery does not appear to possess exceptional significance. The Trust concurred that the Croom site was not eligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: with this form,

Prepared by: Ken Baumgardt, COE

Lauren Bowlin — May 16, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes ___ no ___ not applicable

[signature] — May 20, 1996.
Reviewer, NR program — Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

____	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
X	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
____	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
____	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

____	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
____	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
____	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
____	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
____	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
____	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
____	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
____	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
____	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
____	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
____	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
X	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
____	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

____	Subsistence
____	Settlement
____	Political
____	Demographic
____	Religion
____	Technology
____	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

____	Agriculture
____	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
____	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
____	Government/Law
X	Military
____	Religion
____	Social/Educational/Cultural
____	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: buildings/structures

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): defense/missile battery

Known Design Source: _____

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Office of Preservation Services

Parris N. Glendening, Governor
Patricia J. Payne, Secretary

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May 8, 1996

Dr. James F. Johnson
Chief, Planning Division
Baltimore District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 1715
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Re: Proposed Removal of Underground and Above Ground Storage Tanks at Former Pomonkey Nike Site, Charles County

Dear Dr. Johnson:

On 8 April 1996, this office received your recent letter initiating Section 106 review of the project listed above. The Trust has reviewed the above-referenced project with respect to effects on historic properties.

The Department of Defense developed the Pomonkey Nike Missile Site in 1955. The Corps of Engineers (COE) has determined that the storage tanks at the Pomonkey Nike Missile Site do not possess exceptional significance and are not eligible for the National Register. The Trust concurs with this determination. Therefore, the undertaking is unlikely to have an effect on archeological resources or standing structures that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Dr. Gary Shaffer (archeology, 410-514-7638) or Ms. Lauren Bowlin (structures, 410-514-7637).

Sincerely,

Beth Cole JEF

Elizabeth J. Cole
Administrator
Archeological Services

EJC/GDS/LLB/9600860
cc: Dr. Ralph Eshelman
Ms. Peggy Schaumburg

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
BALTIMORE DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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April 4, 1996

Planning Division

Dr. J. Rodney Little
State Historic Preservation Officer
Maryland Historic Trust
Division of Historical and Cultural Programs
100 Community Place
Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2023

Dear Dr. Little:

In accordance with Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR 800 "Protection of Historic Properties", the purpose of this letter is to request your comments on the proposed removal of underground and above ground storage tanks at the former Pomonkey Nike Site, in Pomonkey, Maryland. Char. Co.

The Pomonkey Nike Site was established in 1955 as one of 21 Nike sites within the Baltimore-Washington Defensive Area. The complex contains administration buildings, former radar control towers, and maintenance buildings. We are currently preparing a survey report to document the historic nature of the Nike sites within Maryland and Virginia, and will make recommendations for eligibility of specific sites for listing within the National Landmarks program. Our findings to date will support a determination that storage tanks at this facility will not contribute to a determination of exceptional significance for this property. Therefore, the proposed action to remove several storage tanks within this property will not have an effect on the historic nature of this complex. We have enclosed photographic documentation of the storage tanks at Pomonkey to assist you in your review.

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4(a)(ii), we are requesting your comments regarding any further actions to identify historic properties, and if none, your concurrence that the project will not affect historic properties. We request that you provide your comments by April 30, 1996, so we may complete the Section 106 process for this action.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or my action officer, Mr. Kenneth Baumgardt, at (410) 962-2894.

Sincerely,

James O. Johnson

Dr. James F. Johnson
Chief, Planning Division

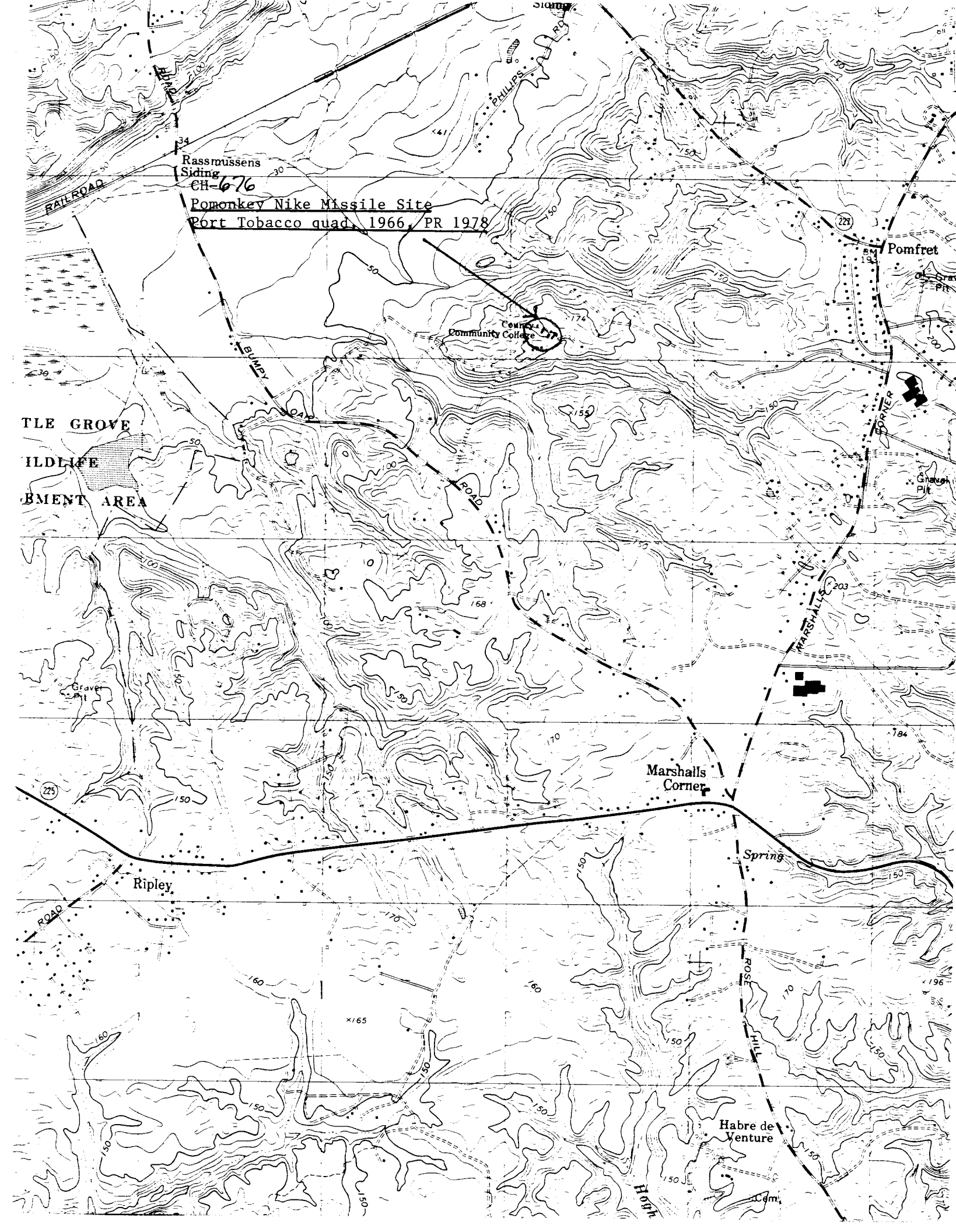
Enclosure

Hell FAX map
— bldg. structures to remain as at present
— tanks to be removed
— little or any new ground disturbance
(GDS 4-17-96)

Poil Tabas quad —

Archeo — not. site
(IA) GDS 4/18/96

LESS THAN 50 YRS OLD
ABOVE TANKS ARE NOT
EXCEPTIONALLY SIGNIF.
FUEL STORAGE FOR BLDGS
NOT MISSILES
#13 LLB 5/8/96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Pomonkey Nike Missile Site
Port Tobacco quad, 1966, PR 1978
Rassmussens Siding
RAILROAD
PHILIPS RD
Pomfret
County Community College
BUMPY OAK ROAD
TLE GROVE
ILDLIFE
BMENT AREA
CORNER
MARSHALLS
Gravel Pit
Marshalls Corner
Spring
Ripley
ROAD
ROSE HILL
Habre de Venture
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Cem

Adminstration Building, Pomonkey Nike Site
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Automobile Repair Shop, Pomonkey Nike Site
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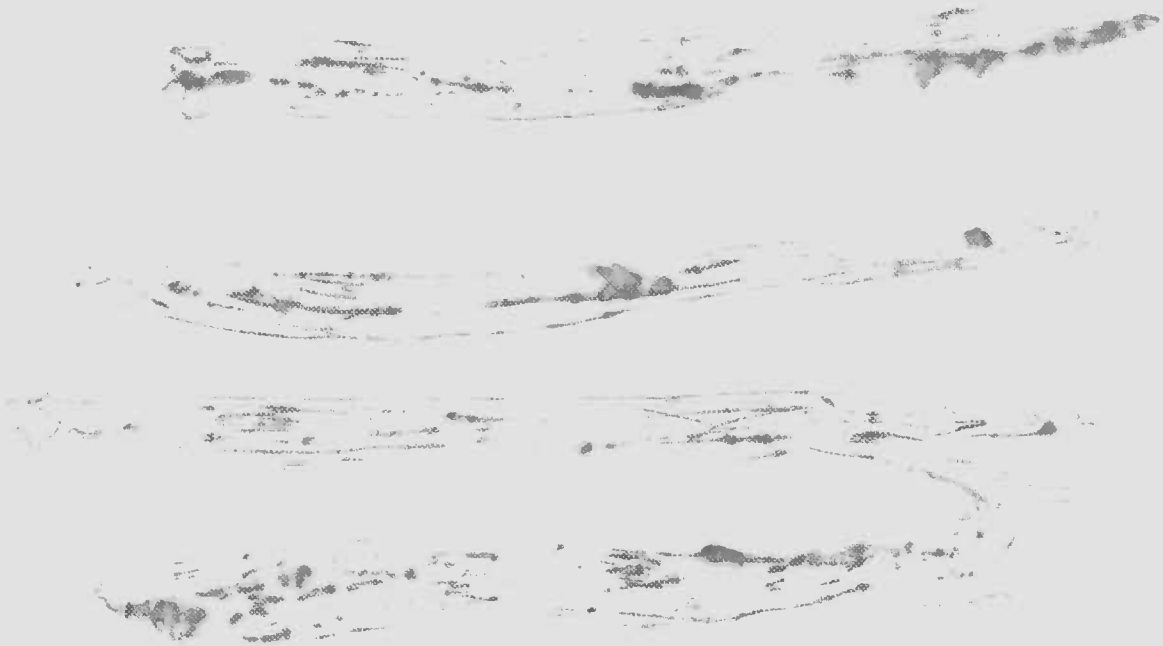

Radar Tower, Pomonkey Nike Site
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Above Ground Storage Tank, Pomonkey Nike Site
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