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Ms. Cara Metz, State Historic Preservation Officer  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
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CONCURRENCE: Brona Suron  
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BRONA SURON  
DEPUTY STATE HISTORIC  
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Re: Wayland Nike Battery B-73, Oxbow Road, Wayland, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Metz:

The General Services Administration (GSA) is undertaking the disposal of a property known as the Wayland Nike Battery B-73 (the "Site"), located on Oxbow Road in Wayland, Massachusetts on behalf of the holding agency, the Army Corps of Engineers ("ACOE"). The purpose of this letter is to consult with you pursuant to the requirement found at 36 CFR 800.4, regarding the identification of historic properties on the Site.

The Site consists of approximately 14 acres and is improved with two missile pits and various concrete and wood support buildings. The United States Army began construction of the Site in 1954 and utilized it until the mid-1970s. The Massachusetts Army National Guard leased the property until the mid-1990s. The Site has remained vacant since 1997. The GSA anticipates that the Town of Wayland will acquire the Site for affordable housing and a public park.

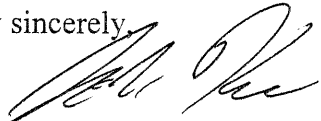
In its Report of Excess Real Property, the ACOE reviewed the existing information on historic properties at the Site and determined that the existing resources are not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, due to extensive disturbance of the Site during construction of the missile pits and support buildings, it appears that there are no significant archaeological resources remaining on site. It is the opinion of the ACOE and GSA that no historic properties will be affected as a result of this undertaking.

Enclosed for your review are several maps and photographs associated with the Site. Please advise us at your earliest convenience whether you concur with the above

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determinations, and do not hesitate to telephone Karl M. Dietzler at 617-565-5705 if you require any further information regarding this project.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "K".

John E. Kelly  
Chief, Boston Operations  
Property Disposal Division