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TO THE EDITOR:

THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA BOARD OF VISITORS BY A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THAT BODY ON SEPTEMBER 15TH WAS A SHOCKING REPUDIATION OF THE EXPRESSED DESIRE OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CENTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA (APPOINTED BY THE UNIVERSITY) COMPOSED OF NINETEEN MEMBERS REPRESENTING FALLS CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, ARLINGTON, AND FAIRFAX COUNTY AND INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF ALL FOUR, ON JUNE 7TH VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE HISTORIC RAVENSWORTH SITE BETWEEN ANNANDALE AND SPRINGFIELD.

THE ACTION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL WAS TAKEN AFTER ALMOST THREE YEARS OF EXHAUSTIVE STUDY OF ALL FACTS IN THE MATTER AND NUMEROUS PUBLIC HEARINGS.

THE OVERWHELMING ADVANTAGES OF THE RAVENSWORTH SITE WERE PROVED PATENTLY EVIDENT BY THE FACTS AS DEVELOPED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

THE RAVENSWORTH OFFER MADE TO PRESIDENT COLGATE DARDEN AND IN WRITING TO JUDGE BRYAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS, CONSISTED OF:

1. 75 ACRES OF LAND FREE WITH 2000 FEET FRONTAGE ON BRADDOCK ROAD.
2. \$77,500 CASH CONTRIBUTION FROM THE LANDHOLDERS AND THE CITIZENS OF THE AREA.
3. 12,000 SQ.FT. OF BUILDINGS WHICH, WITH RELATIVELY SMALL REMODELING COST COULD HOUSE CLASS ROOMS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
4. AN OPTION TO ACQUIRE UP TO 200 ADDITIONAL ACRES AT A PRICE WELL BELOW WHAT THE LANDHOLDERS FELT THE PROPERTY IS WORTH.
5. A COMMITMENT BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD TO FURNISH SEWER FACILITIES UP TO \$125,000.
6. BEAUTIFUL, ROLLING LAND ALREADY CLEARED AND IMMEDIATELY READY FOR FURTHER BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.



7. A SITE WITHIN 3 MILES OF THE POPULATION CENTER OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA AND LESS THAN 8 MILES FROM THE CENTER OF ALEXANDRIA, FALLS CHURCH, AND ARLINGTON.
8. A SITE WITH TREMENDOUS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE TRADITION OF JEFFERSON AND LEE.
9. A SITE SUPPORTED BY ALL THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE FOUR POLITICAL SUB-DIVISIONS OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

THE BRYAN SUB-COMMITTEE AFTER A FEW WEEKS OF CONSIDERATION OVER-RODE THE UNANIMOUS JUDGMENT OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND RECOMMENDED A SITE AN HOUR'S DRIVE - 23 MILES FROM ALEXANDRIA; A SITE WITHOUT BUILDINGS, A SITE WITHOUT WATER, A SITE WITHOUT SEWER, AND A SITE WITHOUT PEOPLE!

THE HERNDON SITE CANNOT BE SEWERED! THE CRECTION OF A SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION BECAUSE THE EFFLUENT FROM SUCH A PLANT WOULD HAVE TO BE DUMPED INTO DIFFICULT RUN WHICH IS ABOVE THE WASHINGTON, D. C. WATER SUPPLY. THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WILL NOT TOLERATE SUCH A HAPPENING.

JUDGE BRYAN'S SUB-COMMITTEE HAS MADE A SERIOUS ERROR. NORTHERN VIRGINIANS MUST MAKE THEMSELVES HEARD ON THIS VITAL MATTER - THE FUTURE HIGHER EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN IS AT STAKE.

WILLIAM C. SIMMS  
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John C. Wood

Fairfax, Va.



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