

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:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended

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

Carole Redair May 20, 1996  
Reviewer, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- 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
- 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
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

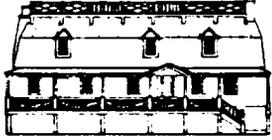
Category: buildings/structures

Historic Environment: rural

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

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CH-676

May 8, 1996

Office of Preservation Services

Dr. James F. Johnson  
Chief, Planning Division  
Baltimore District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 1715  
Baltimore, MD 21203-1715

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,

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  
P.O. BOX 1715  
BALTIMORE, MD 21203-1715

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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. *Chew - 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

*HELL FAX map.*  
- *stdy. structures to remain as ad present*  
- *tanks to be removed w/ little or any new grad. disturbance*  
Enclosure  
*(Sps 4-17-96)*

*Post Talma quad*

*arches - map. site*  
*(1A) GWS 4/18/96*

*LESS THAN 50 YRS OLD  
POREX TANKS ARE NOT  
EXCEPTIONALLY SIGNIF.  
FUEL STORAGE FOR BUDGS  
NOT MISSILES  
#13 LLB 5/8/96*

Rasmussens  
Siding  
CH-676

Pomoukey Nike Missile Site  
Port Tobacco quad, 1966, PR 1978

Courtesy  
Community College

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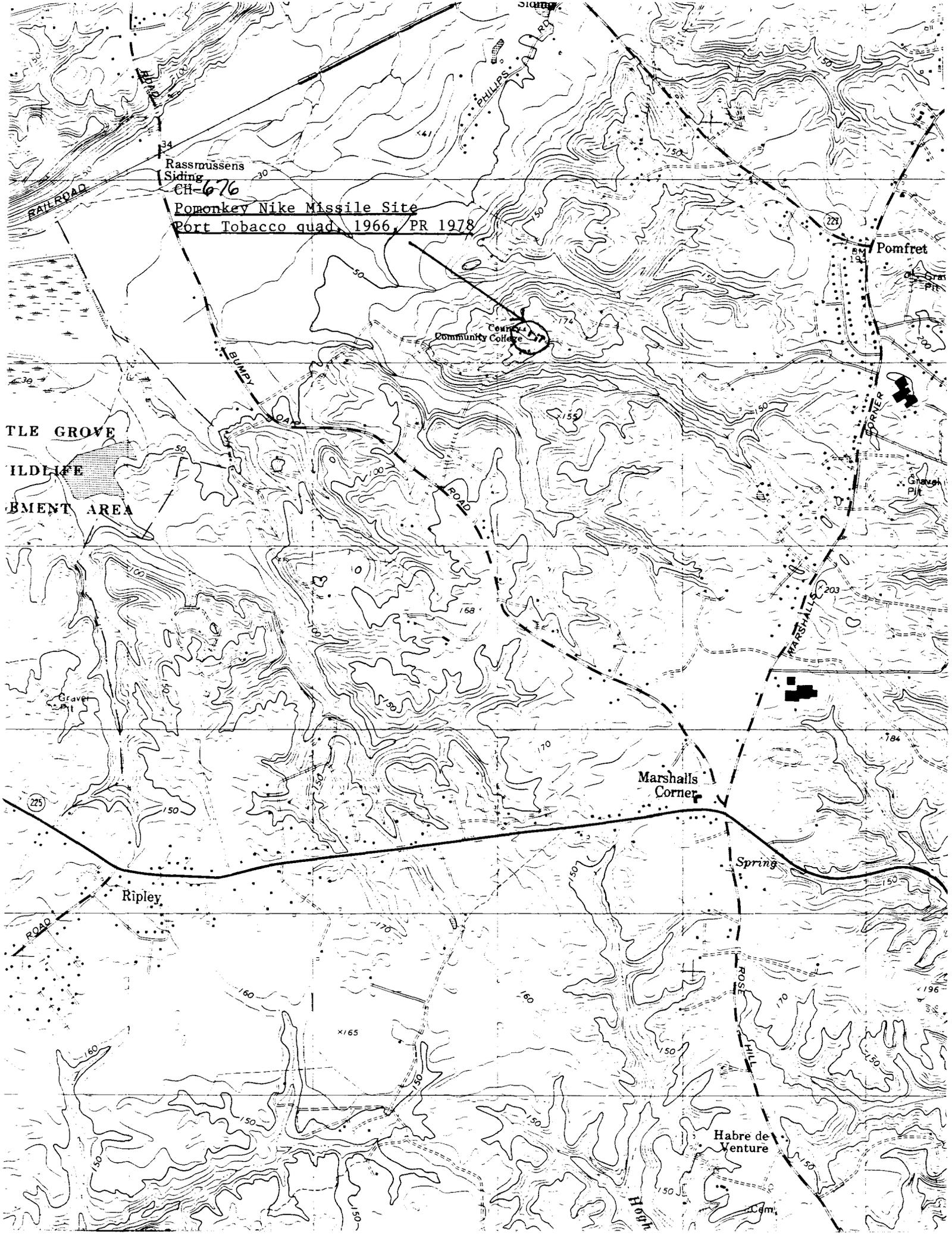
TLE GROVE  
WILDLIFE  
RESERVEMENT AREA

Marshalls  
Corner

Ripley

Spring

Habre de  
Venture



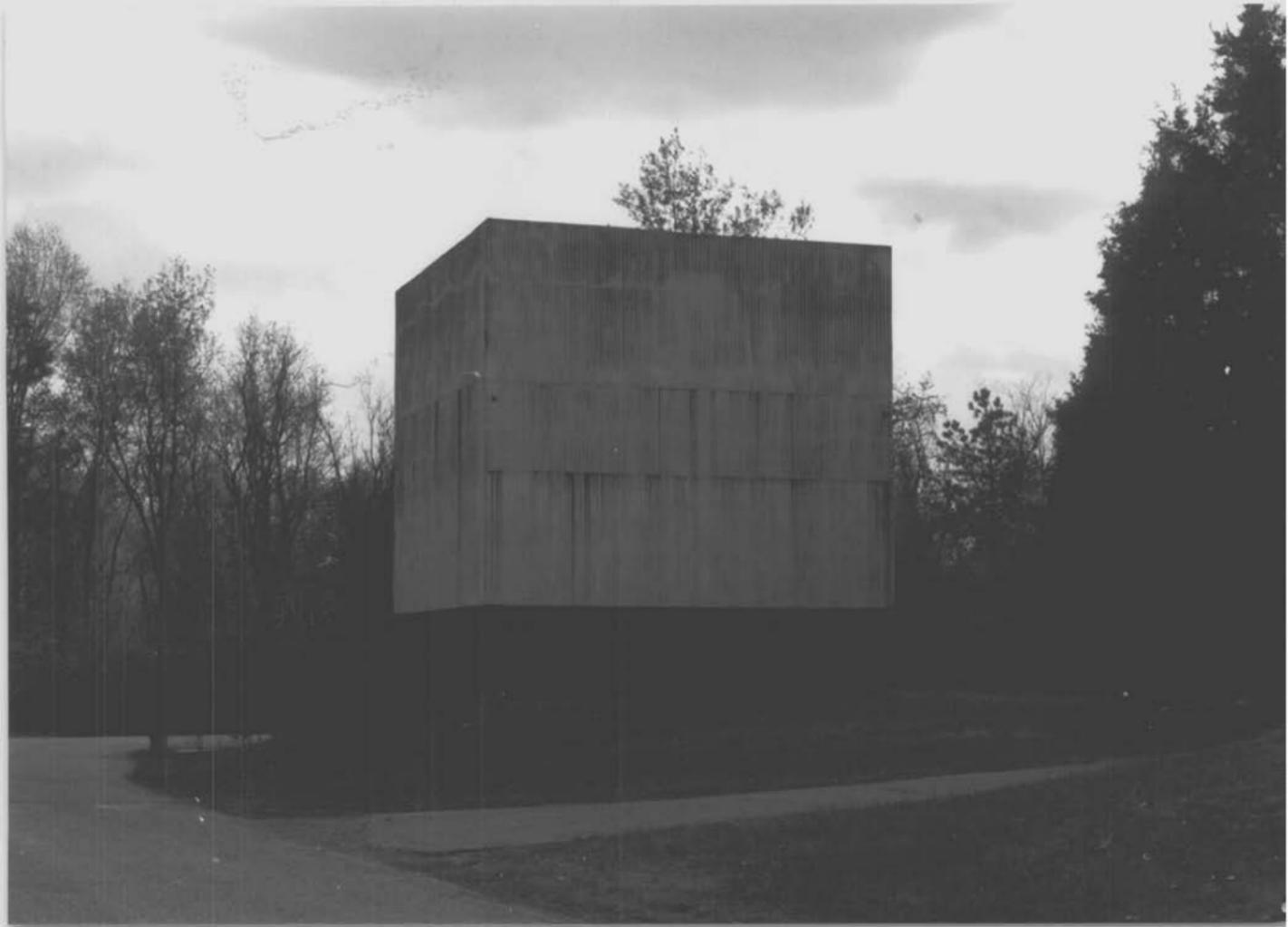


Adminstration Building, Pomonkey Nike Site  
Charles Co. CH-676

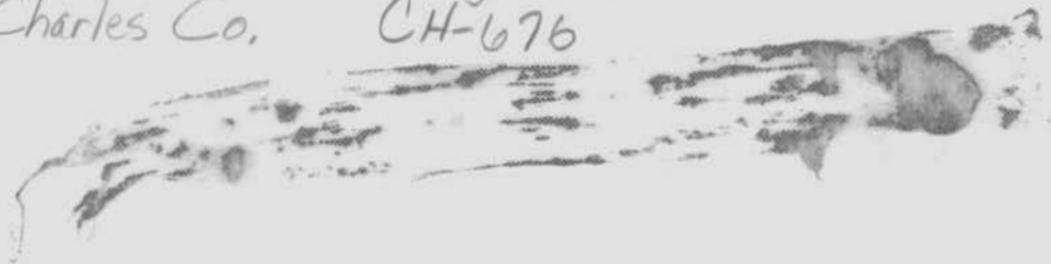


Automobile Repair Shop, Pomonkey Nike Site  
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Radar Tower, Pomonkey Mike Site  
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Above Ground Storage Tank, Pomonkey Nike Site  
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