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21st Century Advisory Committee
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Dear Committee Members:

In writing my comments dated June 13, 2014 I overlooked some significant facts with regard to my suggestion that the VNA might reconstruct the Post Hospital.

At page 11 of the Olmsted Center's Cultural Landscape Report for Fort Hancock, it was stated in regard to the Secretary's Guidelines:

"2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. . . .

At Fort Hancock: . . . The Fort Hancock EA explored the possibility of only two new structures on site, that of a National Park Service maintenance facility or garage/warehouse for maintenance operations within the current maintenance area, and a structure at the site of the former Post Hospital near Guardian Park. If built, these new buildings should be designed to reflect the scale and proportions of the former buildings, with geometry and details designed for compatibility with the historic architectural ensemble. . . . "

The gap in the overall plan left by the destruction of the Post Hospital, Building 19, is very evident when you view the Buildings Chart. Replacing this building would not only enhance the surround of the Parade Ground, it would add immeasurably to the purpose of a very desirable tenant and Fort Hancock overall.

Very truly yours,



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