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Programs and Project Management Division
Military/Interagency and International Services Branch

SUBJECT: Fort Segarra Formerly Used Defense Site

Water Island Civic Association
One Water Island
St. Thomas, VI 00802

Dear Water Island Civic Association:

You are likely aware of the Fort Segarra Formerly Used Defense Site on Water Island. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) completed a Remedial Investigation in 2019, and has prepared a Proposed Plan which summarizes the results of the Remedial Investigation and presents the basis for the selection of a Preferred Alternative. This letter provides a brief overview of the site and our work.

In 1944, the military began constructing a coastal defense installation that became known as Fort Segarra. The concrete gun positions and supporting buildings were completed, but the guns were never installed, and the fort was deactivated in 1946. Between 1948 and 1950, the Army used Fort Segarra for tests associated with the San Jose Project.

Over the years, the Corps has conducted a number of investigations of Fort Segarra including an effort in 2009 to search for and remove any munitions-related items. The Corps also installed signs at the public ferry and deep water docks to make sure the public is aware of the military's use of the island. The Remedial Investigation was completed to document any potential hazards associated with the military's activities. Please see the Fort Segarra Proposed Plan fact sheet for more information.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Corps is restricting travel, and public gatherings are prohibited, so we are unable to host an in person meeting to present the Proposed Plan. We will, however, have a virtual meeting. On May 28, 2020, we will post a video on our website (www.saj.usace.army.mil/FortSegarra). The video will explain the history of the site, the results of the investigations, and the Proposed Plan. It will also explain how you can comment on Proposed Plan during the comment period which will be held from May 28 to July 6, 2020.

For more information, please contact us at FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil, call 800.710.5184, or visit our website (www.saj.usace.army.mil/FortSegarra) for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francisco J. Araico".

Francisco J. Araico
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Enclosure