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LETTER TO MRS. G. W. COVER, ANDREWS, N. C. - TYPED BY LOUISE AXLEY BAYLESS (MRS. JOHN H.) 1-7
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Dear Mrs. Cover:

Dr. Crittendon and I have talked about Fort Butler and about your press proposal that \$15,000 be requested for a restoration project. We have the following suggestions.

As we have stated before in talking with you about Fort Butler, our judgment is that the first thing needed is a good careful research project. Until the research is done, no one can really say that the restoration is feasible. In other words, if insufficient information is available for restoring the Fort, obviously it cannot be restored authentically.

As a practical approach, we would like to request in our B budget the sum of \$5,000 to carry out the research during the 1961-63 biennium. If this work shows that a restoration project is feasible, then later on all concerned can consider the possibilities of actually undertaking a restoration of Fort Butler.

If you agree to this approach please write us at your early convenience as it is necessary for us to present our budgetary requests to our executive board on March 11 and we need to have these requests in shape several days before then.

We are very glad to recommend very strongly to our executive board that the \$5,000 for research be included in our budgetary requests.

With sincere good wishes, I am,

Yours cordially,

/s/ W. S. Tarlton
Historic Sites Superintendent

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cc MR. D. S. Coltrane