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Katherine and Swati,

Attached is the Conditional Loan Agreement and an associated Loan Conditions Statement whereby the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA), a sub-agency of USC, acknowledges its responsibilities to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, as to artifacts excavated over 30 years ago from the Santa Elena settlement on the southern tip of Parris Island. Those responsibilities include: 1) handling the artifacts "in a scientifically responsible manner, in accordance with established guidelines as set forth by state and federal offices"; 2) not damaging or reducing the "scientific, educational, religious or cultural value of the collections"; and 3) curating "the material in a careful and prudent manner" and protecting, displaying and conserving them "in accordance with federal standards for the curation and preservation of archaeological materials."

I am advised that the excavated artifacts have been sitting in a storage unit in Columbia for the past three decades, without the curating, protecting and displaying duties having been fully discharged. The \$220K nonrecurring appropriation is necessary in order for the SCIAA to discharge the state's duties in regard to these artifacts. It is important that this be done not only because the state is legally obliged to do so, but because a private 501(c)(3) in Beaufort that would like to resume the archaeological dig on Santa Elena is unable to obtain permission to do so without the state being in compliance with its obligations as to the existing artifacts.

It is my understanding the nonrecurring \$220K appropriation, which by proviso will be directed to the SCIAA for the purpose of discharging the referenced obligations in regard to the Santa Elena artifacts, will be in the reconciled version of the House and State budgets. I respectfully request that Gov. Haley not veto this appropriation. It is needed to discharge a state contractual obligation and to discharge a necessary condition precedent to further excavation – a project that has critical cultural and economic implications for Beaufort County. Either Steven Smith or Dr. Chester DePratter of the SCIAA, who I am copying with this correspondence, can answer any questions you have in regard to the artifacts and the need for the appropriation. Mr. Smith, the interim director of the SCIAA, can also be reached at (803) 576 6569 (office) or (803) 212 8318 (cell).

Thanks for your consideration in this regard.

Tom