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for

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

(Farm Lands and Farm Structures)

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ARNO B. CAMMERER,
Director.

November 14, 1938.

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Memorandum for the Director:

It is agreed that the present conditions and maintenance of farm lands and structures that comprise portions of Gettysburg National Military Park are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of historical presentation and preservation, economy of operation as farm units, and in the absence of utilities for living accommodations and sanitary requirements considered essential for modern dwellings.

This condition has been brought about through the operation of these farms without due consideration to their historic and economic significance, the depletion of the soil with over cultivation, and in the erection of auxiliary farm structures without adequate planning previous to erection.

It is proposed and recommended that the following objectives be adhered to in the future planning and development of this area:

(1) That an atmosphere of farms and farm land in operation be preserved.

(2) In carrying out this policy we recognize degrees of historical importance of lands within the Park and wish particularly to emphasize retaining the historical features in the major sites within the Park (Pickett's Charge, Little Round Top, Culp's Hill, etc.) in as nearly their original condition as possible, whether farmed or not.

(3) It seems advisable to establish economic farm units by reducing the present 18 farms to a lesser number that can be economically operated. Further study will be necessary to determine the number and boundaries of any new farm arrangement.

(4) Preserve and retain all historical structures that are now located as they were at the time of the Battle and restore to original appearance wherever possible.

(5) Additional structures will be built where necessary on farms retained in cultivation, and existing non-historic structures shall be repaired, relocated, replaced, or destroyed to make more efficient farm groups.

(6) All structures that are of historical importance and that are not considered as necessary units in the establishment of economic farm units will be restored as rental units.

(7) All revamped farms shall be rehabilitated, dwellings modernized on the interior, and electricity, water, sewage disposal, etc., provided.

(8) In order to insure a reliable basis for the proper redistribution of the farm lands and orderly arrangements of farm structures, it is advisable to secure from the Department of Agriculture a farm economist on a consulting basis to assist the technicians of the National Park Service in carrying out this program.

RECOMMENDED: (SGD) W. G. Carnes Date 11/21/38
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RECOMMENDED: (SGD) Ronald E. Lee Date 11/19/38
Supervisor of Historic Sites
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RECOMMENDED: (SGD) James R. McConaghie Date 11/22/38
Superintendent of Gettysburg
National Military Park.

APPROVED: (SGD) ARNO B. CAMMERER Date 12/9/38
Director.

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Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region I:

There is transmitted herewith for your future reference a Development Policy for Gettysburg National Military Park (Farm Lands and Farm Structures), which I approved on December 9, 1938.

All future programs for Gettysburg National Military Park, wherein the development of farm lands and farm structures is concerned, should adhere to the policy herein outlined.

(SGD) Arno B. Cammerer

Director.

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