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Dear Ms Chinn,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 1 May 2019 transmitting the requests of local authorities for the label "*Site of memory associated with the UNESCO Slave Route project*".

UNESCO warmly welcomes this initiative, which endeavours to preserve and promote Middle Passage arrival locations. It demonstrates the important contributions made by African Americans to the historical and cultural heritage in those areas where the African captives arrived. It also offers an opportunity to highlight the remarkable achievements of African communities of African descent in struggling for their dignity and freedom and preserving their history and memory.

Given the symbolic significance of these sites, in particular in the framework of the commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Arrival of the First Captive Africans in the British North American Colonies in 1619, I am pleased to inform you that the label "*Site of memory associated with the UNESCO Slave Route Project*" is granted for all the sites listed in the attached document.

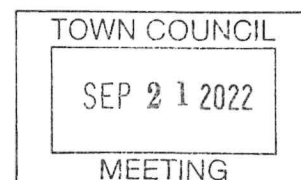
Please find enclosed the logo to be used on the sites and in all materials linked to the project, as well as the official text on the Slave Route that should accompany the logo when they are displayed at each site. This label is granted only for these sites and should not be confused with UNESCO's Patronage, which necessitates a different procedure to be granted.

Wishing every success to your project and looking forward to receiving information on the events to be organized at these sites, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Ali Moussa Iye

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Dear Dr. Ali Moussa-Iye

This package, sponsored by the **Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project**, is our final submission of individual requests for association with the UNESCO Slave Route Project as a Site of Memory. There are eleven documented U.S. Middle Passage arrival locations that are included. Each has been verified as an arrival site through the *Voyages: Transatlantic Slave Trade Database* and/or separate research sources identified in this enclosure.

Significantly, if approved, 42 of the 52 documented U.S. Middle Passage arrival locations will be Sites of Memory associated with the UNESCO Slave Route Project. This designation enables a broader connection of local events to national and international history. Presently, as a result of this association, there are activities and events that have been planned and coordinated in this country during 2019 that are unprecedented.

We hope and anticipate that these eleven requests will receive UNESCO approval by August 2019 in order to take advantage of the commemoration of the Slave Route Project's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary planned in Benin, the half-way point in the International Decade for People of African Descent, and the 1619-2019 U.S. national remembrance at Point Comfort, VA.

It has been an honor and privilege to work with you and your staff to formally and publicly incorporate these local places into global history. In 2019, the following locations will include on their public markers the UNESCO Slave Route Project text and logo:

1. Mobile, Alabama (June 19, 2019)
2. Middletown, Connecticut (September 28, 2019)
3. Algiers/New Orleans, Louisiana (Autumn 2019)
4. Africatown/Plateau, Alabama (December 2, 2019)

Locations included in this submission:

1. Annapolis, Maryland
2. Baltimore, Maryland
3. Biloxi, Mississippi
4. Bath, North Carolina
5. Beaufort, North Carolina
6. Edenton/Roanoke, North Carolina
7. New Bern, North Carolina
8. Bristol, Rhode Island
9. Newport, Rhode Island
10. Richmond, Virginia
11. West Point, Virginia

Sincerely,

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