



May 1, 2002

Wendy Vachet
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Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration

Re: List of consulting parties and general project information concerning the US 231 relocation between SR 26 and US 52 (Project #F-071-2[1]; Designation #9802890)

Dear Ms. Vachet:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (AIndiana SHPO) has conducted an analysis of the materials dated March 21, 2002, and April 8, 2002, and received by the Indiana SHPO on March 27, 2002, and April 9, 2002, for the above indicated project in Wabash and Shelby townships, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

We concur with your assessment that the following properties are within the probable area of potential effects and are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

- 1) #10 Grange Hall on Lindberg Road (Site #157-333-10025 per the *Tippecanoe County Interim Report*) is eligible under criterion A for its association with agricultural and social activities of the early 20th Century.
- 2) Montmorenci School on CR 650 West (Site #157-487-21009) is eligible under criterion A for its association with education in Shelby Township in the early 20th Century.

With regards to the following properties that you have identified within the area of potential effects, we believe that they do not meet the criteria to be considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register based upon their architectural features and design.

- 1) House on McCormick Road (Site #157-333-10035)
- 2) House on SR 26 (Site #157-333-10046)
- 3) VanNatta House on Old Jackson Highway (Site #157-487-20012)
- 4) Farm on Division Road (Site #157-487-20027)
- 5) Montmorenci Evangelical United Brethren Church on Main Street (Site #157-487-21002)
- 6) Thomas Moore House on Main Street (Site #157-487-21008)
- 7) Montmorenci Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery (Site #157-487-15018)
- 8) Horticulture Park off SR 26 (Site #IND-079)

Based upon the information provided, it appears that a route has not been selected. When doing so, we recommend that one be chosen that will have the least potential to affect the historic buildings including their setting. Once a route has been selected and design work has been initiated, we will need the following information in order to

comment on the potential effects:

- 1) Indicate how much right-of-way, if any, will be acquired from the historic properties.
- 2) Specify what activities will occur within the existing or proposed rights-of-way (e.g., grading, removal of bushes, trees, or grass, installation of gutters, relocation of mailboxes, reconfiguration of the driveway, construction of drainage ditches)?
- 3) Provide a detailed site plan, drawn to scale (with a key), identifying where all construction, demolition, and changes in rights-of-way and associated work will occur in relation to the historic properties. Be sure to indicate existing property lines and proposed modifications.
- 4) Provide photographs showing the existing conditions of the areas where work will be undertaken in close proximity to the historic resources.

In regard to archaeological concerns, the indicated methodology appears appropriate for the archaeological field reconnaissance survey. The Indiana SHPO will review and comment on the reconnaissance survey and its findings when the report is submitted.

We would remind you that any impact within 100 feet of a cemetery must have a development plan submitted to and approved by this office.

A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on January 11, 2001, may be found on the Internet at www.achp.gov for your reference. If you have questions about our comments, please call our office at (317) 232-1646. Questions about archaeological issues should be directed to Bill Mangold. Questions about buildings or structures should be directed to Karie A. Brudis.

Very truly yours,


John R. Goss
State Historic Preservation Officer

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