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Dear Mr. Goss:

Subject: Finding of "No Historic Properties Affected"  
for architectural resources for the US 231  
Relocation Project  
Des No.: 9802890

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is preparing an environmental document to re-examine a full range of alternatives for the proposed relocation of U.S. 231 between State Road (SR) 26 and U.S. 52 in Tippecanoe County, Indiana. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC § 470f) and 36 CFR 800, the Indiana Department of Transportation submitted to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) for review and comment the Draft Section 106 Phase I Survey (Baker, March 2002) and the Final Section 106 Phase I Survey (Baker, June 2002). Comments were received in May 2002 and August 2002.

In your May 1, 2002 letter, the DHPA concurred that #10 Grange Hall (Site # 157-333-10025) and Montmorenci School (Site # 157-487-21009) are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The remaining eight potentially eligible resources were determined not to be eligible for the NRHP. However, in your August 8, 2002 letter, based on subsequent additional information and at the request of the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and the Wabash Valley Trust for Historic Preservation, it was determined by the DHPA that the Montmorenci Evangelical United Brethren Church (Site # 157-184-21002) was eligible for the NRHP. Therefore, **FHWA hereby amends its eligibility determinations and considers the Montmorenci Evangelical United Brethren Church eligible for the NRHP.**

Based on the results of the final Phase I Report, and subsequent determination by the DHPA:

- 106 historic structures 50 years of age or older have been identified in the DOE Survey Area of the project.
- 101 extant structures have been evaluated under National Register criteria; based on available information, results of the 1990 Tippecanoe County Interim Report, and field reconnaissance.
- **Three** extant structures have been identified as **ELIGIBLE** for listing in the National Register (including the Montmorenci Evangelical United Brethren Church).
- **Three** eligible resources lie within the APE of two alternatives in the environmental document: Alternative 5 and Alternative 6.

As previously submitted to DHPA, the alternative analysis portion of the environmental document has further reduced the proposed alternatives and identified those alternatives to be carried forward for detailed analysis. Based on fatal flaw impacts analysis, comments from the public meetings, and with input from the CAC, the alternatives have been further refined and reduced. Alternatives 2, 5, 6, and 8 have not been carried forward for detailed study in the environmental document. Therefore, of the alternatives still under consideration, no architectural historic properties lie within their respective APE's.

The three eligible resources lie within the APE of Alternative 5 and Alternative 6 and both alternatives have been dismissed. Therefore, no right-of-way (ROW) will be required from any of the three eligible historic architectural resources, nor will any work be undertaken in close proximity to these eligible architectural resources. The project will have no affect on the three eligible historic architectural resources (see attached Figure).

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(b)(2), a phased identification and evaluation approach was implemented for this project. Therefore, the Federal Highway Administration respectfully requests concurrence with the determination of **No Historic Properties Affected** for **architectural resources** within the DOE Survey Area. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), no further coordination is required for **architectural resources** and the FHWA's responsibilities under Section 106 for **architectural resources** within the US 231 Relocation Study are fulfilled.

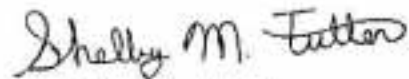
In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC § 470f) and 36 CFR 800, a Phase I Archaeological Survey report will be submitted under separate cover to the DHPA for review and comment. Concurrence with the determination of **No Historic Properties Affected** for **architectural resources** within the DOE Survey Area will not preclude the DHPA from reviewing and commenting on eligibility

and effect determinations for archaeological resources within the US 231 project area.

If you have any question about our request for concurrence on the determination of No Historic Properties Affected for architectural resources, please do not hesitate to call Wendy Vachet, Baker Environmental, Inc, at 757-631-5472 or by e-mail at [wvachet@mabkercorp.com](mailto:wvachet@mabkercorp.com).

Sincerely,

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