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John R. Baxter, P.E.
Division Administrator
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Federal Agency: ~~Federal Highway Administration~~

Re: Finding of "no historic properties affected" concerning the US 231 relocation between SR 26 and US 52 (Project #F-071-2[1], Designation #9802890)

Dear Mr. Baxter:

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 ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated August 20, 2002, and received by the Indiana SHPO on August 23, 2002, for the above indicated project in Wabash and Shelby townships, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

As provided in 36 C.F.R. § 800.4 (d)(1), the State Historic Preservation Officer ("SHPO") respectfully objects to your finding of "no historic properties affected" as stated in your letter dated August 20, 2002. We feel that a finding should not be made until all aspects of the project can be reviewed. Therefore, until the archaeological information is submitted and reviewed, the Indiana SHPO cannot support any findings of effects. Furthermore, we are still awaiting the information requested in our letter dated May 1, 2002.

Once the indicated information is received, the Indiana SHPO will resume identification and evaluation procedures for this project. If you have any further questions, please contact Karie A. Brudis or Bill Mangold of our office at (317) 232-1646.

Very truly yours,


Jon C. Smith
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: Tommy Kleckner, Director, Western Regional Office, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana
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