

October 19, 2000

Max Evans, Director
Utah State Historic Preservation Office
300 South Rio Grande
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION UNDER SECTION 106 NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT
OF 1966

Dear Mr. Evans:

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Sincerely,
/RA/ original signed by /s/
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Docket No. 72-22

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