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Mr. Daniel R. Muller
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Dear Mr. Muller:

This is in response to your request of June 26, 1973, for comments on the environmental statement for the Dresden Nuclear Power Station Units 2 and 3, Illinois. Pursuant to its responsibilities under Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has determined that while you have discussed the historical, architectural, and archeological aspects related to the undertaking, the Advisory Council needs additional information to adequately evaluate the effects on these cultural resources. Please furnish additional data indicating:

- a. Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470(f)).
  - 1. Although your environmental statement indicates that there is a National Register property (the Illinois and Michigan Canal) in the immediate vicinity of the proposed power station, it lacks a determination as to whether or not the proposed undertaking will have an effect on the property.
  - Until such a determination is made by your agency, the Advisory Council cannot comment with respect to your project.
- b. Compliance with Executive Order 11593, of May 13, 1971.
  - 1. In the case of land under the control or jurisdiction of the Federal Government, a statement should be made as to whether or not the proposed undertaking will result in the transfer, sale, demolition, or substantial alteration of potential National Register properties. If such is the case, the nature of the effect should be clearly indicated.

THE COUNCIL, an independent agency of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, is charged by the Act of October 15, 1966, with advising the President and Congress in the field of Historic Proservation, commenting on Federal, federally assisted, and federally licensed undertakings having an effect upon properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, recommending measures to coordinate governmental with private activities, advising on the dissemination of information, encouraging public interest and participation, recommending the conduct of special studies, advising in the preparation of legislation, and encouraging specialized training and education, and guiding the United States membership in the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and the Restoration of Cultural Property in Rome; Italy.

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In the case of lands not under the control or jurisdiction of the Federal Government, a statement should be made as to whether or not the proposed undertaking will affect any non-federally owned districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of historical, archeological, architectural, or cultural significance.

To insure a comprehensive review of historical, cultural, archeological, and architectural resources, the Advisory Council suggests that the environmental statement contain a copy of Mr. Barnhauser's letter to your office dated September 19, 1972.

Should you have any questions on these comments or require any additional assistance, please contact Jordan Tannenbaum of the Advisory Council staff.

Sincerely yours,

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