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DES concerning Palo Verde Nuclear Generating
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PLANT NAME: Palo Verde 1- thru 3

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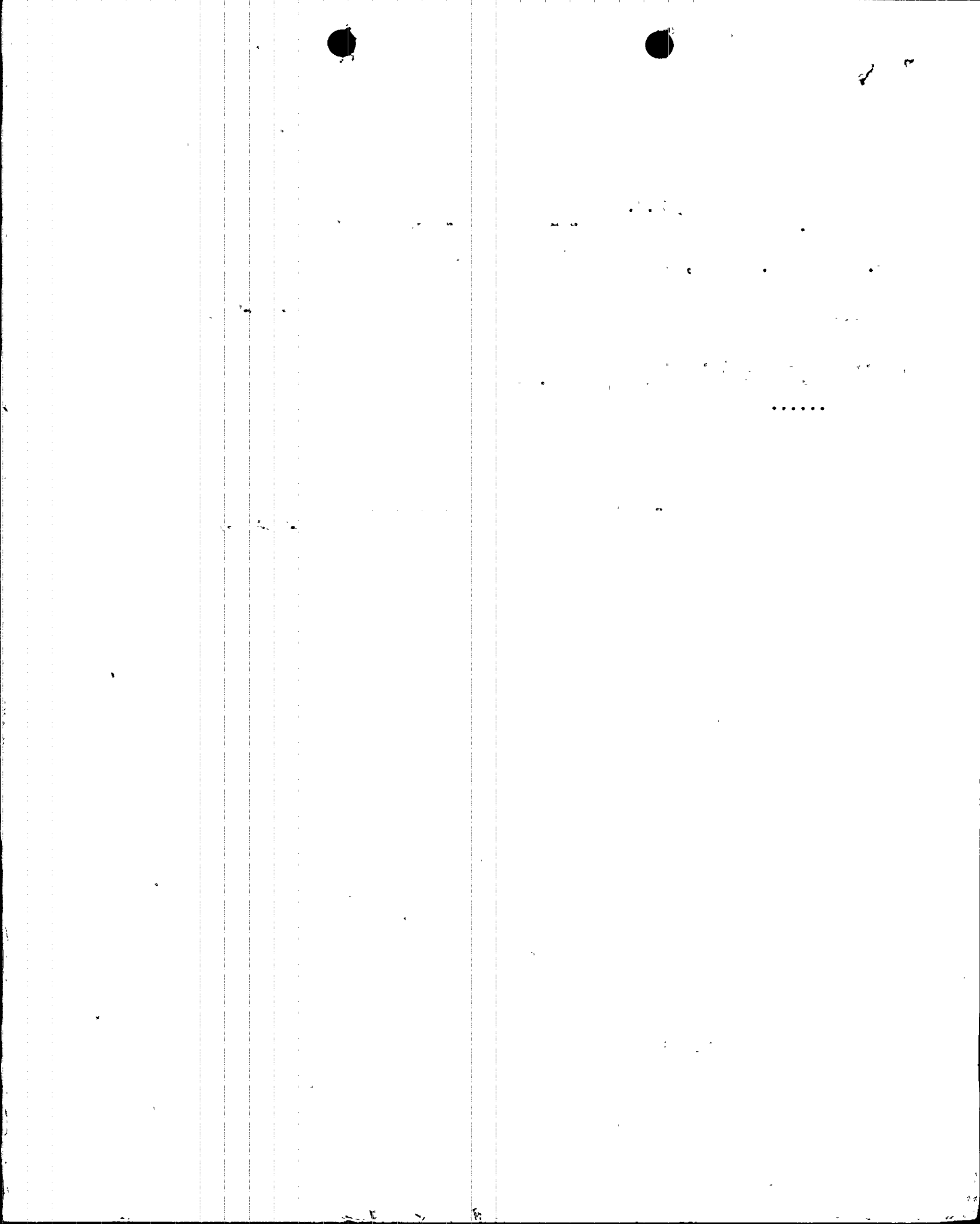
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Dear Mr. Regan:

This is in response to your request of April 14, 1975 for comments on the draft environmental statement (DES) related to construction of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Units 1, 2, and 3, Arizona. Pursuant to its responsibilities under Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Advisory Council has determined that the DES appears adequate concerning compliance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. However, with respect to evidence of compliance with the provisions of Executive Order 11593 "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment" of May 13, 1971, the Council notes that cultural surveys of the entire project area have been undertaken or programed and further "that mitigating measures appropriate to any newly discovered resource and the character of the construction will be taken."

The Council wishes to remind the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that should these surveys locate and identify cultural resources which are determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places which will be affected by the undertaking, prior to initiating any activity, including implementation of mitigative measures, it must afford the Council an opportunity to comment. For your information, steps to determine eligibility, effect and to obtain Council comments are detailed in the "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 C.F.R. Part 800) which sets forth the process for compliance with Executive Order 11593 (copy enclosed).

Until the requirements of the Executive Order 11593 and the procedures are met, the Council considers the DES to be incomplete in its treatment of historical, archeological and architectural resources. To remedy this deficiency, the Council will provide substantive comments on the undertaking's effect upon the cultural resources through the compliance process.

Should you have questions or require additional assistance in this matter, please contact Michael H. Bureman of the Council staff at (303) 234-4946.

Sincerely yours,

John D. McDermott
Director, Office of Review
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