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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Scarano:

Thank you for your letter of October 19, 1979, in which you responded to our concerns about the memorandum of agreement concerning the mitigation of adverse effect at the White Mesa Project Millsite.

Since receiving that letter, we have had the opportunity of additional clarification from Mr. Gene Trager. We now feel that your response to items 1 and 3 provides adequate clarification.

However, a further point may be necessary for item 2. Mr. Trager explained in a telephone conversation November 8, that the reason for testing of undetermined sites was in order to insure determination of eligibility and then mitigate if necessary so that secondary impacts might not disturb the eligible sites in the future. A feel this adequately addresses our concerns about the necessity of doing this testing, however, the testing will have an adverse effect on these undetermined sites, since there is no reasonable method of testing without causing an adverse effect impact.

If you concur with these clarifications, then we feel that this letter needs no further response.

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However, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jim Dykman, (801) 533-6000, or Wilson Martin, (801) 533-6017, or write Utah State Historical Society, 307 West 200 South, Suite 1000, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Sincerely,

Melvin T. Smith

Director and

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