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September 15, 1977

Mr. Daniel R. Muller  
Director of Environmental Projects  
Division of Reactor Licensing  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Muller:

By letter of November 11, 1974, (copy enclosed) the Council informed what was then the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission that the Final Environmental Statement for the River Bend Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2, Louisiana, was inadequate because it did not demonstrate compliance with, nor an awareness of, AEC's responsibilities pursuant to Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment" issued May 13, 1971. To date, however, the Council has received nothing further on this matter from either AEC or its successor, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Recently we have been advised by staff to the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer that the project is proceeding and may affect significant cultural resources that may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Therefore, on the basis of this information, the Council requests that you investigate this matter to determine whether the nature of the effect requires the NRC to obtain the comments of the Council in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320) and/or Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment." Steps to determine this responsibility are set forth in Section 800.4 of the Council's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 C.F.R. Part 800). A copy of the Council's procedures is enclosed for your convenience.

The Council requests that you report the results of your investigation to this office at the earliest opportunity. If you have further

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

The Council appreciates your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Signed *[Signature]*

Louis S. Wall  
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Review and Compliance

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Enclosure