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Dear Mr. Griffith:

CULTURAL RESOURCES, WALUKE SLOPE (Your Log. No. 081993-21-DOE)

As per our telephone conversation on October 13, 1993, enclosed is the information requested pertaining to the anti-aircraft and NIKE missile sites located on the North (Waluke) Slope of the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford Site. As you will note from the enclosed photographs of each site type which are representative of all the subject sites, these areas have previously undergone extensive demolition and backfilling of all surface and subsurface structures. We do not believe that what remains of these facilities are eligible for listing on the National Register.

This remediation project consists of removing existing surface material and hazardous debris. There will be no subsurface excavation except for dump sites that the regulators determine contain hazardous materials. After removal of surface debris the land form will be environmentally restored. As previously noted, the five sites we have identified as potentially significant will be backfilled to prevent further deterioration. Therefore, no historic properties eligible for the Register will be affected by these undertakings on the Waluke Slope.

It should also be noted that the condition of these sites is not indicative of the NIKE site located on the Arid Land Ecology Reserve (ALE). This NIKE bunker is still intact and accessible and will eventually be evaluated as a historic property. The ALE site is northwest of Richland and is located in Benton County. The Waluke Slope is north of the Columbia River, and is situated in Adams, Franklin, and Grant Counties.

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I hope this will clarify the issue and help in understanding how we reached our determination that these particular properties are not eligible to the National Register. If you have any questions or are in need of additional information, I can be contacted at (509) 376-6354.

Sincerely,

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