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Ms. Grace A. Kilbane
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RE: 33rd Avenue School, Gulfport, MS

Dear Ms. Kilbane:

I hope that this letter finds you well and preparing for a wonderful holiday season.

As I prepare to close out office activities for the holidays and plan for my work-during the New Year, I am reviewing 2014 projects that still await action. On December 20, 2013, you informed me that Job Corps had procured a third party contractor to provide a building assessment and feasibility study of the former 33rd Avenue School property. On March 28, 2014, I wrote to you requesting a copy of the assessment, which I understood was nearing completion at that time. As of the writing of this letter, I have not yet received a copy of the building assessment and feasibility study.

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) still fully concurs that that was the proper route for Job Corps to begin evaluating what might be done to stabilize and eventually rehabilitate the historic school buildings. Therefore, I would very much appreciate your providing MDAH with a copy of the study, even if it is still in draft form.

Additionally, on November 2, 2012, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Ms. Jane Oates, wrote to inform me that the Department of Labor (DOL) was reinitiating the 36 CFR 800.3(c) consultation process for the Gulfport Job Corps Center, as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). However, during the intervening two years, to my knowledge no consultation meetings have been conducted or scheduled. Does DOL still intend to reinitiate the consultation process? If so, have target dates been established?

MDAH appreciates Job Corps' undertaking the assessment of the school buildings, and I look forward to receiving and reviewing the report as soon as possible. If the Department of Labor still plans to resume the Section 106, NHPA, consultation process, please let me know the proposed dates so they can be incorporated into our office calendar for 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken P'Pool". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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