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Rural Development

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Chairman John L. Nau, III
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ATTN: Section 3 Progress Report
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 803
Washington, DC 20004-2501

Dear Chairman Nau:

Section 3 of Executive Order (EO) 13287, *Preserve America*, requires federal agencies to ensure the accuracy of information on the state of its federally owned historic properties. Each agency with real property management responsibilities is required to prepare an assessment of the current status of its inventory, the general condition and management needs of such properties, and the steps underway or planned to meet those management needs. The EO also makes it the responsibility of each real property management agency to report every third year, its progress in identifying, protecting, and using historic properties in its ownership.

USDA, Rural Development's mission is to provide financial assistance through its grant, loan, and loan guarantee programs under the Housing and Community Facilities Programs, Business and Industry Programs and its Utilities Programs to increase rural Americans' economic opportunities and to improve the quality of life for low and very-low income individuals, state and local governments, Indian tribal governments, private and nonprofit organizations and user-owned cooperatives. Rural Development is not a real property owning agency and only acquires title to real property through foreclosing on direct or guaranteed loans. These properties are sold as soon as possible to liquidate the debt, thereby avoiding ownership that would exceed five years.

We therefore advise you that Rural Development does not intend to prepare any future year Section 3(c) reports beginning with the reporting year 2008. If you

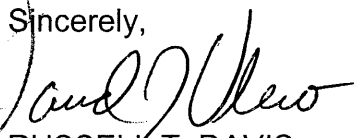
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have any questions or require additional information please contact Ms. Donna M. Meyer, Federal Preservation Officer (RHS/RBS) at (202) 720-1827 or Mr. Mark Plank, Federal Preservation Officer (RUS) at (202)720-1649.

Sincerely,



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