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Ms. Marilyn B. Reeves, Chair
 Hanford Advisory Board
 723 The Parkway, Suite 200
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Dear Ms. Reeves:

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The U. S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) Cultural Resources Program thanks the Hanford Advisory Board for its views on activities in the program.

In response to your comments about involving the community in our program, RL sponsored a public workshop at the Federal Building in Richland, Washington, on Tuesday, November 19, 1996, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in which 46 people attended. The purpose of the meeting was:

- To educate participants about Hanford's Cultural and Historic Resources Program (its legal and regulatory framework; its requirements, mission and responsibilities, key decisions made to date, including Programmatic Agreement, and upcoming program decisions);
- to provide information about the three primary types of cultural and historic resources on the Hanford Site (Native American, European settlers/townsites, and Manhattan Project/Cold War); and
- to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss and make recommendations concerning future public involvement for the program.

In response to comments on involving stakeholders in understanding the process used to evaluate the 180 representative structures, a specific workshop is planned for January 29, 1997, from 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Columbia River Room of the ETB Building located near Battelle Boulevard, at "Q" Avenue.

We appreciate your involvement in the program and invite your participation in the workshop. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dee Lloyd of my staff on (509) 372-2299.

Sincerely,

for James E. Rasmussen, Director
 Environmental Assurance, Permits
 and Policy Division

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