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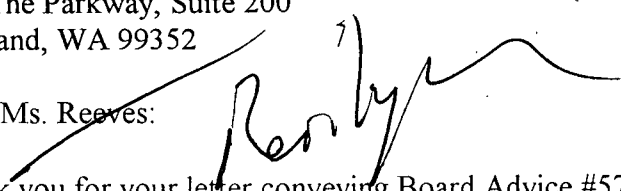
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Ms. Marilyn B. Reeves, Chair
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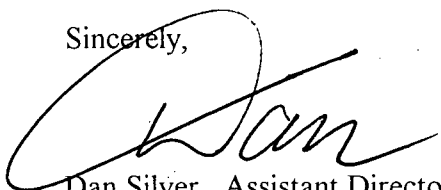
Dear Ms. Reeves:


Thank you for your letter conveying Board Advice #57, dealing with historic preservation at Hanford. I believe the Board has done an excellent job of identifying and reinforcing three key points:

1. The historic district process enables cleanup and decommissioning work to proceed without imposing an extra time requirement on every project.
2. The State Historic Preservation Officer and USDOE are to be commended for working out this more cost-effective procedure, which also maintains a better overall focus on Hanford's historic importance.
3. More effective involvement of resource people in the community in selection of buildings and sites to be documented, and certainly in selecting those which might be preserved.

I encourage the Board, through its committees, to continue to monitor the implementation of the historic district approach and to facilitate needed community involvement.

Sincerely,


Dan Silver, Assistant Director
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cc: David M. Hansen, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

