February 7, 2011

The Honorable Shaun Donovan
Secretary of Department of Housing
and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, SW, Suite 10000
Washington, DC 20410

Ref: Proposed Demolition of 31 Properties
City of Muncie, Indiana

Dear Secretary Donovan:

In response to a notification by the City of Muncie, Indiana, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will participate in consultation to develop a Memorandum of Agreement for the above-referenced project. This undertaking is funded with monies appropriated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Our decision to participate in this consultation is based on the Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases, contained within our regulations. The criteria are met because this proposed undertaking may include substantial impacts to historic properties, or may present questions of policy or interpretation.

Section 800.6(a)(1)(iii) of our regulations requires that we notify you, as the head of the agency, of our decision to participate in consultation. By copy of this letter, we are also notifying Mr. William Morgan, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Muncie, of this decision.

Our participation in this consultation will be handled by Ms. Jaime Loichinger who can be reached at (202) 606-8529 or via e-mail at jloichinger@achp.gov. We look forward to working with your agency and other consulting parties to consider alternatives to this undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic properties and to reach a Memorandum of Agreement.

Sincerely,

John M. Fowler
Executive Director