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Mr. James Stark
Director, Louisiana TRO
U. S. Department of Homeland Security
Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office
# 1 Seine Court, Suite 109
New Orleans, LA 70114

Re: Determination of National Register Eligibility St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Stark:

Thank you for your most recent documentation concerning St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church. Per previous correspondence, it had been our conclusion that a compelling case did not exist to reach across the National Register's 50-year cutoff date to designate this building. However, FEMA has come to the finding that the Cabrini Church is eligible for the Register under the Register's provisions for "Exceptional Importance."

I know that we share the goal of doing all we can to expedite the reopening of Holy Cross School on the Cabrini Campus. Thus, in the interest of a speedy conclusion to this process, we will not contest FEMA's conclusion or finding. Accordingly, this letter will serve as official concurrence with your finding under the Section 106 Review Procedure. Furthermore, it is our opinion that the presence of intact National Register eligible archaeological deposits is unlikely. However, should archaeological deposits be encountered during the redevelopment of the property, our office should be notified immediately.

Further, the proposed Holy Cross School relocation project, as we have been given to understand, will have an adverse effect upon this property. Thus, I would like to suggest that we enter into consultation, with all deliberate speed, to develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to move this project forward.

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We look forward to working with you to bring this project to a successful conclusion. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Pam Breaux,

Assistant Secretary &

State Historic Preservation Officer