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Dear Mr. Gavin:

In your letter of July 16, 1997 pertaining to the South Lawrence Trafficwa, permit you requested my comments on three important issues: 1) your "no effect" determination for the National Historic Landmark (NHL) at Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU); 2) your opinion that the entire HINU campus and the "The Old Haskell Bottoms or Baker Wetlands" are potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criteria (a) of 36 CFR Part 60.4; and 3) that the potential noise and visual impacts and the efforts to minimize and/or mitigate these effects will have "no adverse effect" on the potentially eligible historic property.

I have discussed these issues with staff. My comments are as follows:

- 1) I agree with your determination that according to 36 CFR 800.9 the undertaking does not have an effect on the buildings and cemetery comprising the NHL.
- 2) It is my opinion that the HINU property north of 31st Street is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places based on criteria (a). This property possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. However, "The Old Haskell Bottoms or Baker Wetlands" no longer retains historic integrity as defined in National Register Bulletin 15, Section VIII, and, therefore, in my opinion is not eligible for listing.

To further elaborate, the "Response to the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement organized around issues outlined in the October 1993 position paper released by the National Haskell Board of Regents" pp. 6-8 clearly defines

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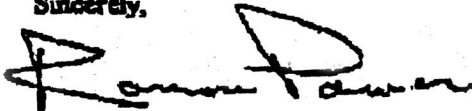
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the why, where, and when this property is significant. This is directly related to the agrarian education program's farm and livestock operation on the "Old Haskell Bottoms," as 1900 to 1931. The present and intended use of the area is a wetland. Thus, essential physical features associated with these farming activities are no longer present and the property no longer retains the identity for which it is said to be significant.

3) If practicable visual buffers and noise reduction measures are taken, the undertaking will have "no adverse effect" on the potentially eligible historic property.

Sincerely,



Ramon Powers
State Historic Preservation Officer