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April 9, 1996

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Dear Mr. Baker,

RE: REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION PROCESS CULTURAL/HISTORICAL
FEATURES - WILLOW CREEK MINE

The Division has reviewed the Willow Creek Mine Mining and Reclamation Permit application section including the cultural/historical report prepared by Sagebrush Archaeological Consultants. The permit application includes a proposed mitigation plan with photo documentation and recordation of impacted features. The Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has also reviewed the permit application as well as the report prepared by Sagebrush independently of our permit application.

The SHPO letter of October 24, 1995 responding to the Divisions' request for review refers to site 42CB1000 as being a complex site. The SHPO letter also states, "I believes (sic) that a determination of No Adverse Effect can be reached if sensitive treatment of the mine property is considered during the opening of the mine." The meaning of this sentence is somewhat nebulous, although it seems to say the project can proceed with "No Adverse Effect."

With this letter we are requesting the Division to formally proceed with the consultation process on the features within site 42CB1000 that Cyprus is planning to disturb with construction. Sagebrush has identified the following features that would likely require additional documentation: F1, F3, F5, F10, F13, and F20. Of these features Cyprus is planning to disturb only features F5, F10, and possibly F20. The attached proposed mitigation plan has been formulated by Sagebrush; we concur with these recommendations and request the Division recommends to the SHPO that approval of the mitigation plan be given.

Since this consultation process was not made earlier, and since the start of the Willow Creek project is critical to maintaining the employment of approximately 265 employees we ask the Division to work with us to resolve the issue as fast as possible. Cyprus will do everything possible to avoid conflict with the historic features. We will flag off the feature sites to warn construction crews not to disturb them until all mitigation has been

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conducted. We ask also that the Willow Creek Mining and Reclamation Permit be approved regardless of whether this issue is totally resolved. The approval could be conditioned upon resolution of this issue. The condition could be such that construction could start in other areas that do not have cultural/historical implications. As soon as mitigation is completed, construction could proceed.

Respectfully,



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Enclosure



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