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Bernard C. Watson
Barnes Foundation
300 North Latches Lane
Merion, PA 19066-1729

RE: ER 08-2335-101
GBO: Barnes Foundation Project, Construction of New Museum Building at 2020
Pennsylvania Ave., Philadelphia

Dear Dr. Watson:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation has reviewed the above named project under the authority of the Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988). This review includes comments on the project's potential effect on both historic and archaeological resources.

The Bureau for Historic Preservation provided comments on the construction of a new museum building at 2020 Pennsylvania Avenue and its effect on historic properties in the area. However, we did not comment on the effect the project will have on the National Register eligible Barnes Foundation property located at 300 North Latches Lane. We would further like to comment that we are concerned about the impact that moving the collection to its new location will have on the property at 300 North Latches Lane. We offer these comments in the following paragraph.

It is our opinion that the property at 300 North Latches, the location Dr. Albert C. Barnes developed for his collection, is inextricably associated with the collection and eligible for the National Register under Criterion A and C. The property was designed to function as an integrated education system reflecting Dr. Barnes' ideas of education in art and aesthetics using the building, collection, and landscape. Further, it is our opinion that the removal of the collection from this site adversely affects its National Register significance.

If you need further information in this matter please consult Ann Safley at (717) 787-9121.

Sincerely,

Jean H. Cutler
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Director
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