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August 6, 2008

Surface Transportation Board
ATTN Anne K Quinlan, Acting Secretary
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Re Environmental Report, Historic Report and Required Certifications for
Docket No AB-43 (Sub-No 184X),
Illinois Central Railroad Company — Petition For Exemption for
Abandonment in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Dear Ms Quinlan

Illinois Central Railroad Company intends to file a Petition For Exemption for the above-referenced proposed abandonment any time on or after August 22, 2008. Enclosed for the above-referenced abandonment exemption are the following documents, which are required by 49 C F R Part 1105

- 1 An original and ten copies of the Environmental/Historic Report,
- 2 An original and ten copies of the transmittal letter that accompanied the reports, and
- 3 An original and ten copies of a certificate demonstrating compliance with the requirements of 49 C F R Part 1105

Please stamp and return the duplicate copy of this letter to my attention to indicate that you received the items listed

Feel free to call me if you have any questions

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J Healey
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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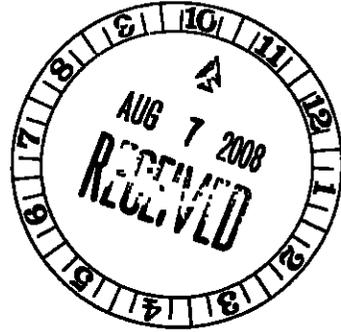
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Petition for Exemption for Abandonment – Chicago, Cook County, Illinois - Docket AB-43 (Sub-No. 184X)

To Whom It May Concern

Any time on or after August 29, 2008, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Petition For Exemption seeking authority to abandon a railroad line located between station 0+00 (main line milepost 3.00 – Throop Street) and ending at the end of the track at station 58+63 (main line milepost 2.00 – Cermak Road), a distance of 5,863 feet, in Cook County, Illinois. Enclosed is an Environmental Report and a Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historical effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historical analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental and historic review process, please contact their Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), at the Surface Transportation Board, 395 F Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, (202) 245-0245, and refer to the above docket number.

IC will file the Environmental Report and Historic Report with the STB on or about August 6, 2008. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the STB (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and historical impact of the contemplated action.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at (708) 332-4381 or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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Docket No AB-43 (Sub-No 184X)

ILLINOIS CENTRAL
RAILROAD COMPANY

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FOR
ABANDONMENT IN COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

To Anne Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board (STB)
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20424

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH 49 C F R PART 1105

I hereby certify that on August 6, 2008, copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report for the above-captioned proceeding were served on the agencies listed at 49 C F R § 1105 7(b), all agencies consulted in preparing the reports, and on the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. A service list is attached and incorporated into this certificate as Attachment A. The reports have been sent within the time period specified, as Illinois Central Railroad Company intends to file its Petition For Exemption in the above-captioned matter no earlier than August 29, 2008. All appropriate agencies as listed in 49 C F R § 1105 7(e) have been consulted well in advance of preparing the Environmental Report.

I also certify that a newspaper notice was published on July 24, 2008 in *The Chicago Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cook County, Illinois. The notice alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. A copy of the notice is attached to this certificate as Attachment B.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2008



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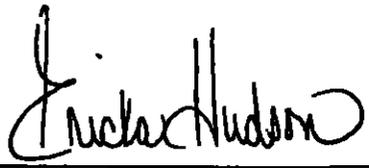
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ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD gives notice that on or after July 14, 2008, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a Petition for Exemption under 49 CFR 1105.12 Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment of 5,864 feet of industrial spur starting at station 0+00 (main line MP 3+00 - Throop Street) and ending at the end of the track at station 58+63 (main line MP 2+00 Cermak Road) in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. This rail line may have previously served as the main line of the Chicago and Alton Railroad but more recently has been used as an industrial spur and does not contain mileposts. This line traverses through U.S. Postal Zip Code 60616. There are no stations. The proceeding will be docketed as AB-43 (Sub No. 184X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the petition for exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the SFA Surface Transportation Board, 395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0245.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(c) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trail use may be directed to the Commission's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 565-1592. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative Thomas J. Healey, (708) 332-4381 at 17641 S. Ashland Avenue Homewood, IL 60430.

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO AB-43 (SUB-NO 184X)

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
-- PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FOR ABANDONMENT --
IN CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

Illinois Central Railroad Company, ("IC") submits this Environmental/Historic Report in compliance with the reporting requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§1105.7 and 1105.8. Supporting correspondence and certifications are attached. It is the conclusion of this Report that the proposed abandonment, if implemented, will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)

1 **Proposed Action and Alternatives** IC seeks to abandon its line of industrial spur starting at station 0+00 (main line MP 3.00 – Throop Street) and ending at the end of the track at station 58+63 (main line MP 2.00 – Cermak Road) in Chicago, Illinois (the "Line"). The Line is situated in Cook County, Illinois and extends a total distance of approximately 5,863 feet. This rail line may have previously served as the main line of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, but more recently has been used as an industrial spur and does not contain mileposts.

This Environmental Report is submitted in anticipation of IC's Petition for Exemption to abandon the above-mentioned Line. It has been primarily used to service one customer, Allied Metals ("Allied"). IC arranged to transload the one car that Allied ordered in the last two years. There are no additional customers on this Line. There is no overhead traffic to be rerouted to other lines.

Following abandonment, IC intends to salvage rail, ties and track materials from the Line

No alternatives to the proposed abandonment have been considered. A map showing the location of the Line is attached herein as **Appendix A**

IC has contacted and requested comments from the Cook County Board of Commissioners. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix B**. There have been no comments to date.

2 Transportation System IC does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be affected by the proposed abandonment. There is no overhead traffic on the Line, and no passenger trains are operated over the Line.

IC has contacted and requested comments from the Illinois Department of Transportation. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix C**. There have been no comments to date.

3 Land Use

(i) IC does not foresee any inconsistency with regional and/or local land use plans, but has contacted and requested comments from the Illinois State Geodetic Advisor. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix D**. The office has not responded to date.

(ii) The proposed abandonment lies entirely within the limits of Cook County, Illinois. The Natural Resource Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture has been contacted and comments requested. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix E**. The NRCS has responded that they have not identified any concerns in the area of the proposed abandonment.

IC has also contacted and requested comments from the Natural Resource Conservation Service - Service Center. No comments have been received to date. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix F**.

(iii) IC believes that this track does not lie within a designated Coastal Zone Management Area and, accordingly, the proposed abandonment will not affect any land or water uses in such an area or result in any coastal impacts. IC has requested comments from the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water but has received no comments to date. See correspondence attached as **Appendix G**.

(iv) IC is not aware of any alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 for which the right-of-way of this track would be suitable.

4 Energy

(i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. No energy resource commodities move on the Line, and IC foresees little or no possibility that such on-line traffic would develop in the future.

(ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No such traffic has been handled on this line for many years (if ever), and IC foresees little or no possibility that any online recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.

(iii) Abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. There is no freight traffic on the Line and thus there will be no changes in existing transportation patterns or energy usage as a result of the proposed abandonment.

(iv) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

5 Air

(i) Not applicable Abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line, (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%, or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment

(ii) Not applicable Abandonment of the Line will not result in traffic increases which exceed the thresholds specified in 49 C F R §1105 7(c)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C)

(iii) Not applicable There are no shipments of ozone-depleting materials on this line, thus nothing will be diverted as a result of this abandonment

6 Noise Not applicable As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C F R § 1105 7(c)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the abandonment

7 Safety

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety During any salvage operations on the Line, precautions will be taken to ensure public safety

(ii) Not applicable To IC's knowledge, no hazardous commodities were ever handled on this Line Accordingly, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of hazardous materials

(iii) To the best of IC's knowledge, there are no known hazardous waste sites or any hazardous waste materials involved Therefore, IC believes that its abandonment will not have any adverse impact on this site

8 Biological Resources

(i) The U S Fish and Wildlife Service have been contacted and we have requested comments See correspondence attached as **Appendix H** The Department of the

Interior responded that they do not believe there are any federally endangered or threatened species in the vicinity of the site

(ii) The Line does not pass through or adjacent to any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges or any national or state parks or forests and, accordingly, none will be adversely affected. IC has contacted and requested comments from the National Park Service. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix I**. There has been no response to date.

9 Water

(i) IC has contacted the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in Springfield, Illinois to determine whether the proposed abandonment is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water and air quality standards. See correspondence attached hereto as **Appendix J**. There have been no comments to date.

(ii) The Army Corps of Engineers has been contacted to determine if the proposed abandonment requires permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix K**. To date, the Corps has not responded to our correspondence.

IC also believes that removal of the rails will not affect any existing wetlands, if they are present. In addition, abandonment should not impact any 100-year floodplain if no additional fill is placed in any floodplain.

(iii) IC has contacted the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel in Chicago. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix L**. The Department has not responded to our correspondence.

10 Proposed Mitigation As no adverse impact is anticipated, IC does not propose any mitigation activities.

HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d)

- 1 Map A map of the Line is attached hereto as **Appendix A**

- 2 Description of Line IC seeks to abandon its line of industrial spur starting at station 0+00 (main line MP 3 00 – Throop Street) and ending at the end of the track at station 58+63 (main line MP 2 00 – Cermak Road) in Chicago, Illinois (the “Line”) The Line is situated in Cook County, Illinois and extends a total distance of approximately 5,863 feet

- 3 Photographs There are no photographs of this line as it does not contain any bridges or structures

- 4 Information on Structures There are no structures located along this portion of the line

- 5 History of Operations This rail line may have previously served as the main line of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, but more recently has been used as an industrial spur and does not contain mileposts.

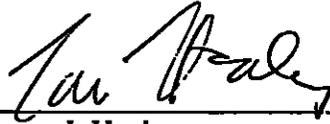
- 6 Engineering Documents IC will make available any relevant engineering documents in its possession

- 7 Historic Criteria IC has contacted and given notice of the proposed abandonment to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency See correspondence attached as **Appendix M** The SHPO has informed IC that they do not have any objection to the undertaking

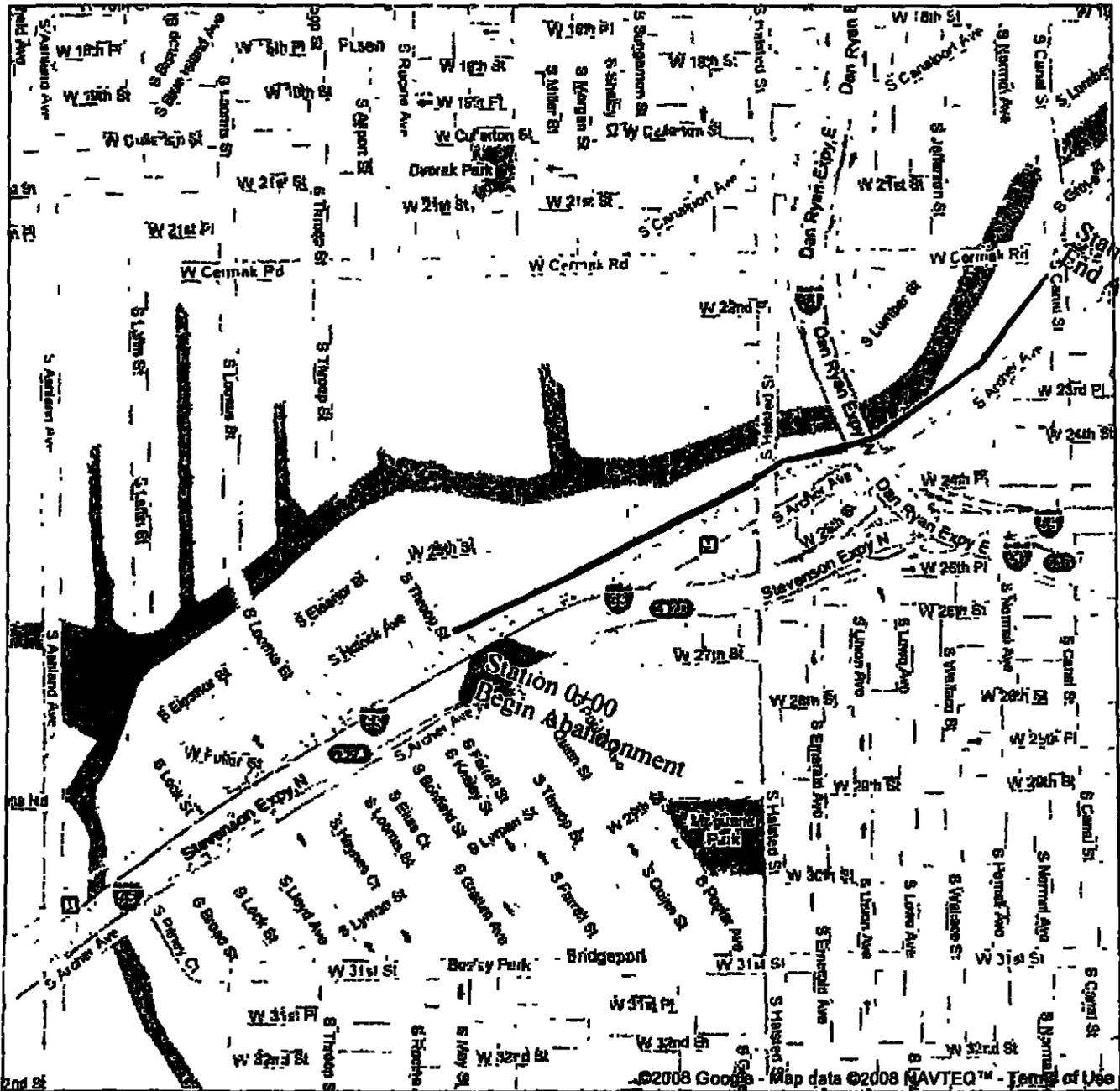
- 8 Ground Disturbances IC is unaware of any possibility that archaeological resources may be in the area Access to the line is generally good

Dated _____, 2008

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Healey", written over a horizontal line.

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May 2, 2008

Mr. Todd H. Stroger, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 North Clark, Room 537
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in Chicago, Cook County,
Illinois, AB-43 (Sub-No. 184X)

Dear Mr. Stroger:

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Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Subject Illinois Central Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois,
AB-43 (Sub-No 184X)

Dear Mr Healy,

This letter is in response to the correspondence forwarded to me from our Illinois USDA-NRCS State Office in Champaign, Illinois. The area in question is the proposed abandonment of 5823 feet of industrial spur from station 0+00 (Throop Street and proceeding northeast to station 58+63 on Canal south of Cermak Road. I have completed an inventory of the area and have not identified any of the concerns listed below,

- * Designated Farmed Wetlands
- * Agricultural Land
- * Undisturbed natural areas requiring soil and natural resource conservation

If you have further questions please do not hesitate to call me

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Jankowski".

Robert Jankowski
District Conservationist



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May 20, 2008

Mr Thomas J Healey
Canadian National Railway Company
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Dear Mr. Healey

This responds to your letter dated May 2, 2008 requesting information on endangered or threatened species for the Illinois Central Railroad Company's proposed railroad abandonment. This proposed project would include 5863 feet of industrial spur starting at station 0+00 (main line MP 3 00 – Throop Street) and ending at the end of the track at station 58+63 (main line MP 2 00 – Cermak Road) (T39N, R14E, Sections 21, 28, and 29) This proposed project is located in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois as depicted on the map you enclosed

Based on the information provided in your submittal and a review of our records, we do not believe that any federally endangered or threatened species occur in the vicinity of the site This conclusion is based on the best available information, including information in your submittal, the scientific and technical literature, and our own files. Newer information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of listed species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change the conclusion This could become more likely if projects experience significant delays in implementation Feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential presence of federally listed species

These comments only address federally listed species. Please contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for information on State-listed species Also, we may have the opportunity to review the project for a broader range of fish and wildlife impacts if it requires a Section 404 permit. We are willing to work with you in advance of formal submittal if it would help streamline the approval process

Mr. Thomas J. Healey

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms Cathy Pollack at 847/381-2253 ext.20, or Ms Karla Kramer at 847/381-2253 ext 12

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karla Kramer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

John D Rogner
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Dear Mr. Healey:

We have reviewed the documentation submitted for the referenced project(s) in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4. Based upon the information provided, no historic properties are affected. We, therefore, have no objection to the undertaking proceeding as planned.

Please retain this letter in your files as evidence of compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This clearance remains in effect for two years from date of issuance. It does not pertain to any discovery during construction, nor is it a clearance for purposes of the Illinois Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440).

If you have any further questions, please contact Patrick Gleason, Cultural Resources Manager, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, 217/785-3977.

Sincerely,

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