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June 24, 2008

W. Paul Cassilly
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**RE: UGA: Demolish Kappa Alpha Fraternity House, 294 South Lumpkin Street, Athens
Clarke County
SP-080602-001**

Dear Mr. Cassilly:

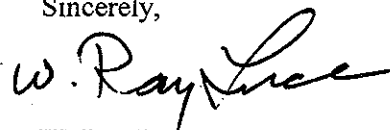
The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has reviewed the information submitted concerning the above referenced project at the University of Georgia (UGA). Our comments are offered to assist the Georgia Board of Regents and UGA in complying with the provisions of the Georgia Environmental Policy Act (GEPA) and the State Agency Historic Property Stewardship Program.

Based on the information provided, HPD concurs with the finding that the subject property, the Kappa Alpha Fraternity House, located at 294 South Lumpkin Street, is eligible for listing in the Georgia Register of Historic Places (GRHP). HPD finds that the building merits inclusion in the GRHP as a good example of a dormitory built in the Colonial Revival Style at UGA. HPD finds that the proposed demolition will have a **significant impact** to the Kappa Alpha Fraternity House, in accordance with GEPA and OCGA 12-3-50-58.

When a significant impact on a historic property is found, the state agency should consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer on ways to avoid or reduce impacts to historic properties. HPD would like to make it clear that this determination of significant impact is not the end of the review process, and we would like to assist the Georgia Board of Regents and UGA in finding alternatives to demolition. HPD also strongly recommends that UGA complete a campus preservation plan to facilitate the university's management of its historic properties. We would also welcome the opportunity to review UGA's campus master plan to gain a better understanding of the university's short and long term management of historic properties.

Please refer to project number **SP-080602-001** in any future correspondence on this project. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Anderson-Cordova, Planning & Local Assistance Unit Manager, at (404) 651-6461, or Elizabeth Shirk, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (404) 651-6624.

Sincerely,



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