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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

Please find enclosed for your information the letter dated
March 13, 1984 requested by your staff.

Sincerely,

for J. E. Booker
Manager-Engineering,
Nuclear Fuels & Licensing
River Bend Nuclear Group

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Enclosure

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March 13, 1984

Mr. J. E. Booker
Manager-Engineering
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Re: Historical and Archaeological Investigation of
the Ruins of a Nineteenth Century Sugar Mill
(16WF-36) in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Booker:

My staff has reviewed the above referenced report and have the following comments to make. Based on the results of this survey, we concur that 16WF36 is not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (see enclosure).

In regard to the report, we would like to point out a minor point of disagreement. On page 19 is the statement that Magnolia Plantation "yielded 205 hogshead, a negligible amount compared with the 4,264 produced by the other 20 plantations of the parish." The 205 hogshead total is five percent of the total production of the parish or two hogsheads over the average production of 203 per plantation. This is more than a "negligible amount." Further, the 1857 through 1861 yields were more than "mediocre crops," (page 20). In fact, as can be seen in Table I, Magnolia produced the following percentages of the total parish production from 1857 to 1861 (compare Table I):

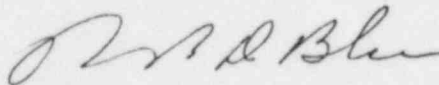
Year	Percent by Magnolia
1857	10%
1858	7%
1859	3%
1860	9%
1861	8%

Thus, we would disagree with the Archival Summary on pages 23-24. However, the sites ineligibility lies with the results of test excavations which indicated severe site disturbance and a lack of intact archaeological deposits. Therefore, we concur with the report's overall conclusion.

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Finally, we would like to extend our appreciation to Gulf States Utilities for their concern and interest in the cultural history of site 16WF36 and in carrying out the survey work. Mr. Cook's careful attention to the site by informing the Division and allowing us to initially visit the site is most commendable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. B. DeBlieux", written in a cursive style.

Robert B. DeBlieux
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure: As stated

Statement of the opinion of the
State Historic Preservation Officer concerning the eligibility
of a property for inclusion in the National Register

I understand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is requesting
agency
the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer concerning the
eligibility of the Magnolia Plantation Sugar Mill (16WF36) for inclusion
property(ies)
in the National Register and that my opinion may be submitted to the
Secretary of the Interior with a formal request for a determination of
eligibility on this property. This statement confirms my consultation
as part of the determination of eligibility procedures.

- ☐ (1) In my opinion, the property is eligible for inclusion in
the National Register.
- ☒ (2) In my opinion, the property is not eligible for inclusion
in the National Register.
- ☐ (3) I have no opinion and prefer to defer to the opinion of the
Secretary of the Interior.

Justification and comments:

Signed: *R. B. Blair*

State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 3/13/84