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Paul Hardin Kapp, AIA Facilities Planning Department UNC-CH CB# 1090, Giles F. Horney Bldg Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1090

Re: Master Plan for UNC-CH, Orange County, GS03-0882

Dear Mr. Kapp:

Thank you for your letter of April 1, 2003, transmitting a copy of the Master Plan for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We have reviewed the plan and offer our comments. Although the proposed plan does not appear to adversely affect any National Register-listed historic properties, including buildings and landscapes within the Chapel Hill Historic District and nearby neighborhoods, we note that at least one older building that may be eligible for the National Register is slated for demolition.

In anticipation of the plan's implementation, we recommend that the University undertake an architectural inventory to identify and determine the National Register eligibility of all buildings that are over fifty years old and located outside the existing National Register districts. Having a determination of eligibility prepared for these buildings would assist in the University's compliance with Executive Order XVI, should demolition be proposed.

It is our understanding that UNC-CH has recently announced a development plan modification that calls for the construction of a 16,000 square foot parking deck and chiller plant behind Cobb Residential Hall and the Center for Dramatic Arts. This site appears to be adjacent to the National Register-listed Chapel Hill Cemetery and has the potential to adversely affect the property's historic character and setting. If our understanding of the proposal is correct, the University should include us in the planning process to ensure that the historic property is given full consideration under the applicable laws and regulations.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions concerning the above comments, please contact me at 733-4763.

Sincerely,

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