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State of Indiana
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
402 West Washington Street
Room W274
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Gentlemen,

On behalf the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Athletic Club, I am writing you to request that the Indianapolis Athletic Club (IAC) Clubhouse building be placed on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources State Register of Historic Sites and Structures. The Indianapolis Athletic Club is located at 350 North Meridian Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. The owner of the Clubhouse building is the Indianapolis Athletic Club, Incorporated. Correspondence should be addressed to the President of the Club at our Meridian Street address.

Our building was built to be the home of the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Under the direction of the Club's Building Committee, chaired by Harry Stutz, plans and designs were made to build a clubhouse suited to the purpose of combining the best features of all the finest athletic clubs in the country. In 1921, a site for the IAC Clubhouse was chosen and Indiana architect Robert Frost Daggett was selected to design the building. Early in 1922 the old Fahnley residence was razed and the cornerstone of the IAC Clubhouse was laid on May 27th. Local companies combined to erect and decorate the building. The Bedford Stone and Construction Company was selected for the erection of the building. L.S.Ayres & Company was awarded the contract for general equipment, furnishings and decoration. Many of the building materials such as stone, brick, oak, walnut, sand

and gravel were from Indiana sources. The club opened in January of 1924 to an enthusiastic membership and has remained a "home away from home" for IAC members for over seventy years.

The IAC Clubhouse is eligible for inclusion in the State Register because of its significance in the development of this community and its unique Italian Renaissance architectural design. Community leaders have been included in the Club's membership throughout its history. The Club has been the site of countless events that have had a significant impact on our state and local history. I have enclosed a copy of the clubs magazine commemorating its fiftieth year anniversary. I understand you also have a photograph of our building in your archives.

The Indianapolis Athletic Club Clubhouse building is truly unique and deserves this prestigious designation as a historic structure. I hope that you will give favorable consideration to our request to be included on the State Register of Historic Sites and Structures.

Sincerely,

David W. Jackson

Executive Vice President and General Manager

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