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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eligibility Assessment File

FROM: Tiffany Patterson, National Register Coordinator 

RE: DeVille Motor Hotel, 4483 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri

DATE: July 21, 2009

The initial eligibility assessment for the DeVille Motor Lodge was submitted to the SHPO in late October 2008 by Lindsey Derrington of St. Louis Landmarks Association. On November 10, 2008, SHPO staff issued comments on the assessment. The comments essentially stated that modern movement architecture is still difficult to assess and that more information on the mid-century modern architecture of St. Louis and mid-century motel design would be necessary to better evaluate the property.

Since the initial eligibility assessment, the Bel Air Motel on Lindell Blvd. in St. Louis has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Bel Air Motel nomination provides both additional context on mid-century motel development and 1950s-60 redevelopment on Lindell that resulted in several fine examples of mid-century modern building designs. The DeVille Motor Hotel is called out in the nomination as an especially good example of that period in design locally. While both the Bel Air and DeVille are representative of the period the DeVille may have some advantages, including association with architect Charles Colbert. Based on the context provided in the Bel Air Motel nomination, it is staff opinion that the DeVille Motor Hotel may be eligible for listing in the National Register under Criteria A and C in the areas of Commerce and Architecture. Due to its date of completion, 1963, a nomination for the property would also need to make a case for exceptional significance under Criterion Consideration G.