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28th September 1994

Mr M McGinnis Argentco Properties Ltd c/o Cathedral Nursing Home 23 Nettleham Road Lincoln

Dear Sir,

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CATHEDRAL NURSING HOME, 23 NETTLEHAM ROAD, LINCOLN.

PLANNING APPL.NO.LC08/0634/93

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCHEME OF INVESTIGATION - WATCHING BRIEF

We refer to the archaeological condition of the planning permission granted in respect to the above application and confirm that groundwork has been monitored by staff of the Unit and archaeological observation and recording has been completed in compliance with the planning condition.

A useful record of deposits exposed by the groundwork has been secured for incorporation into the Urban Archaeological Database and documentary archive. A copy of our archive report is enclosed for your records. Copies of the report will also be lodged with the Local Planning Authority and the County Sites and Monuments Record Office

As no finds were recovered the final cost is less than our initial estimate. Our invoice covering the cost of attendance, recording and archive accession is enclosed. Your early attention in arranging prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

We would take this opportunity to thank all parties concerned for their interest and co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

for and on behalf of City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit

John Hockley **Projects Officer**

c.c. Director of Planning, Lincoln City Council. County Sites and Monuments Record Office, Lincoln.

CITY OF LINCOLN ARCHAEOLOGY UNIT

ARCHIVE REPORT

Cathedral Nursing Home, 23 Nettleham Road, Lincoln

CLAU CODE: ON497 PLANNING APPLIC.: LC08/0634/93 FIELD OFFICER: K.WRAGG

NGR: SK 9810/7248 CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln SMR No.:

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 29/03/94 TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Watching brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Mr M. McGinnis, Argentco Properties Ltd (Cathedral Nursing Home).

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Given the proximity of the Roman aqueduct (which runs through the site) and other possible remains of Roman suburban occupation or land use, it was considered that even this relatively shallow depth might be sufficient to disturb and destroy archaeological remains, which should not be lost without at least a documentary record.

In this case, however, very little of archaeological interest was revealed, with the earliest deposits recorded comprising isolated concentrations of natural limestone "brash", which were in turn overlain by clayey sand and sandy earth layers. No archaeological features of any kind were uncovered, other than modern bedding and pavement surfaces.

ARCHIVE DETAILS

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FINAL LOCATION: The City and County Museum, Friars Lane, Lincoln.

MUSEUM ACCESSION No.: - ACCESSION DATE :

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