## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER



September 20, 2017

Mr. Sean Kennealy, Acting Superintendent National Mall and Memorial Parks National Park Service 900 Ohio Drive, SW Washington, DC 20242-2000

RE: Final Determination of Effect for the Eisenhower Memorial per Stipulation 11 of the 2012 Memorandum of Agreement

Dear Mr. Kennealy:

Thank you for providing an opportunity to review the revised mock-up of the Eisenhower Memorial tapestry this morning at the project site.

Although the tapestry will be clearly visible in front of the Department of Education Building, as intended, a significant number of individual panels will be "blank" (see image below), thus allowing the elevation of the National Register of Historic Places-listed building to remain fully legible. On a related note, we understand that the revised design was approved by the Commission of Fine Arts this morning.

Therefore, in accordance with Stipulation 11 of the 2012 Memorandum of Agreement, we concur with the NPS determination that the final design of the Eisenhower Memorial – including the revised tapestry, relocation of the "young Eisenhower statue" and the addition of a small inscription plinth – will not result in any new adverse effects or intensity any previously identified adverse effects on historic properties.

If you should have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact me at <u>andrew.lewis@dc.gov</u> or 202-442-8841. Otherwise, thank you for your diligent efforts to fulfill the stipulations of the project's Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement.

Sincerely Andrew Lewis

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