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Mr. David Maloney  
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Dear Mr. Maloney:

Subject: Section 106 Consultation – National Memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower

The National Park Service (NPS) wishes to formally initiate consultation with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act regarding the establishment of a national memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower. The NPS and the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (the Commission) propose to establish the memorial on a site located at Maryland and Independence Avenues, and 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets in southwest Washington, DC. The site includes portions of Reservation 5 adjacent to the National Mall and affords views of the U.S. Capitol Building. Congress authorized the proposed memorial to be “an appropriate permanent memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower to perpetuate his memory and his contributions to the United States,” The National Memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower is an undertaking, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3 of the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). The NPS is aware of and appreciates your participation in the earlier Section 106 consultation that occurred in 2006 and in concept design reviews already held on the project.

The Commission, created in October 1999 by Public Law 106-79, is charged with memorializing Dwight D. Eisenhower’s military achievements, presidential accomplishments, and lifetime of public service. Congress directed the Commission to consider and formulate plans for a permanent memorial, “including its nature, design, construction and location.”

The establishment of the Eisenhower Memorial was the subject of Section 106 consultation and an Environmental Assessment (EA) in 2006. The EA resulted in the selection and approval of the site for the memorial. The site is located on land administered by the NPS, the lead federal agency for this project, and on land administered by the General Services Administration (GSA), as well as the District of Columbia.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS and the Commission are currently preparing an EA on the development of the preferred memorial design. The GSA is a cooperating agency in this process. The NPS and the Commission intend to coordinate Section 106 consultation and review with NEPA per ACHP regulations (36 CFR 800.8). (NEPA). The NPS plans to

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consult the public per 800.3(e) in public meetings and through our Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website – [www.parkplanning/nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning/nps.gov). It is anticipated that these outreach efforts will accommodate both NEPA and the 106 process. The first meeting open to the public will be a public scoping meeting to be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010 in Room M09, of the Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20004.

Conceptual design for the memorial are in the early stages of development. The Commission's design team, lead by Gehry Partners, intend to explore various concept alternatives, including the potential for closure of a segment of Maryland Avenue to vehicular traffic and the removal of limited structures on the site. The alternative designs will also address the constraints of the site, including adjacent building heights, setbacks from the perimeter streets and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building, and the preservation of the Maryland Avenue view corridor alignment with the U.S. Capitol Building.

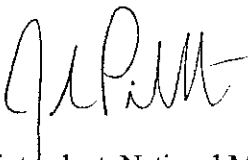
The NPS and the Commission acknowledge that construction and operation of the memorial could adversely affect historic resources. Key issues include the alignment of Maryland Avenue as envisioned in the L'Enfant Plan, the Maryland Avenue vista and historic cartway, the historic building lines on Independence Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, the west elevation of the Department of Education Building, and the historic character of the Independence Avenue side of the National Mall.

We have enclosed a working list of consulting parties and a copy of the APE information prepared in 2006 for your consideration. Both items are intended as a basis of discussion, subject to modification, so as to expedite the consultation process. We also anticipate that a Phase 1a and, if necessary, a Phase 1b archeological review of the site will be undertaken by the Commission to determine if archeological resources might be impacted by the design and construction of a the proposed alternatives.

At this conceptual design stage, the NPS is not prepared to make a formal determination of effect for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial project, but looks forward to consultation with the District of Columbia Preservation Office on this and other steps in the process.

Thank you again for your help on this important project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Mark Isaksen, Chief, Resource Management, National Mall and Memorial Parks at (202) 245-4711.

Sincerely,



Superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks

Enclosure

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