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Dear Mr. Vogel:

In its meeting of 15 October, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed a site selection study for the location of a new plaque at the World War II Memorial to be inscribed with the prayer delivered by President Franklin D. Roosevelt by radio on D-Day. The Commission approved siting the plaque at the memorial's Circle of Remembrance, consistent with the preference of the National Park Service.

In their general support for this location, the Commission members also observed that the addition of a large tablet bearing the text of a public address may be incompatible with the intended purpose of private contemplation at the Circle of Remembrance. They commented on the possible difficulty of finding a successful location for a large plaque associated with the Circle; it may become evident through the design process that another site within the memorial precinct is more appropriate.

As always, the staff is available to assist you with the development of the design.

Sincerely,



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Secretary

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