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Mr. Peter May  
Associate Regional Director, Lands, Resources, and Planning  
National Capital Region  
National Park Service  
1100 Ohio Drive, SW  
Washington, DC 20242

***REF: Construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Education Center  
Washington, DC***

Dear Mr. May:

Enclosed is your copy of the fully executed Memorandum of Agreement for the referenced project. By carrying out the terms of the Agreement, you will fulfill your responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations of Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The original Agreement will remain on file at our office.

We commend the National Park Service for working closely with the other federal agencies, the DC State Historic Preservation Officer, and the other consulting parties to develop a proposed design for the education center that minimizes its direct and indirect effects on the nationally significant historic properties, including the National Mall, Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, amongst which it will be set. While the statutory authorization for the education center set the designers on a path to a minimum footprint facility constructed below the existing grade, the NPS and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund continued to be open and responsive to historic preservation concerns raised by consulting parties and to modify the design to address those concerns.

If we may be of further assistance as the Agreement is implemented, please contact Katry Harris by telephone at (202) 606-8520 or by e-mail at [kharris@achp.gov](mailto:kharris@achp.gov).

Sincerely,

Caroline D. Hall  
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Federal Property Management Section

Enclosure

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