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John M. Fowler, Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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REF: Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Education Center – 14 Day Review and Comment of Proposed final design

Dear Mr. Fowler:

On June 25, 2012, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation provided the National Park Service (NPS) with a copy of the fully executed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Education Center (VVMC). The MOA provided that the VVMF and National Park Service would address the courtyard opening, the skylight over the entrance, the landscape treatment of the site, and the night lighting of the center.

Preliminary design approval for the VVMC was granted by the National Capital Planning Commission on July 12, 2012, while noting that several design details were subject to additional consultation under the MOA. During 2013 and 2014, the NPS and the VVMF have refined the design, a response that has resulted in the inclusion of an additional egress walk, the insertion of protective elements, the elimination of the entry area skylight, and the deletion of a wall and planting feature at the entry way.

The NPS has determined that refinements will not result in any new or intensified adverse effect on historic properties. These letters of determination, the supporting design documents, and the concurrences by The District of Columbia State Historic Preservation, on January 16, 2014, and on October 6, 2014, are posted on the National Park Planning website under National Mall and Memorial Parks at <https://pepc.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=16021>.

The NPS and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) hereby forward the proposed preliminary/final design for the memorial center, per the stipulations of the MOA, to the signatories, invited signatories and consulting parties for a 14-day period of review and comment. We thank you for your interest and involvement in this undertaking and look forward to receipt of written review comments between the period October 10 and October 24, so that we can prepare for final approval submissions, or respond to objections.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Vogel
Superintendent
National Mall and Memorial Parks