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Memorandum

To: Signatories, Invited Signatories and Consulting Parties

From: *for* Gay E. Vietzke, Superintendent 

Subject: Notification of Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Changes

In accordance with the design consultation stipulations in the 2012 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the establishment of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial in Washington, DC, the purpose of this memorandum is to provide notification of proposed design modifications to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial. The proposed site is located at Maryland and Independence Avenues between 4th and 6th Streets, on a four-acre site in Southwest Washington, DC.

Since receiving final design approvals from the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) on June 18, 2015 and National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) on July 9, 2015, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission proposes the following three changes to the memorial plans based on consultation with the Eisenhower family:

1. Revising the artistic image on the tapestry, and the symbolic context of the story of Eisenhower from a landscape scene of Abilene, Kansas, Eisenhower's hometown, to a contemporary view of the Normandy beaches, where the D-Day landing occurred under Eisenhower's command during World War II.
2. Relocating the statue of young Eisenhower from the Memorial Overlook to the Lyndon B. Johnson Eisenhower Promenade adjacent to the Department of Education entrance to strengthen the thematic relationship between the memorial and the Department of Education. The statue is seated on a low wall with an inscription from Eisenhower's Abilene Homecoming speech.
3. Removing four canopy trees adjacent to the memorial core to increase the views of the revised tapestry image.

Based on the initial analysis of the design changes to the proposed Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, the National Park Service (NPS) anticipates that these changes will not result in new adverse effects or intensify the previously identified adverse effects to historic properties.

However, as outlined in Stipulation 11 of the 2012 MOA, the NPS will issue a final determination of effect and seek concurrence from signatories, invited signatories, and consulting parties, prior to final design approval from NCPC and CFA. The NPS previously issued its final determination of effect on May 8, 2015. At that time, the NPS concluded that the design refinements accomplished between 2012 and 2015 minimized the adverse effects on historic properties identified in the 2012 MOA.

The relevant plans and supporting documentation for these proposed design changes, as well comments received from CFA and NCPC, are posted on the NPS Planning, Environment & Public Comment (PEPC) website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Dewey, Chief of Resource Management, at (202) 245-4711 or Catherine_dewey@nps.gov.