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IN REPLY REFER TO

February 2, 2017

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Mr. Tom Luebke, FAIA
Secretary Commission of Fine Arts
401 F Street, NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001

RE: World War I Memorial

Dear Mr. Luebke:

The National Park Service, on behalf of the World War I Centennial Commission, hereby requests that the World War I Memorial be reviewed for concept approval at the February 16, 2017 meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Public Law 113-291, enacted December 19, 2014, re-designated Pershing Park on Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. as a World War I Memorial, and further directed that the park be enhanced to further honor the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I.

The Commission reviewed an earlier design at its October 20, 2016 meeting and did not take an action, but provided comments and requested that the World War I Centennial Commission return with a revised submission. We believe that the design team has taken substantial steps to address the Commission's comments and to produce a concept design that better balances the incorporation of new commemorative elements with the existing park design.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact Glenn DeMarr, Project Manager, in our Office of Lands and Planning at (202) 619-7027.

Sincerely,

Doug Jacobs
Associate Regional Director
Facilities, Design, and Construction