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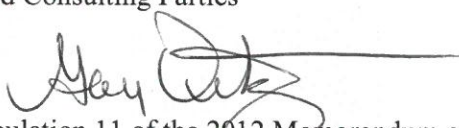
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May 5, 2017

### Memorandum

To: Signatories, Invited Signatories and Consulting Parties

From: Gay E. Vietzke, Superintendent 

Subject: Final Determination of Effect, Stipulation 11 of the 2012 Memorandum of Agreement (Updated since May 8, 2015)

In accordance with Stipulation 11 of the 2012 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among the National Park Service (NPS), the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC), the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (DC SHPO), the purpose of this letter is to record our final determination of effect for the establishment of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial based on the most recent design changes proposed by the EMC. 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 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, EMC 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.

At the January 2017 CFA and February 2017 NCPC meetings, the commissions reviewed and largely approved the overall revised concept design. However, both commissions requested additional visual studies and a mock-up of the revised tapestry image. In recent months, EMC has provided additional

documentation on the tapestry image (see attachment). Based on the analysis of this information and the previously submitted documentation, the NPS believes that these changes will not result in new adverse effects or intensify the previously identified adverse effects to historic properties. Therefore, the NPS seeks your concurrence with our final determination of effect. In accordance with the MOA, this determination and the final design documentation will be posted on the NPS Planning, Environment & Public Comment (PEPC) website for a 14-day review and comment period, ending May 19, 2017. We look forward to continuing to work with you as we prepare to submit the plans for final approval for the May 2017 CFA meeting and June 2017 NCPC meeting.

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](mailto:catherine_dewey@nps.gov).



## **EISENHOWER MEMORIAL**

**TAPESTRY MOCK-UP - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
FOR NPS DETERMINATION OF NO ADDITIONAL ADVERSE EFFECTS**

**THREE PANEL MOCK-UP**

MAY 4, 2017





AERIAL VIEW

CURRENT DESIGN



TAPESTRY IMAGE

CURRENT DESIGN



PANELIZED TAPESTRY SHOWING THE PANEL MOCK UP LOCATION IN CONTEXT

CURRENT DESIGN





3 PANEL TAPESTRY MOCK UP

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TAPESTRY MOCK UP ORIENTED TO MATCH VIEW FROM MEMORIAL TOWARDS LBJ  
BUILDING. BACKGROUND BUILDING IS AT DISTANCE OF 70' AWAY

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