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Marcel Acosta
Executive Director
National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, N.W.
North Lobby, Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Acosta,

The National Park Service (NPS), on behalf of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC) is writing to request preliminary and final approval of the amended artwork for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial at the October 5, 2017 meeting. The memorial originally received final design approval in 2015.

At its February 2017 meeting, the Commission reviewed and commented favorably on several modifications to the memorial design, specifically: (1) changing the tapestry image from a composite view of Abilene, Kansas to a peacetime image of the beach at the Normandy, France, (2) changes to the location and depiction of the young Eisenhower, and (3) removing four trees from the approved planting plan. The Commission also requested additional visual studies and a mock-up of the revised tapestry image, a revised lighting plan, and additional Section 106 consultation. Since February, the EMC and its design team have continued to refine the concept and will share a mock-up of a section of the tapestry for the Commission's review.

Regarding Section 106 compliance, the NPS determined (see attached) that the design modifications would not result in a new adverse effect or intensify a previously considered effect. The District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (DCSHPO) deferred concurrence on the determination pending review of a revised mock-up of the tapestry. We are hopeful that the DCSHPO will review the mock-up when it is presented to the Commission of Fine Arts on September 20, and that concurrence will follow shortly thereafter.

The submission materials will be transmitted under separate cover. 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,

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