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Mr. David Maloney State Historic Preservation Officer District of Columbia, Office of Planning 2000 14th Street, NW, 4th Floor (Reeves Center) Washington, DC, 20009

Subject:

Proposed Rehabilitation of the District of Columbia War Memorial

Dear Mr. Maloney:

The National Park Service (NPS) wishes to inform you of the results of further consultation in design details for the proposed rehabilitation of the District of Columbia (DC) War Memoria. In a letter dated November 12, 2009, your office concurred with the overall NPS determination of "no adverse effect," conditioned upon further consultation to refine appropriate design details such as the choice of replacement stone for the walkways and the appropriate pattern of the stone.

The NPS has refined the proposed paving treatment. The alternatives were discussed in a work session on February 22, 2010, with your office (Andrew Lewis) and the Commission of Fine Arts. Based on this consultation, we agreed that the preferred treatment for the paving at the Commission of Fine Arts. War Memorial will:

- 1. Match the existing bluestone paver treatment as close as possible in terms of material scale, color and pattern.
- 2. The detailed inner walkway surrounding the base of the memorial will be replaced in kind with bluestone, possibly in a slightly darker hue to differentiate its historic significance as an original paving feature of the site.
- 3. The parallel walkways will be widened from existing 8 ft. to 10 ft. to accommodate current and expected use patterns.
- 4. The paving pattern will retain the layout as existing (which was installed in 1939).

Additionally, we will update the landscape plan to indicate the original intent, existing conditions, and what the proposed removals and plantings will be to achieve the landscape rehabilitation.



We fe I that these changes, made in consultation with your office, continue to constitute no adverse effect on the DC War Memorial. If you concur with this assessment, please sign below and return this letter to me at your earliest convenience.

Finall, we agree that there is an opportunity to prepare an individual nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the DC War Memorial. We look forward to working with your office at that endeavor.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Ms. Jennifer Talken-Spaulding, Acting Chief, Division of Resource Management, at (202) 245-4693.

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