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Mr. John M. Fowler
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Attn: Mr. Christopher Daniel

Subject: NASA Programmatic Agreement for Ames Research Center, Moffett Field,
California

Dear Mr. Fowler:

In support of its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has proposed the establishment of a Programmatic Agreement (Agreement) among NASA, the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) regarding the management of facilities, infrastructure, and sites at Ames Research Center (ARC) at Moffett Field, California.

To date, a summary of consultation actions pertaining to the Agreement is as follows:

2015:

September 2015 - NASA submitted letter initiating consultation for the PA
October 2015 – SHPO/ACHP replied to participate and review
December 2015 - NASA submitted Draft PA to SHPO

2016:

February 2016 – SHPO/ACHP provided comments
March 2016 - SHPO provided additional comments
June 2016 - NASA submitted a Responses Matrix regarding all SHPO/ACHP comments
October 2016 - Telecon between NASA, SHPO and ACHP to review Response Matrix

NASA has prepared the attached draft Agreement that outlines the processes by which NASA would fulfill its Section 106 responsibilities for typical and repetitive management and development activities at ARC, based on the past consultation with the SHPO and ACHP.

NASA requests your review of the draft Agreement, your input regarding the elements of the draft Agreement, and, ultimately, your participation as a Signatory to the Agreement. NASA has also sent the draft Agreement to the SHPO. Planetary Ventures, LLC, who has entered into leases of approximately 1,000 acres at ARC, including certain historic properties, participates as a Concurring Party to the Agreement. NASA has also sent the Agreement to the public for comment.

NASA requests the ACHP's timely review of the draft Agreement and comments within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Please contact me at keith.venter@nasa.gov or at (650) 604-6408 with your comments or questions.

Sincerely,



Keith Venter
Historic Preservation Officer



cc:

- HQ/EMD/Ms. Klein, Ph.D., RPA
- Juliane Polanco, State Historic Preservation Officer
- Planetary Ventures, LLC/David Radcliffe, Vice President of Real Estate and Workplace Services

Attachment

- Draft Programmatic Agreement Among the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding Management of Facilities, Infrastructure, and Sites at the Ames Research Center, California