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Mr. Jonathan Ikan
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Subject: Building 19 Rehabilitation for Exchange Lodge Project, Moffett Federal Airfield, NASA Ames Research Center, Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Mr. Ikan:

The California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has received the November 5, 2019, letter initiating consultation regarding an undertaking at NASA Ames Research Center (ARC). NASA is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. §306108), as amended, and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.

Along with the letter, NASA submitted a memorandum prepared by AECOM and dated November 4, 2019, that provides the Section 106 analysis, project maps, photographs, and plans. The proposed undertaking, as described, involves interior rehabilitation of existing hotel rooms (1140 – 1148 and 2240 – 2248), hallways, and two lobbies (L1001 and L2001) in the north wing of the west addition of Building 19. Work would include demolition and replacement of interior finishes, electrical circuit upgrades, and alarm system upgrades. Work proposed for the interior of the hotel rooms also includes enclosure of eight window openings from the interior using sheetrock or shutters. NASA states the interior enclosure of the windows will produce a blank finished wall recessed from the window and the window opening. The window sash and glazing will remain intact and the recession of the wall will create depth and shadows behind the windows.

NASA defined an Area of Potential Effect (APE) for this undertaking that encompasses the footprint of Building 19. The building is located within the NAS Sunnyvale Historic District and listed as a contributor in 1994. NASA finds that the interior spaces of this building have been altered and retain little integrity. NASA also finds that the interior enclosure of eight window openings as described would not compromise the integrity of the building because the modification would not be visible from the exterior and would be reversible. Therefore, NASA proposes a Finding of No Adverse Effect.

After reviewing the information submitted, the SHPO offers the following comments.

- This project qualifies as an undertaking with the potential to affect historic properties.
- The APE appears to be sufficient to take effects of the undertaking into account.
- Identification and evaluation efforts are sufficient.
- Based upon the information submitted, the SHPO has no objection to the proposed Finding of No Adverse Effect for this undertaking.
- Please be advised that under certain circumstances, such as unanticipated discovery or a change in project description, NASA may have additional future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Beason, State Historian, at (916) 445-4047 or mark.beason@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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