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Subject: Rehabilitation of Second Floor of Building 19, Moffett Federal Airfield, NASA Ames Research Center, Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Mr. Venter:

Thank you for your May 4, 2017, 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 your letter, NASA submitted an undated report entitled "Building 19 Rehabilitation for USGS, Section 106 Report, Project 019-1600."

The proposed undertaking, as described, involves rehabilitating space in the second floor of Building 19 for occupation by the US Geological Service (USGS). Proposed work includes the following:

- Removing window air-conditioning units;
- Retaining windows and repairing them to ensure operability;
- Demolishing interior corridor and office walls and office partitions;
- Construction of new walls and partitions;
- Reducing size of toilet rooms; and
- Installing condensing units on the roof to provide air conditioning to the second floor, to be located on flat roofs of Building 19.

NASA defined an Area of Potential Effect (APE) for this undertaking that encompasses Building 19 and the first tier of surrounding buildings. No ground disturbance is expected.

Building 19 is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributor to the US Naval Air Station Sunnyvale Historic District under Criterion A and C with a period of significance of 1930 – 1935 and 1942 – 1946. The central portion of the building was constructed in 1933, with the two-story wings added in 1952. The nomination found that no character defining features remained intact in the interior of the building after several modifications. It also found the 1952 wings did not contribute because they were less than 50 years old at the time it was evaluated. However, NASA states that the wings are now likely historic and proposes to treat them as such. Several nearby buildings are also historic properties.

As described and supported by the technical report, NASA applied the criteria for adverse effect to this undertaking. The windows will be restored to original functionality. No interior character defining features remain to be affected by the interior remodeling. The addition of condensing units to the flat roofs of Building 19 will have no direct adverse effect to the building and their visibility to nearby buildings will have no indirect adverse effect. Therefore, NASA proposes a Finding of No Adverse Effect for this undertaking. 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 appear to be 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.

Thank you for considering historic properties in your project planning efforts. 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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