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Attn: Mr. Mark Beason

Subject: Section 106 Consultation for Building 476 Demolition Project at Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Ms. Polanco:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Ames Research Center (ARC) is the lead Federal agency pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(a)(2) under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (54 U.S.C. §306108), as amended, and its implementing regulations (36 C.F.R. Part 800) to initiate and conduct Section 106 consultation on the Building 476 Demolition Project (project or undertaking). The project is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Wescoat Road and Bailey Road in the NASA Ames Research Park, Moffett Field, Santa Clara County, California. NASA ARC determined that this project constitutes an undertaking under the NHPA. The undertaking would demolish Building 476 and its associated utilities, and install a new underground conduit to modify Building 476's parking lot lights power supply.

In support of NASA ARC's responsibilities under Section 106, professional consultants who meet the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualifications standards conducted a cultural resources study related to the undertaking, including the evaluation of resources for NRHP eligibility. The attached cultural resources technical memorandum prepared by AECOM (Attachment A) includes a description of the undertaking and the Area of Potential Effects (APE), the methodology used to identify and evaluate historic properties within the APE, and an assessment of potential effects resulting from the undertaking. No previously identified archaeological resources were identified in the APE, but the APE is not within an area of historic archaeological sensitivity. The technical study found that there is a moderate potential for

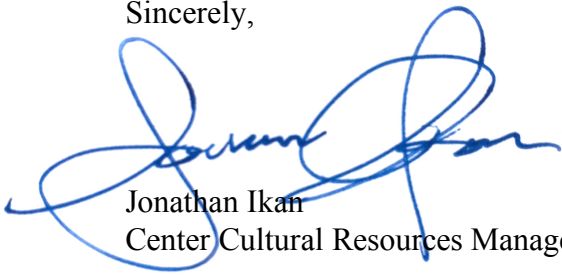
historic period resources to be encountered in the APE and recommended that archaeological monitoring occur during potholing and trenching for the installation of the electrical conduit from Building 152. Through implementation of mitigation measures outlined in the standard operating procedure for unanticipated discoveries, the undertaking would have no adverse effect on archaeological historic properties. The APE for the undertaking also includes seven buildings, including Buildings 21, 22, 109, 148, 149, 152, and 476. Buildings 21 and 22 are listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as contributors to the U.S. Naval Air Station Sunnyvale, California Historic District. The remaining buildings were evaluated as not eligible for the NRHP.

Based on the enclosed analysis, which includes a description of the undertaking, the APE, identification efforts, and effects analysis for the undertaking, NASA ARC has determined that the undertaking would result in No Adverse Effect on historic properties. NASA ARC requests your review of the attached analysis, which includes a description of the undertaking, the APE, identification efforts, and effects analysis for the undertaking.

NASA ARC requests the State Historic Preservation Officer's (SHPO) concurrence on NASA ARC's finding of No Adverse Effect for this undertaking, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.5(b). NASA ARC requests the SHPO's response within 30 days of receipt of this letter, as specified in 36 C.F.R. 800.5(c).

Please contact me at jonathan.d.ikan@nasa.gov or at (650) 604-6859 with your comments or questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

Technical Memorandum on the Building 476 Demolition Project, prepared by AECOM, dated August 7, 2019

