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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Julianne Polanco, California State Historic Preservation Officer  
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Reid Nelson, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

SUBJECT: Hangar 3 Hazard Remediation Project, Moffett Federal Airfield, NASA Ames Research Center, Santa Clara County, California

DATE: August 15, 2024

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In support of its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), and according to the stipulations in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Hangar 3 Hazard Remediation Project located at Moffett Field, Santa Clara County, California, this memorandum serves as the final report documenting the completion of all tasks in the MOA.

### 1. Stipulations IA-I.D

#### I.A. Archival Documentation

NASA ARC received the letter from the regional Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) coordinator at the National Park Service (NPS) in December 2022 stipulating that the HAER recordation for the project consist of Level I written historical and descriptive data, photographs, and reduced copies of measured drawings. The NPS stipulation letter was shared with the consulting parties for their information, per the requirements in the MOA.

All recordation documentation activities have been performed by architectural historians who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards. The HAER Level I written historical and descriptive data and photographs were accepted by the NPS on June 27, 2024 (acceptance letter attached). The measured drawings were completed by staff at the NPS in April 2024. The NPS will distribute the archival documentation to the State Historic Preservation Office (OHP) and the Library of Congress directly, per NPS standard procedure. An additional set of the complete HAER documentation will be housed in the NASA Ames Archives. Copies were distributed to the consulting parties identified in the MOA in August 2024.

#### I.B. Digital Documentation

The field photography for the HAER documentation was completed by Stephen Schafer Photography in July 2022. The fieldwork for the digital documentation was completed by NPS staff in November 2022. All fieldwork was successful, and all required data was captured. As required in the MOA, all signatories were notified in January 2023 that field documentation was completed.

#### I.C. Educational Website

The website design and content were created through consultation between NASA ARC, Planetary Ventures (PV), the Moffett Field Historical Society, the City of Mountain View, and members of the California Air National Guard (CAANG) who are stationed on the site. A preliminary workshop was held in February 2023 to preview the content and potential design of

the website. A second workshop was held in December 2023 to share the draft website and film and solicit feedback. The feedback from both workshops was positive, and the final website was launched in Spring 2024. The website is hosted by NASA Arc and is available here: <https://historicproperties.arc.nasa.gov/h3historysite/initial/>.

As stipulated in the MOA, the website includes historical information about MFA and Hangar 3, incorporating contextual narratives, historic and current photographs, HAER photographs, a three-dimensional model, architectural drawings, and an approximately 14-minute film. The website was designed for universal accessibility and can be expanded in the future with additional content as required.

#### I.D. Schedule and Review

As required in the MOA, a memorandum was submitted in January 2023 documenting that all field-based requirements were completed. This July 2024 summary memorandum confirms that all requirements of Stipulation I.A, I.B, and I.C have been completed.

## **2. Discovery**

There were no cases of discovery or previously unknown resources or unanticipated effects.

## **3. Implementation Issues**

There were no issues with the implementation of the MOA. The consulting parties were engaged in the process, including providing content for the website and participating in the development of the film, including in some cases as interview subjects. There were no additional parties who requested consulting party status for the project; however, the project team engaged with a variety of experts and interested groups in the development of the content and in the identification of historic photographs and other materials to enrich the project.

## **4. Proposed Changes to the MOA**

There are no proposed changes to the MOA, and no concerns were submitted by the consulting parties.

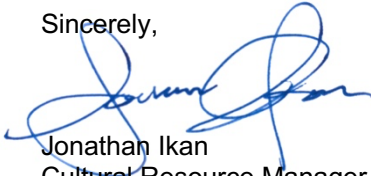
## **5. Summary of Work Completed**

As of July 2024, all tasks as stipulated in the MOA have been completed:

- Receipt of stipulation letter from the NPS for the HAER documentation and notification to consulting parties.
- Completion of all field-based documentation.
- Notification to signatories of the MOA that field-based documentation was completed.
- Two workshops with consulting parties to review and provide feedback on the website and film content and design.
- Completion and launch of the educational website and film.
- Acceptance of the HAER documentation by the NPS.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at [jonathan.d.ikan@nasa.gov](mailto:jonathan.d.ikan@nasa.gov) or at (650) 604-6859 by September 15, 2024.

Sincerely,



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