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Subject: Continued Section 106 consultation for the maintenance and renovation of Building 454 at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Federal Airfield, Santa Clara County, CA as part of the MFA Navigational Aids, Airfield Lighting, and Signage Replacement Project.

Dear Ms. Polanco,

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has entered into long term lease agreements with Planetary Ventures (PV), an independent entity, at Moffett Federal Airfield (MFA) in Santa Clara County, CA. Pursuant to its leases, PV proposes to conduct necessary repairs and renovations in order to upgrade Building 454 to ensure its functionality in relation to the ongoing operation of the airfield. This work is associated with the proposed MFA Navigational Aids, Airfield Lighting, and Signage Replacement project (Nav aids), which was submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation for Section 106 Consultation on August 31, 2017. In the Nav aids *Section 106 Technical Report*, the description of the Undertaking discusses upgrades that would occur at Building 454, but does not specify beyond routine maintenance. The upgrades slated for Building 454 have been developed further and are now presented under the Building 454 Renovations Project.

Per the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended through 2006, and its regulations found at 36 CFR Part 800, NASA is the lead agency and requests continued consultation under Section 106 for the Building 454 Renovations Project as part of the ongoing Nav aids Section 106 consultation. We have prepared an additional Section 106 package that contains the following documentation:

1. *Building 454 Renovations Project, Section 106 Technical Report*, September 2017
(Description of Proposed Undertaking, Area of Potential Effect, Identification of Cultural Resources, Application of the Criteria of Adverse Effect, and Appendices)
 - a. Appendix A: Project maps, including the project location, Area of Potential Effect, historic properties located at MFA, and the Area of Direct Impacts.
 - b. Appendix B: Existing Conditions - Site Photographs

c. Appendix C: Select Drawings

The proposed Building 454 Renovations Project will address a series of maintenance deficiencies with Building 454, including the repairs to the metal panel siding and corrugated roofing; and in-kind replacement where materials are deteriorated beyond reparation and usability. The proposed project will also involve site improvements, the construction of a new radio antenna, and other support infrastructure to ensure the continued use of the building in ongoing airfield operations.

The enclosed Section 106 Technical Report (Item 1) identifies NASA as the lead agency, outlines the Building 454 renovations project as an Undertaking, delineates the APE, and lists the identified historic properties within the APE. The Technical Report provides an assessment of the proposed Undertaking under the Criteria of Adverse Effects, and concludes that the proposed Undertaking warrants a finding of No Adverse Effect.

NASA is seeking the SHPO's concurrence with NASA's finding that the proposed Undertaking will result in No Adverse Effect on historic properties. NASA requests the SHPO's concurrence within 30 days of receipt of this letter, as specified in 36 CFR 800.5(c).

Sincerely,



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