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Subject: Initiation of Section 106 consultation for Parking Lot 3 Improvements at Moffett Federal Airfield (MFA), Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Ms. Polanco,

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has entered into a long term adaptive reuse lease agreement with Planetary Ventures (PV), an independent entity, at Moffett Federal Airfield (MFA) at NASA Ames Research Center in Santa Clara County, California. A 96-year lease was signed by the parties in late 2014. Currently, Planetary Ventures proposes to complete improvements to gravel and paved areas off Macon Road in the vicinity of Hangars 2 and 3 at Moffett Field. Per the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended through 2006, and its regulations found at 36 CFR Part 800, NASA has determined that the Parking Lot 3 Project constitutes an Undertaking, and is requesting initiation of Section 106 consultation and the State Historic Preservation Officer's concurrence on NASA's determination of No Adverse Effect on historic properties as a result of the proposed Undertaking.

The enclosed materials for your review include:

1. *MFA Parking Lot 3 Improvements, Section 106 Consultation* memorandum, May 20, 2016
(Description of Proposed Undertaking, Area of Potential Effect, Identification of Historic Properties, and Application of the Criteria of Adverse Effect)
2. Drawings:
Bus Parking Improvements, 03.18.2016

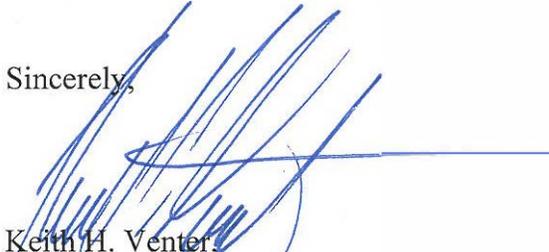
The proposed Undertaking would implement improvements to existing paved and gravel parking areas off Macon Road in order to accommodate bus parking spaces for staff operations. The improvements would enhance the safety, efficiency and use of the parking area.

The enclosed Section 106 Memorandum (Item 1) identifies NASA as the lead agency, outlines the Undertaking, delineates the Area of Potential Effect (APE), and lists the identified historic properties within the APE. The memorandum provides an assessment of the proposed Undertaking under the Criteria of Adverse Effects, and supports a finding of No Adverse Effect for the proposed Undertaking.

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).

Please contact me at keith.venter@nasa.gov or at (650) 604-6408 with your comments or questions.

Sincerely,



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