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Subject: Parking Lot 3 Improvements, Bus Maintenance Facility, Moffett Federal Airfield, NASA Ames Research Center, Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Mr. Venter:

The California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has received NASA's October 18, 2017, letter continuing consultation regarding an undertaking at NASA Ames Research Center (ARC). NASA is consulting with the 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 the letter, NASA also provided a report entitled "MFA Bus Maintenance Facility Project Section 106 Technical Report" prepared by Page & Turnbull and dated October 2017.

With the recent letter, NASA proposes a modification to the previous description of the undertaking. In conjunction with the improvements to Parking Lot 3 as requested by Planetary Ventures, the lessee for Moffett Federal Airfield, NASA proposes to construct a temporary bus maintenance facility at the northeast corner of the airfield. This will include construction of four temporary maintenance tents between Hangar 3 and Macon Road, placing several small shipping containers on site for storage and office space, and site improvements including repainting the existing parking lot. NASA and Planetary Ventures intend for this facility to be temporary, expected to be on site for three to 15 years. A new utility connection will be necessary and will be installed in both existing and new conduits. The new conduits will require open trench construction for the 225' alignment that will be 18" wide and a maximum depth of 36".

NASA defined the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as the boundaries of Moffett Airfield. A record search revealed no known archaeological resources in the APE, which is completely paved. Previous archaeological surveys and sensitivity modeling find the APE to be within a previously disturbed area with only remote likelihood of subsurface archaeological resources.

The APE overlaps with the NAS Sunnyvale Historic District. The Moffett Field Aircraft

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Parking Apron (MF1002) and Inert Ammunition Storage (Building 69) are the only contributors in the direct project area.

NASA proposes a finding of No Adverse Effect for this undertaking. Lot 3 and Building 69 will not suffer direct adverse effects from the project, the undertaking will not have indirect adverse effects on any of the resources noted within the APE, and the APE is not within known archaeologically sensitive areas. After reviewing the information submitted to my office, the SHPO offers the following comments:

- The project as described constitutes an undertaking.
- The proposed APE appears sufficient to take direct and indirect effects into account.
- Identification and evaluation efforts appear to be sufficient.
- The SHPO has no objection to the proposed Finding of No Adverse Effects for the undertaking as described.
- Please be advised that under certain circumstances, such as unanticipated discovery or a change in project description, FEMA may have additional future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for seeking the SHPO's comments and considering historic properties as part of your project planning. 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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