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***REF: Non-Time-Critical Removal Action for the PCB Contamination at Installation Restoration Site 29, Hangar 1, Former Naval Air Station Moffett Field, California (Moffett Field Action)***

Dear Mr. ~~Schregardus~~ <sup>*Dou*</sup>:

In Chairman John Nau's letter to the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Donald C. Winter, dated October 6, 2008, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) made several recommendations to the Navy, pursuant to its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act, to minimize and mitigate the potential adverse effects of the Moffett Field Action to Hangar 1, an important historic resource listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We recently received the Navy's Action Memorandum, dated December 2008, for the Moffett Field Action. Appendix B of the Action Memorandum provided responses to some our comments.

Due to the national significance of Hangar 1 and the recognized public interest in its fate, we would like to revisit certain recommendations made in our October letter that were not specifically addressed in the Action Memorandum.

Chairman Nau's letter urges the Navy to apply additional funds to developing a formal partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to develop a single coordinated delivery schedule to re-skin the hangar and find a viable reuse for the building, and to work with NASA and its potential public-private partners who also may provide funding to return Hangar 1 to a viable, reusable building.

We acknowledge the statement in the Action Memorandum that both the Navy and NASA are striving to coordinate their efforts in a manner consistent with the ACHP's recommendation. However, we ask the Navy to make this commitment more specific and to coordinate the timing of its undertaking with NASA to ensure a seamless transition from removal action to active reuse with little to no time where the frame is left without siding or roof.

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Chairman Nau's letter also encouraged the Navy to engage local communities in the creation of its proposed mitigation measures, such as the development of oral histories, virtual Hangar 1 interactive CD, and inventory-catalogue of the Hangar 1 collections, as well as their distribution. Further, it urged the Navy to establish a working relationship with the local school districts to ensure the incorporation of this valuable information and history in school curricula. We ask the Navy to pursue these next steps to ensure the maximum public use and benefit from this mitigation.

We welcome the opportunity to work with the Navy and NASA to ensure the long-term preservation of Hangar 1. We also request that the Navy provide our office with periodic status reports on the implementation of its removal action alternative and its partnership with NASA.

We anticipate your response regarding these issues, and look forward to continue working with the Navy and other parties as this process moves forward. If you have any questions or require further assistance of the ACHP, please contact Kelly Yasaitis Fanizzo at 202-606-8583, or by EMAIL at [kfanizzo@achp.gov](mailto:kfanizzo@achp.gov).

Sincerely,



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