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Dear Dr. Guldenzopf:

Thank you for the Army's recent notice of its intent to develop and seek from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) issuance of a Program Comment for Army Vietnam War Era (1963-1975) Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape Features. We appreciate the Army's efforts to incorporate the recently issued Recommendations of the Program Comment Review Panel, including the development of the Army's Program Comment Plan and the Army's publication of Notice of Availability of the plan in the *Federal Register* on November 15, 2021.

ACHP staff provided comments on early drafts of the plan and the Army has incorporated many of the suggestions. We continue to support the Army in its efforts to seek programmatic approaches for the management of historic properties in its ownership, and wish to underscore how important it is for the Army to fully consider input from consulting parties and the public in the review and comment period through December 15, 2021, and in the six months of meetings the Army will host during its own consultation, prior to formally submitting a request for a program comment from the ACHP. The ACHP stands ready to participate with the Army and other key stakeholders on the development and submission of this request to the ACHP, including staff participation in the monthly stakeholder meetings.

I also extend the ACHP's sincere appreciation for the Army's continuation of the partnership that includes a dedicated liaison at the ACHP to assist our agency in advising the Army on this important matter. As you know, we are currently working to identify candidates to replace the current Army Liaison and will ensure the transition is as seamless as possible to facilitate collaboration between our agencies on initiatives like this.

I am pleased that you have had an opportunity to virtually meet our new Assistant Director of the Federal Property Management Section in the Office of Federal Agency Programs, Chris Koeppel, who will ensure continuity of support and advice on moving this process forward. Feel free to contact him at

ckoeppel@achp.gov or 202-517-0222 should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reid J. Nelson".

Reid J. Nelson
Executive Director, Acting