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Mr. John L. Nau, III
Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 809
Old Post Office Building
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Dear Chairman Nau:

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.14(d), the Department of Defense (DoD) requests that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) establish Standard Treatments for the rehabilitation of certain materials on DoD historic properties.

The Department of Defense manages over 500,000 buildings and structures, approximately 30% of which are over fifty years old and subject to the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act. Within twenty years, approximately 68% of our portfolio will be over fifty years old. In order to proactively manage this growing inventory, DoD devised a series of technical specifications to provide a consistent, procedural approach to the rehabilitation of materials and finishes on historic DoD properties. The first twenty technical specifications, addressing the rehabilitation of historic masonry, are enclosed. It is our intent to seek additional Standard Treatments as we complete technical specifications for the rehabilitation of other types of historic materials, such as wood, roofing materials and architectural metals.

Based on previous discussions, DoD recognizes that the Council prefers a second process to act as an implementing mechanism for the requested Standard Treatments. I reiterate my support for continued partnership between our staffs and other stakeholders to recommend the best method to apply to this action at the nationwide level. In the interim, any Council-issued Standard Treatments will only be used by DoD in support of agreement documents established in accordance with 36 CFR 800 and specifically written or modified to include provisions to implement the Standard Treatments.

We request that the Council's Standard Treatments only apply to DoD's inventory of buildings and structures, and not to any National Register of Historic Places eligible or listed archaeological sites or properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to Federally Recognized Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations.



Additionally, DoD requests that the Council's Standard Treatments be in effect DoD-wide until such time that DoD determines that such comments are no longer needed and notifies the Council in writing, or the Council withdraws such treatments in accordance with 36 CFR 800.14(d)(5).

We look forward to continuing our work together on this effort. My point of contact for this action is Mr. Brian Lione, at (703) 604 1885 or via email at brian.lione@osd.mil.

Sincerely,



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