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

As you know, the Department of Defense has a significant inventory of Capehart-Wherry structures in its current military family housing inventory. Many of these structures require upgrades or replacement to better provide an improved quality of life for members of the Armed Forces and their families. Construction of Capehart-Wherry housing occurred between 1948 and 1962. Many of these structures on military installations are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, necessitating compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act before needed work may begin. The sheer number of potentially Register-eligible Capehart-Wherry structures needing repair or replacement suggests that some type of programmatic alternative (in accordance with 36 CFR sec. 800.14) may be preferable to Section 106 consultations on individual undertakings.

To that end, I am pleased to endorse initiatives by the Departments of the Navy and the Air Force to seek a Program Comment, with public comment, concerning the upgrade or replacement of Capehart-Wherry housing (enclosed). Based on the recent success of a similar effort by the Department of the Army, the Department of Defense believes this initiative will be more effective and efficient for all parties concerned.

I look forward to the success of this important effort.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Grone

Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense  
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Mr. John L. Nau  
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Dear Mr. Nau:

The Department of the Navy is engaged in an aggressive program to upgrade or replace its military family housing. Part of our existing housing inventory includes Capehart-Wherry era housing. Constructed between 1948 and 1962, Capehart-Wherry era housing may be eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places. We believe that National Historic Preservation Act consultation on these properties can be more effectively and efficiently conducted for the population as a whole, instead of on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, we intend to follow the Department of the Army's example and seek streamlined management our Capehart-Wherry era housing buildings.

In September 2002 representatives from the Navy and the Air Force discussed with Mr. Don Klima of the Advisory Council staff our proposal to jointly pursue a strategy similar to that of the Department of the Army in meeting its Section 106 obligations regarding Capehart-Wherry era housing. The Department of the Navy, in partnership with the Air Force, intends to seek Program Comments for all Navy and Marine Corps Capehart-Wherry housing in accordance with 36 CFR §800.14. We intend to seek public comment on our proposal after consulting with the Advisory Council, the National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Department of the Air Force will formally notify you of their intentions in a separate letter.

The Navy point of contact for this matter is Dr. Jay Thomas, Deputy Federal Preservation Officer for the Navy. He can be reached at 202-685-9196 or thomasj@navfac.navy.mil.

Sincerely,

  
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Mr. John L. Nau  
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Dear Mr. Nau

The Department of the Air Force is implementing a 10-year aggressive master plan to replace and/or upgrade its military family housing. Part of our existing housing inventory includes Capehart-Wherry era housing. Constructed between 1948 and 1962, Capehart-Wherry era housing may be eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places. We believe that National Historic Preservation Act consultation on these properties can be more effectively and efficiently conducted for the population as a whole, instead of on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, we intend to follow the Department of the Army's example and seek the streamlined management of our Capehart-Wherry era housing buildings.

In Sep 02, representatives from the Air Force (and Navy) discussed our proposal with Mr. Don Klima of the Advisory Council to jointly pursue a strategy similar in nature to the Department of the Army in meeting its Section 106 obligations regarding Capehart-Wherry era housing. The Air Force, in partnership with the Department of the Navy, intends to seek Program Comments for all its Capehart-Wherry housing in accordance with 36 CFR §800.14. We intend to seek public comment on our proposal after consulting with the Advisory Council, the National Council of State Historic Preservation Officer (NCSHPO), and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Department of the Navy will formally notify you of intentions in a separate letter.

If the members of your staff have any questions, please have them contact one of our POCs, Lt Col Alan Holck, HQ USAF/ILEVQ, (703) 604-0632, [alan.holck@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:alan.holck@pentagon.af.mil), or Ms. Julia Cantrell, HQ AFCEE/ECS, (210) 536-3515 [julia.cantrell@brooks.af.mil](mailto:julia.cantrell@brooks.af.mil).

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