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Ms. Nanette Mocanu
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Re: Demolition of Building 130, Former Naval Air Station Alameda

Dear Ms. Mocanu:

You have asked that I review the records and documentation concerning the proposed demolition of Building 130 at the former Naval Air Station Alameda. Given the age of the facility at the time of the Navy's disposal of the property to the City of Alameda, consideration was given to the requirements concerning historic structures and the relationship, location, and contribution of the facility to the history of NAS Alameda. The Navy properly entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation and the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), defining the roles and procedures to be followed with respect to historic properties. My review of the documentation provided demonstrates that the requirements of the MOA have been satisfied and that there is no federal or state impediment to demolition of Building 130.

In a memorandum signed by the Navy and the SHPO in April 1996, Building 130 is identified for demolition and the parties agreed to the record to be created prior to demolition. This memorandum was accepted by the Advisory Council. Of particular note is the reference to consultation with the Alameda City Council and the Alameda Historical Advisory Board.

Specifically, the MOA required that a photographic and narrative record be prepared for affected facilities prior to demolition. On April 13, 1998, the SHPO sent a letter to Navy officials, with a copy provided to Dean Wolf at Alameda Point, which acknowledged that the requirements of the MOA had been satisfied concerning the demolition of Building 130. The letter notes that the photographic and narrative record required by the MOA were being offered to the City.

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Federal and State officials were consulted and all agreed that demolition could be accomplished, contingent upon creation of appropriate narrative and photographic records for posterity, a condition that is reported to have been met. Based on the foregoing, there appears to be no federal or State legal basis to delay demolition. The City's receipt of the photographic and narrative documents referenced above would imply the City's agreement concerning demolition.

If you or members of your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. As a preserved historic artifact myself, I am personally committed to ensuring that such artifacts are treated with dignity, veneration, and appropriate disposition. I am available to discuss this matter with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Steinberg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barry Steinberg
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