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ATTN: Roger Kirchen
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Dear Ms. Langan:

On 9 February 2023, Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) initiated the consultation process with the DHR in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, and its implementing regulations, 36 C.F.R. Part 800. ANMC notified DHR of the proposed undertaking to remove the bronze elements of the Confederate Memorial, which currently sit on a granite base in the center of Section 16. The proposed project is considered a federal undertaking with the potential to cause adverse effects on historic properties pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.3(a).

ANMC would like to take this opportunity to submit a revision to the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and the Assessment of Adverse Effects for the undertaking. The submission incorporates input received during the public comment periods and consulting parties meetings, to expand the APE and clarify the Assessment of Effects.

ANMC transmits the following files via DoD SAFE:

1. Section 106 Process Submission: Revised Area of Potential Effect & Assessment of Adverse Effects. This includes updates to the area of potential effects (APE) and revisions to the agency's assessment of effects.
2. Attachment A: Public and consulting party APE comments

By way of this submission, ANMC is requesting that the DHR:

1. Concur with revisions to the APE
2. Respond to ANMC's finding of:
 - a. No adverse effects to the Fort Myer Historic District
 - b. Adverse effects to the Confederate Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery Historic District, and Arlington House Historic District

Army National Military Cemeteries looks forward to continuing the Section 106 consultation process with our agency partners, consulting parties and the public. Should there be any questions, please contact Caitlin Smith, ANMC Cultural Resources Program Manager, usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Section 106 Process Submission
2. Attachment A: APE Comments

cc:

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