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Reply in Reference To: VA_2014_1219_001

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Re: Section 106 Consultation for Rehabilitation of Buildings 205 and 208, West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Historic District, West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center (DS-Oct152014)

Dear Mr. Swienton:

At my request, the VA has provided additional information and clarification regarding their proposal to rehabilitate buildings 205 and 208 at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center. After reviewing this information, I offer the following comments:

- 1) It is my understanding the following CA SHPO recommendations will be incorporated in the undertaking's scope of work:
 - Concealment of a VAV unit in a hallway.
 - Centering of a door in an opening
 - Ceilings are confirmed as remaining held back from windows.
 - Windows at the elevator shaft are confirmed as using transparent glass and a wall will be built behind the windows.
 - Mechanical systems will be confined to units, allowing corridor ceilings to remain as high as possible. Please note that when character-defining features are intended to be retained, they should be clearly identified and their treatment clearly described. Defining significant spaces is not the same as defining character-defining features within that space.
- 2) The VA answered most of CA SHPO's questions with parallels made between building 209 and the scope for buildings 205 and 208. As references to Building 209 would have facilitated the original review, I recommended that when applicable, parallels be clearly made in future consultations.
- 3) Based on the information provided I am able to concur that all work as proposed meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and that historic properties will not be adversely affected by the undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.5(b). Please be advised that under certain circumstances, such as an unanticipated discovery or a change in project description, you may have future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for seeking my comments and considering historic properties as part of your project planning. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ed Carroll (916) 445-006/Ed.Carroll@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer