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Arlington, VA 22201

April 16, 2001

Ms. Ruth Coder Fitzgerald
President
Vietnam War In Memory memorial, Inc.
808 Charlotte Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Re: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaque

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald:

As you know, consultation with the National Capital Memorial Commission (NCMC) on the site and design for any commemorative work on the National Mall is a critical initial step required by the Commemorative Works Act of 1986.

I am very pleased to inform you that the NCMC has scheduled a meeting for April 26, 2001. This meeting will include an action item regarding the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaque (VVMP) authorized by Congress through Public Law 106-214. A copy of the Federal Register Notice of that meeting is attached.

In addition, the VVMP Site Selection Study is enclosed. This study of potential locations for the VVMP will serve as the primary guide for this Commission's presentation to the NCMC. If available at the time of this mailing, copies of the National Park Service letter to the ACHP and the SHPO will also be enclosed. Just for reference, an environmental assessment is still under preparation.

It is also this commission's intent to present a proposed design concept and inscription at this NCMC meeting. If not enclosed, those two items will be furnished under separate cover for your review.

In light of the support you and your organization have previously expressed for the VVMP, please note that the NCMC meeting is open to the public. The notice also identifies the NCMC point of contact for those who desire to make a written or oral statement in regards to agenda items.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank you for your many courtesies and your efforts to date on behalf of the VVMP. We look forward to continuing to work with you in order to make the commemorative plaque a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale F. Means", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dale F. Means
Director of Engineering
And Maintenance

Enclosures