

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
SUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PURSUANT TO 36 CFR § 800.6(a)

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VA) at Fort Howard has determined that project no. 566-90-132, "Regional Office, B61" will have an effect upon VA property at Fort Howard eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and has consulted with the Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f); and

WHEREAS, VA Office of Planning and Development has participated in the consultation and has been invited to concur in this Memorandum of Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, VA and the Maryland SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

Stipulations

VA will ensure that the following measures are carried out.

I. The project will be undertaken in general conformance with construction documents prepared by Beck, Powell, and Parsons dated 25 March 1991 with the following inclusions noted below.

A. The width of the existing windows located on the first floor of the north elevation scheduled to be turned into doorways will not be altered. The sashes will be salvaged if original. If the sashes are not original, they will not be saved.

B. The infill windows will consist of vinyl and aluminum clad wood with frames tinted to match the window color. Windows will be of clear glass with limited muntins. Windows will conform to the existing opening and be recessed into the arched opening to maintain the profile of the arch.

C. The fire exit door to be installed on the east elevation of the building will consist of the same configuration and materials of the main entrance on the north elevation.

II. VA will submit a complete set of construction documents for the covered porch area of Building 61, located on site at VA at Fort Howard, to the Maryland SHPO for approval. The documents shall contain the following items: drawing plans and specifications.

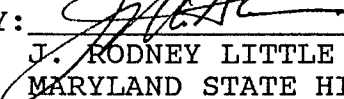
III. Plan Review and Dispute Resolution: Within 30 days of receipt the Maryland SHPO will respond to all documents called for in this Memorandum of Agreement. Should the Maryland SHPO object to any plans or proposals provided by the VA pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement, the VA shall consult with the objecting party to resolve the concern. If VA determines that the objection cannot be resolved, it shall request the comments of the Council Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by VA and the Maryland SHPO, its subsequent acceptance by the Council, and implementation of its terms evidence that VA has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on project no. 566-90-132, "Regional Offices, B61" and its effects on historic properties, and that VA has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Fort Howard

BY:  _____ Date: 7-3-91
KENNETH H. MIZRACH
DIRECTOR, VAMC FORT HOWARD

Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer

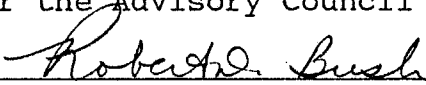
BY:  _____ Date: 7/19/91
J. RODNEY LITTLE
MARYLAND STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Veterans Affairs Office of Planning and Development

Concur:

BY:  _____ Date: 10/21/91
BRUCE PLECINSKI
DIRECTOR, HISTORICAL PRESERVATION
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ACCEPTED for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

BY:  _____ Date: 10-3-91
ROBERT D. BUSH
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION