

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) has determined that the proposed removal of the Quarters Buildings will have an effect on the Fort Snelling Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and which has been designated as a National Historic Landmark (NHL), and has consulted with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Officer (MnSHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f); and

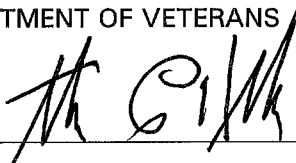
WHEREAS, the Quarters Buildings, which include buildings 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 253, and T-253, lie outside the boundaries of the NRHP and NHL districts, but were determined to meet the criteria of the NRHP by the National Park Service on 22 April 1986; and

WHEREAS, the DVA has documented the Quarters Buildings to the standards of the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) under HABS numbers MN-56-M through MN-56-W, and the National Park Service approved this documentation on 27 July 1987; and

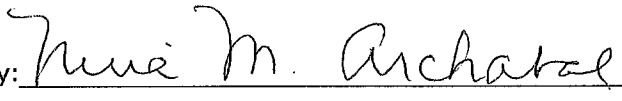
WHEREAS, any future use of the property by the DVA, or lease or sale of the property by the DVA to another party, will be reviewed under 36 CFR 800; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by execution of this agreement, the DVA and MnSHPO agree that the DVA has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the removal of the Quarters Buildings and the effects of this removal on historic properties, and that DVA has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

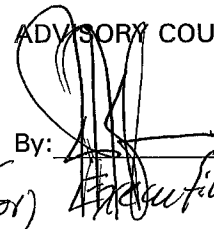
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

By:  Date: 1/3/00

MINNESOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

By:  Date: 12/15/99

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

By:  Date: 2/4/00
(for) Executive Director