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April 15, 1991

MEMORANDUM

To: Ralph Scalese  
General Services Administration

From: Nancy E. Boone  
Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

Re: Memorandum of Agreement for Border Stations  
in Vermont

Enclosed please find a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement signed by GSA, our Division and the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation concerning treatment of Border Stations in Vermont. Cynthia Jacobs from GSA's Office of Real Estate Sales asked me to send this to you. I would be happy to discuss it with you and provide background information.

# Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

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## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the General Services Administration (GSA) has determined that the construction of a new Common Border Facility at Alburg, Vermont, will have an effect upon the Alburg Border Station, a property eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and has consulted with the Vermont State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) pursuant to the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f),

NOW, THEREFORE, GSA, the Vermont SHPO, and the Council 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

GSA will ensure that the following measures are carried out.

#### I. Documentation

GSA shall ensure that the Border Station, Immigration Residence and Mandeville House are recorded to the standards of the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS). This documentation will be submitted to HABS and the Vermont SHPO prior to the initiation of construction activities that will affect the properties. GSA will be responsible for notifying the Keeper of the National Register of the changed condition of the Alburg Border Station, pursuant to 36 CFR Part 60.14(b)(5), after the structures have been removed from their present location.

#### II. Treatment of the Border Station and Immigration Residence

A. GSA shall make the existing Alburg Border Station and the Immigration Residence available for disposal by sale. Such



disposal shall be subject to removal of the structures from the existing site in a reasonable period of time in accordance with the following conditions:

- o a preference for relocation of the Border Station and Immigration Residence together and near the present site;
- o a preference for a site that allows for similar orientation in relation to the road and/or to the border, and;
- o a requirement that the property will not be moved out of the territorial boundaries of the United States.

B. GSA will include in any deed(s) or other transfer documents language that ensures the following:

1) the property will be moved and treated in accordance with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings; and

2) if the recipient is a municipality, State agency or other Federal agency, the Vermont SHPO will be given the opportunity to review the proposed new building site to determine the need for an historic properties survey prior to relocation. If the Vermont SHPO determines that a survey is needed, the recipient shall conduct the survey in accordance with The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation and submit the results to the SHPO. If having reviewed the results of the Survey the Vermont SHPO determines that data recovery or other documentation of historic properties is warranted, the recipient shall conduct the documentation in accordance with The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation.

3) if the recipient is a private citizen, the Vermont SHPO will be given an opportunity to conduct an historic properties survey of the property and such data recovery or other documentation as the SHPO determines to be needed prior to relocation.

C. GSA will advertise the availability of the property for a minimum of 60 days, and will allow no less than 60 days from the date of sale for the recipient to remove the building(s) from the site.

D. If a recipient cannot be identified within this time period, then the buildings may be demolished. GSA will specify that the Canadian Government have its demolition contractor remove and carry the following materials from the building to store at the Alburg Springs Border Station, or other site to be identified by GSA for future use. Salvage of the materials will be contingent upon their physical condition.

- o Original Roofing Slates
- o Keystones above the Windows
- o Original Window Sash
- o Original Door Transoms
- o Original Double Doors
- o Inscribed Corner Stone (if any)

Items selected will be removed from the structure in a manner that minimizes damage.

### III. Mandeville House

GSA will ensure that an archeological survey is conducted in accordance with The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation and in consultation with the Vermont SHPO, and that if significant archeological resources are identified, an appropriate mitigation plan is developed and implemented. A copy of the survey results will be submitted to the Vermont SHPO for comment prior to commencement of ground-disturbing activities. Should the Vermont SHPO object to the survey results or plans for mitigation within 30 days, GSA shall request the further comments of the Council pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.5(e).

### IV. Historic Preservation Plan

Before initiating Section 106 review regarding treatment of any other historic border stations in Vermont, and pursuant to Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act, GSA will prepare an Historic Preservation Plan in consultation with the Vermont SHPO for the treatment of such stations and associated structures in Vermont. The Plan will be developed with reference to the Department of the Interior's guidelines for Federal agency responsibilities Under Section 110 when these are issued for effect.

Execution of this Agreement and carrying out its terms evidences that GSA has satisfied its Section 106 responsibilities for construction of a new Common Border Facility at Alburg, Vermont.



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