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Mr. Vernal L. Yadon, Director
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Dear Vern:

I suddenly have discovered the note I made on your paint removal problem at the lighthouse.

General consensus here on our staff seems to be that sandblasting is not likely to damage the kind of granite facing you have, though it would be prudent to make absolutely sure that there is a minimum of porosity in the structure of the granite.

If you do not have a copy of Preservation and Conservation, Principles and Practices (Smithsonian Institution Press, 1976--also available through the National Trust for Historic Preservation), you will find some very useful discussions in it. There have probably been some further developments in the four years since the conference that resulted in this volume, but I believe you would find considerable direction on the handling of your paint removal problem.

Cordially,

Jim
James R. Short
Vice President for
Preservation and Research