Advisory Council on <u>Historic Preservation</u> 1522 K Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005

August 18, 1977

Commander H. J. Reckitt
District Planning Officer
U. S. Coast Guard
12th Coast Guard District
630 Sansome Street
San Francisco, California 94126

Dear Commander Reckitt:

On August 12, 1977, we received your concurrence to the additional condition for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Point Pinos Lighthouse building and grounds, requested by the City of Pacific Grove, California. A copy of that letter is enclosed. As you agree to this condition, the Executive Director does not object to your determination of no adverse effect.

You should include a copy of this correspondence in any environmental assessment or statement as evidence of your compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320).

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Utley

Deputy Executive Director...

Enclosure

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Dear Commander Reckitt:

We have received your letter of July 13, 1977, in which you determine that permitting the City of Pacific Grove, California, to undertake a program to rehabilitate and restore the Point Pinos Lighthouse building and grounds, will have no adverse effect on that property which may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Executive Director will not object to your determination of no adverse effect if the following additional condition is met:

The Council and California State Historic Preservation Officer will be provided further opportunity to comment should sandblasting be proposed for exterior cleaning of the Lighthouse building.

If you agree to this condition, please sign on the concurrence line below and return this letter to us. Upon receipt we will acknowledge that the Executive Director does not object to your determination of no adverse effect. This will satisfy your responsibility pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Utley

Deputy Executive Director

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I concur:

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July 18, 1977

H. J. Reckitt, Commander U.S. Coast Guard District Planning Officer 12th Coast Guard District 630 Sansome Street San Francisco, CA 94126

Dear Commander Reckitt:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide further comments for the proposed refurbishment and restoration of the Point Pinos Lighthouse in the City of Pacific Grove, Monterey County.

As staff to the State Historic Preservation Officer, I am pleased to acknowledge that the Musuem of Natural History and the City of Pacific Grove have consented to adaptively use the existing lighthouse as a museum facility. The Point Pinos Lighthouse is a historically and architecturally significant structure which has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

An archeological field reconnaissance has been conducted of the site location. Archeological clearance is hereby granted provided that a qualified archeologist is consulted immediately if artifacts are discovered during construction.

I have further concurred with the Coast Guard's determination that the proposed activities constitute an effect on the lighthouse. The following phases of the project may proceed without having an adverse effect:

- 1. Replacement of downstairs windows on seaward and south sides of the building provided that aluminium window frames are not used.
- Removal of interior paint on woodwork and restore to an early color.
- 3. Removal of asphalt tile in parlor.
- 4. Removal of hot water heater from basement.
- 5. Removal of existing lawn and walks.
- 6. Installation of sprinkler system and new lawn planting.
- 7. Installation of fence similar to that of the 1870 period.
- 8. Removal of circular road that surrounds the structure.

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- 9. Construction of additional parking spaces near the Coast Guard cottages.
- 10. Removal of all ice plant from the grounds.

Proposals to sandblast the exterior surface of the building to expose native stone may have an adverse effect on a potential National Register property.

The Office of Historic Preservation has received a copy of a letter from Mr. James Short, Vice President for Preservation and Research, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, suggesting that "Sandblasting is not likely to damage the kind of granite facing" of the lighthouse. My staff, however, recommends that the Museum of Natural History initiate a comprehensive testing program to evaluate the effects of sandblasting on granite surfaces. The Office of Historic Preservation has traditionally discouraged the use of sandblasting when alternative techniques for removing foreign substance or cleaning exterior surface are available. By separate letter, the Office of Historic Preservation is sending information on the guidelines and techniques of rehabilitating old buildings to the Museum of Natural History in Pacific Grove.

Please do not hestitate to contact Eugene Itogawa at (916) 322-8701, should you require further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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