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GSA National Capital Region

Re: Availability of the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center 2016 Master Plan Update

Dear Interested Party:

Please be advised that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the update of the Master Plan for the U.S. Department of State's (DOS) George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC), at Arlington Hall in Arlington, Virginia. GSA has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for this project. The Final EA and FONSI were prepared in accordance with Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Master Plan Update will document the physical requirements and architectural and engineering intent for improvements to this campus for classroom training and distance learning for DOS. The programs and support offered through NFATC equip DOS professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to carry out the department's diplomatic mission throughout the world. World events and maintenance of U.S. diplomatic leadership place increasing demands on U.S. diplomatic professionals. The Master Plan Update lays the groundwork for phased improvements to this essential facility needed to accommodate its evolving training mission, as well as its expanding population (on-site and distance learners) over the next decade.

NEPA requires Federal agencies to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the process of analyzing the impacts of Federal actions on the human environment. Your participation in this process is greatly appreciated. The purpose of this letter is to notify members of the community and other stakeholders of the 30-day public comment period for the Final EA and FONSI.

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Copies of the final EA and FONSI are available for public review at the following locations: Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 S Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, VA 22204; Central Library, 1015 N Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201; Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 S Kensington Street, Arlington, VA 22204 or via the internet at: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/136234>.

The public comment period will begin April, 7, 2017 and end May, 6, 2017. Written comments regarding the Final EA and FONSI must be postmarked no later than May, 6, 2017 and sent to the following address:

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Comments can also be sent by email to alexis.gray@gsa.gov; email subject line: NFATC Draft EA Comments. All emails must be received by 11:59 p.m., May, 6, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 708-5891, or Alexis Gray, NEPA Compliance Specialist, at (202) 260-6895.

Sincerely,



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