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Subject: Re: NSF Cooperative Agreement with Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea HI

Hello Ms. Blanco,

Thank you for clarifying in writing NSF's position regarding its future involvement in the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) Project. We appreciate your timely response to our letter in which you correctly note that the ACHP assumed NSF's potential to be involved in future TMT Project activities. We will make your response part of the record. Further, we will direct any additional inquiries we receive regarding Section 106 and this undertaking to NSF for the agency to handle.

Regards,

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 25, 2014, at 3:48 PM, "Blanco, Caroline M" <cblanco@nsf.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Vaughn and Dr. Eddins,

Thank you for providing me with the letter outlining the ACHP's position with regard to NSF's determination regarding the Section 106 obligations associated with the Cooperative Agreement with the Thirty Meter Telescope. I do wish to clarify one issue that appears in today's letter from Charlene Dwin Vaughn. Specifically, on the bottom of the first page, it states as follows:

"As we understand, NSF may consider joining the TMT partnership in the future, and may consider future requests for assistance related to the construction of the facility."

In addition, on the top of page two, the letter states:

"Nevertheless, there does appear to be some expectation that NSF may, in the future, receive and approve applications for support related to construction of the facility."

It appears as though, on the basis of these assumptions, the ACHP recommends that NSF consider consulting with the project proponents early on so that a full range of alternatives will be available for review. Please note, however, that NSF has *no* plans to “consider future requests for assistance related to the construction of the facility.” Likewise, NSF believes that there should be *no* expectation, whatsoever, “that NSF may, in the future, receive and approve applications for support related to construction of the facility.” There is no construction proposal currently before NSF and, therefore, there is no reason why NSF would, at this juncture, consider future funding of the TMT facility. As a result, there is no basis for NSF to engage in consultations with the project proponent with regard to Section 106 implications. If a proposal is presented to NSF in the future, and that proposal is seriously being considered for funding, then there would be a basis for consultation as the ACHP suggests in its letter. I hope that this clarifies NSF’s role at this juncture. If any question remains, please let me know and I will do my best to further clarify NSF’s position on this issue.

Many thanks.

Best regards,

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From: Office of Federal Agency Programs

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Attached is our letter on the subject undertaking (in Adobe Acrobat PDF format)

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