



March 15, 2019

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Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707

Attention: Register Program

Subject: Quonset Hut #33
Naval Aviation Supply Depot
955 Kamehameha Highway
Pearl City, Hawai'i 96782
TMK: (1) 9-7-023:003

Dear Dr. Downer,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the nomination of the Subject facility to the National Register of Historic Places ("Nomination Application"). The University of Hawai'i ("University") greatly respects the importance and role of our military in the State of Hawai'i. Their historical contributions are deserving of recognition and preservations in our islands. To that end, the University supports the spirit of the Nomination Application and supplements its November 26, 2018 memo with the following comments and concerns.

As discussed at our meeting on January 10, 2019, the University is solely concerned with the current condition of the Subject facility. As stated earlier, the structure is severely deteriorated. All elements of the metal structure are significantly rusted and in disrepair. As determined in an independent September 24, 2015, assessment by INK Architects, LLC, the Subject structure poses significant risk to the safety and welfare of employees and visitors. Immediate condemnation and/or demolition of the structure was recommended to the University for consideration, but action was deferred upon notification of the Nomination Application; nevertheless, general public safety remains a concern.

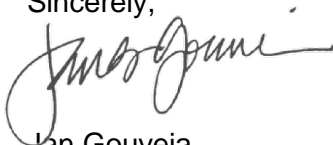
The University does not have funding to repair or renovate the Subject facility. More importantly, the University cannot commit under any circumstance to expending any funds or resources for the benefit of the Subject facility. The University is concerned that the condition of the Subject facility presents a health and safety risk to its employees and members of the general public because of its location in an unsecured area. The location of the Subject facility is not designed in a way to support public access. If public access is desired, then additional documents are needed to address matters such as operating hours, responsibility for maintaining access to and from the Subject facility on the PCUGC site, insurance, and indemnification. As such, we concur with our consultants that the Subject facility be immediately condemned and demolished.

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However, we understand that the applicant desires to raise funds or obtain grant money to improve the Subject facility. In this regard, the University has deferred its plans to demolish the Subject facility to support this effort and the Nomination Application.

As stated above, the University greatly respects the importance and role of our military in the State of Hawai'i, with a particular recognition of the role of enlisted African American men and their families. Their sacrifices and contributions are deserving of recognition and preservation in our islands. In that spirit, the University supports the Nomination Application with the enclosed comments and concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Gouveia", written in a cursive style.

Jan Gouveia
Vice President for Administration
University of Hawai'i

cc. Nicholas Comerford - Dean, CTAHR

INTERIOR PHOTOS



View of interior walls



View of interior ceiling



View of interior walls



View of stored equipment

EXTERIOR PHOTOS



View from northeast



View from northeast



View from southeast



View from southwest