MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, FORT SILL AND
THE OKLAHOMA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

SUBJECT: Renovation of Building 1653, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

WHEREAS the Department of the Army, Fort Sill, Oklahoma has determined the proposed renovation of Building 1653 located at 1653 Randolph Road, Fort Sill, Comanche County, Oklahoma will have an adverse effect upon said property, which is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as a contributing resource within the proposed Field Artillery Historic District.

WHEREAS, after inviting the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to participate in consultations but being informed on February 14, 2002 by the Council of its declination to participate in consultations, the Department of the Army, Fort Sill, Oklahoma has consulted with the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f);

NOW THEREFORE, the Department of the Army, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and the Oklahoma SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

1) As a result of negotiations with the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office, the Department of the Army will restore the two interior lobby / stairwell areas on the first, second, and third floors of this property as represented in the 100% complete documents reviewed and approved by the State Historic Preservation Office. The 100% complete documents dated January 31, 2002 including Drawings Volume 1 of 1, Specifications Volume 1 of 1, and the Design Analysis Volume 1 of 1 shall be incorporated into this agreement.

2) The Department of the Army will submit photographic documentation to the State Historic Preservation Office of the original corridor material (specifically wooden door frames and transoms) proposed for demolition under this project. At a minimum photography must be 35mm negatives in both black and white and color. Prints may be submitted in black and white. Photos shall not be taken until ceiling, drywall or other wall covering are removed to show original materials. The project manager from Fort Sill’s Directorate of Public Works shall oversee this photographic requirement.
Dispute Resolution

3) Should any party to this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) object within thirty (30) days to any action taken pursuant to this MOA, said party shall contact Fort Sill in writing to: Tegan Swain, Cultural Resources Manager, Environmental Quality Division, DPS, ATTN: ATZR-FEC (Bldg. 2592), Fort Sill, OK 73503. Fort Sill shall consult with the objecting party to resolve the objection. If Fort Sill determines that the objection cannot be resolved, Fort Sill shall forward all documentation to the Advisory Council. Within 30 days after receipt of all pertinent documentation, the Council will either:

a. Provide Fort Sill with a recommendation, which Fort Sill will take into account in reaching a final decision regarding the dispute; or

b. Notify Fort Sill that it will comment pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1)(iii), and proceed to comment. Any Council comment provided in response to a request will be taken into account by Fort Sill in accordance with 36 CFR 800.6(b)(2) with reference only to the subject of the dispute. Fort Sill’s responsibility to carry out all actions under this MOA that are not the subject of the dispute will remain unchanged.

Public Participation and Public Objection

4) All documentation, drawings, plans and specifications relating to the renovation of Building 1653 are available for public inspection. Should any member of the public object in writing [address to: Tegan Swain, Cultural Resources Manager, Environmental Quality Division, DPS, ATTN: ATZR-FEC (Bldg. 2592), Fort Sill, OK 73503] at any time during the implementation of the measures stipulated in this MOA, Fort Sill shall take the objection into account and consult, as needed, with the objecting party, the SHPO, and Advisory Council, if necessary to resolve the objection.

Amendments to the MOA

5) If Fort Sill or the SHPO determine that the terms of this MOA cannot be met or that an amendment or addendum is necessary, that party shall immediately request that the other party consider an amendment or addendum to the MOA. Such amendment or addendum shall be executed in the same manner as the original MOA pursuant to 36 CFR 800.

Duration and Termination

6) The undertaking to renovate Building 1653 shall be commenced within 30 days from the date of the final execution of this MOA. This MOA shall terminate upon completion of the renovation, which is estimated at 380 days from commencement or the work. If either the SHPO or Fort Sill determines that the terms of this MOA cannot be or are not being carried out, the parties hereto shall consult to seek an amendment of the MOA. If the MOA is not amended, the provisions of 36 CFR 800.6(c)(8) regarding termination shall apply.
Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement and implementation of its terms, evidence that the Department of the Army, Fort Sill, Oklahoma has met the requirements of Section 106 regarding the proposed work on Building 1653, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and its effects on historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(b)(1)(iv), and that the Department of the Army, Fort Sill, Oklahoma has taken into account the effects of this undertaking on historic properties.

MICHAEL D. MAPLES  
Major General  
Commanding  
9 July 2002  
(Date)

DR. BOB BLACKBURN  
Oklahoma State Historic  
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2-22-02  
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