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RE: Relocation of the VDT  
DHR file # 4151-HT  

Dear Mr. Holloway:

Thank you for submitting the above referenced project to this office for review. We are pleased to know that the Research Center is taking such extensive efforts to insure the preservation and proper interpretation of this significant National Historic Landmark. Although we encourage this project to move forward, we have several concerns we would like to address.

We are aware that only the Variable Density Tank itself was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places; however, it remains today in its original location. It is possible that the building in which it is housed has gained historical significance, as well. We would like to know what role this building has had in relation to the VDT. Was it constructed for the purpose of containing the VDT? What additional functions has the building had before and after the VDT was installed? Has the building been altered since 1923? Please provide us with some brief documentation on the history of Building 582.

In addition, we have some concern about the placement of the VDT in an exposed atmosphere. We would be interested in visiting the site and discussing any added measures that may be taken to insure its long term preservation. Perhaps this meeting could involve interested parties from the National Park Service and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. If you are interested
in such a meeting, please contact Elizabeth Hoge at this office
to arrange it. We look forward to working with you on the
relocation of the VDT at Langley Research Center.

Sincerely,

Hugh C. Miller
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
    Mr. Edwin C. Bearss, National Park Service
    Dr. Harry Butowsky, National Park Service