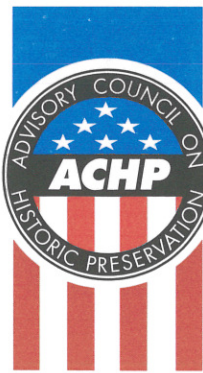


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Honorable Raymond Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

**Ref: *Proposed Permanent Dry-Berthing of the Battleship Texas
City of LaPorte, Harris County, Texas***

Dear Secretary Mabus:

In response to a notification by the Navy, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will participate in consultation to develop a memorandum of agreement for the proposed permanent dry-berthing of the Battleship Texas, in the state of Texas. Our decision to participate in this consultation is based on the *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, contained within our regulations. The criteria are met for this proposed undertaking because the undertaking has substantial impacts on historic properties and has the potential for presenting procedural problems.

Section 800.6(a)(1)(iii) of our regulations requires that we notify you, as the head of the agency, of our decision to participate in consultation. By copy of this letter, we are also notifying Glen A. Clark, Deputy Program Manager for the Navy Inactive Ships Program, of this decision.

Our participation in this consultation will be handled by Louise Dunford Brodnitz who can be reached at 202-606-8527, or via email at lbrodnitz@achp.gov. We look forward to working with your agency and other consulting parties to consider alternatives to this undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic properties and to reach a memorandum of agreement.

Sincerely,

John M. Fowler
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