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Jason D. Shirley, Installation Manager
Department of the Army
Camp Stanley Storage Activity, RRAD
25800 Ralph Fair Road
Boerne, TX 78015-4800

Re: *Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*
Proposed demolition of Building 43 at Camp Stanley Storage Activity, Boerne, Kendall County
(Army/106)

Dear Mr. Shirley:

Thank you for your correspondence describing the above referenced project. This letter serves as comment on the proposed undertaking from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The review staff, led by Bradford Patterson, has completed its review of the project documentation provided. **We concur that the project as proposed would have an adverse effect on this contributing element of the National Register-eligible Camp Stanley Storage Activity Historic District.** Our records indicate that there has not yet been a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as required to resolve this adverse effect. Please submit a proposed MOA for our review.

It is our understanding that the soil must be removed from below and around the structure due to contamination. Although the report states that the contamination was found in the upper 12 inches of soil it is not clear if the lower soil is also contaminated. Because of its small size, it appears that it might be possible to stabilize the main portion of the structure while excavating the soil from underneath and the vicinity. However, the furnace portion appears to have significant structural cracks that would make this stabilization difficult. Given the somewhat isolated location, secondary nature of this structure and measures within Camp Stanley and the environmental issue, we will agree to the development of an MOA to permit the demolition. The recently submitted documentation may suffice although a copy may need to go to the appropriate local or military archive.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Bradford Patterson at 512/463-6167.**

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brad Patterson".

for: F. Lawrence Oaks, State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Richard H. Magers, Kendall County Historical Commission

Jose Contreras, Kendall County AD Steward

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