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Dear Mr. Griffith:

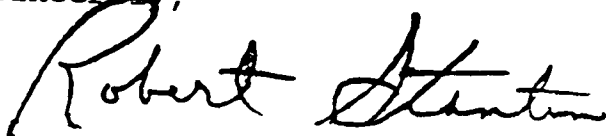
This letter is written in response to your letter of February 7, 1992, regarding minor adjustments to the proposed Vietnam Women's Memorial sculpture. The adjustments, pursuant to the Executive Director's Recommendation (EDR) of November 7, 1991, were to be considered as suggestions by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) staff to the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, Inc. (VWMP).

As indicated in the enclosed letter, the VWMP is receptive to the relocation of the kneeling figure's helmet. This adjustment will be implemented as a minor change that neither disrupts the feeling of isolated despair of the kneeling figure nor adversely impacts the other elements of the sculptural work.

However, in the judgment of the VWMP, the movement of the kneeling woman's head and the straightening of her back removes the feeling of isolated despair and adversely impacts the entire sculptural composition.

We are supportive of the position of the VWMP. In response to the NCPC staff suggestions, the helmet of the kneeling figure will be relocated. It is our collective judgment that there is no benefit to any further review of the kneeling figure or the other elements of the memorial sculpture. The statuary is, therefore, respectfully resubmitted with the suggested minor modification of the helmet location for consideration and, we trust, approval at the April 2 meeting of the Commission.

Sincerely,



Regional Director, National Capital Region

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