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To: Trudy Coxe <TCoxe@newportmansions.org>

Dear Ms. Coxe:

Thank you for your letter of September 2, 2014, which is included as an attachment to your email below. The National Park Service (NPS) greatly appreciates your organization's support for updating the file documentation for The Breakers National Historic Landmark (NHL).

In that regard, this email will serve to confirm that the effort by the NPS to initiate the process of updating the historic documentation for The Breakers as a whole is focused solely on ensuring that said documentation is as thorough, accurate, and current as possible.

This email will also serve to confirm that the implementation of the current proposal of the Preservation Society of Newport County to construct a new visitors center within the boundaries of The Breakers NHL does not require approval by the National Park Service (NPS).

If you have any additional questions in this regard, please contact me.

Best,

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September 2, 2014

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Dear Mr. Loether,

Thank you for your email correspondence earlier today informing The Preservation Society of Newport County that the revision process for The Breakers National Historic Landmark nomination will include not only the Gate House but also a close examination and analysis of the heating plant (boiler room), and possibly landscape features to determine their historic significance.

The Preservation Society looks forward to working with the National Park Service (NPS) and the Rhode Island State Historic Preservation Officer to ensure that The Breakers' nominating papers are accurate and complete in all aspects prior to the initiation of a formal approval process within the NPS.

As you have noted in recent conversations, The Breakers National Historic Landmark nomination revision process has no effect or bearing on the permitting process for the welcome center at The Breakers.

As one of America's most iconic National Historic Landmark's, The Breakers deserves to be portrayed with sensitivity and accuracy. The National Park Service is to be commended for the care and due diligence given towards revising The Breakers National Historic Landmark nomination. Again, we look forward to working with you and we thank you.

With sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "TRUDY COXE".

Trudy Coxé
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