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E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.
Executive Director and
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Tennessee Historical Commission
2941 Lebanon Pike
Nashville, TN 37214

Re: Petition for Waiver regarding MTSU Forrest Hall

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

On behalf of Middle Tennessee State University and the Tennessee Board of Regents, I am writing to inform the Tennessee Historical Commission of our intent to file a Petition for Waiver regarding Forrest Hall, a structure on our Murfreesboro campus. Our petition will request approval to rename the structure as the Army ROTC Building.

University Counsel Heidi Zimmerman tells me she has had prior conversations with you earlier this summer as we work to finalize our petition to the Commission. Our intent is to have the proper materials to the Commission so that the matter may be placed on the agenda for consideration by the Commission at its February 17, 2017, meeting.

We had hoped to have the materials before the Commission in time for consideration during its October meeting. However, given our status as a Tennessee Board of Regents institution, and since neither TBR nor the university have ever filed such a petition, additional due diligence was necessary to determine how best to proceed in this process.

Please feel free to share this communication as appropriate to your commission members and staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sidney A. McPhee".

Dr. Sidney A. McPhee
President