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**Dispatches From
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission**

CFA Grants Final Approval Groundbreaking Date Set

On Wednesday the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC) went before the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) to present revisions to the Eisenhower Memorial design. The CFA Commissioners viewed models, updated renderings, and a full-scale sample of the tapestry displayed in front of the U.S. Department of Education building. Following the presentation, the CFA Commissioners unanimously voted to grant final approval of the memorial's design. In granting their approval, the CFA Commissioners used words like “delicate”, “emotional”, and “thoughtfulness”, to describe the revised work on the tapestry.

Pending final approval from the National Capital Planning Commission on October 5, the EMC will then request a building permit from the U.S. National Park Service to begin construction. A groundbreaking ceremony is currently planned for November 2, 2017. Construction is projected to last 30 months, which would enable the Eisenhower Memorial to be dedicated on May 8, 2020 – the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe in World War II.



Aerial of the Eisenhower Memorial

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