1. Introduction

The UK ballot comments to PDAM 2.2 and CD 5th edition (see N4656 and N4686) note that the proposed character 2CEF1 in Extension F (JMJ-056848) may be the existing CJK unified ideograph 20000 ertoire with an editorial dot, and therefore representable as 20000 ertoire plus 0307 combining dot above.

In WG2 N4677 IRG confirmed that the character in question was attested in Morohashi’s Dai Kan-Wa Jiten 大漢和辞典, as shown below, and therefore should be encoded.
My translation: "One of the vowel signs for phonetic symbols (zhùyīnfùhào 注音符號, the formal name for Bopomofo). Nowadays, in order to simplify the writing of it, its shape has changed to _visited_."  

Further evidence has now been found that throws the decision to encode this character as a CJK unified ideograph in doubt.

2. **Early Form of Bopomofo Letter E**

The *Chinese National Language Magazine* 国語月刊 no. 7 "Reformation of the Chinese Characters" 漢字改革號 special number, published in Peking in 1923 shows that _visited_ is the original form of
Bopomofo letter E (U+311C ㄜ). As /o/ and /e/ are in complementary distribution in standard Mandarin Chinese, the Mandarin /e/ sound was originally written in Bopomofo as the sign for /o/ with a dot on top (i.e. ㄜ). This dotted form of Bopomofo letter E was latter replaced by a new letter with a vertical stroke in place of the dot (i.e. ㄝ).

The examples below from the 1923 special issue of *Chinese National Language Magazine* clearly show that ㄜ is the early form of the Bopomofo letter E.

**Fig. 2. Chinese National Language Magazine No. 7 (1923) p. 100**
3. Recommendation

As the proposed character 2CEF1 (JMJ-056848) has been shown above to be the early form of the Bopomofo letter E, and not a Han ideograph, we believe that it is completely inappropriate to encode this character as a CJK unified ideograph, and suggest that it be removed from CJK Unified Ideographs Extension F.

However, this character is needed, so we recommend that a new Bopomofo letter be encoded in the Bopomofo block at 312E, with the name BOPOMOFO LETTER O WITH DOT or BOPOMOFO LETTER E EARLY FORM (or any other suitable name as decided by WG2 experts).