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Dear Mr. Halfmoon:

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HANFORD CULTURAL RESOURCES

This is in response to your letter requesting information on Hanford Cultural Resources, dated July 23, 1987. The documents containing information on the nature and location of cultural sites, which will be mailed to you under separate cover, are protected and may be restricted under the provision of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (P.L. 96-95). In this regard, we will also be enclosing a Record of Release form to be signed by the appropriate Tribal Representative. Our intent in requesting a tribal signature on this form is to emphasize the sensitive nature of the requested documents, and to extend the responsibility to the Tribe to protect and limit the dissemination of those materials.

In response to your itemized request, please also note the following:

1. Maps, showing the location of cultural surveys, are available for you to transcribe in Kevin Clarke's office in the Federal Building, Room 523.
2. & 5. Copies of critiques and commentaries on the December 1986, "Basalt Waste Isolation Division Design for Programmatic Cultural Resource Research", will be forwarded under separate cover. To date, there are no subsequent drafts and/or revisions pending receipt of comments from Affected Parties.
3. Copies of reports in the DOE Basalt Waste Isolation Division's possession, will also be forwarded under separate cover.
4. As part of the Consultation process for the Hanford Site Cultural Resource Program, as well as the activity-specific BWIP Environmental Review (BER), the Affected Tribes will receive copies of all future archaeological and historical reports.

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6. The document referred to by Mr. Kevin Clarke of the DOE-RL Site Management Division, in the referenced June 15, 1987, meeting, was a data base under preparation by our environmental studies contractor, Pacific Northwest Laboratory, for the entire Hanford site. As this document has not been finalized, we will send you copies of the site survey forms which will make up the computerized data base.

Sincerely,



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