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Dear Mr. Halfmoon:

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HANFORD CULTURAL RESOURCES

This is in response to your letter dated July 23, 1987, requesting information on Hanford Cultural Resources.

I would like to clarify our position on the release of archaeological and cultural information. It is DOE's intent to protect the cultural resources and ensure the confidentiality of information on the nature and location of archaeological resources.

The data requested by Drs. Walker and Alkezweeny is extremely sensitive and includes the location of site and burials, and we believe that this information should be transmitted to the affected tribes for their subsequent release.

In this regard, we are preparing a record of release which, when signed by the tribal chairman, will acknowledge the sensitive nature of the transmitted documents and extend the responsibility to the tribe to protect and limit the dissemination of the materials. We will send the record of release within a few days.

The information requested is being processed and should be ready for distribution next week. We are estimating that the package will be about 700 pages.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: R. P. Laget for]

John H. Anttonen, Assistant Manager
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