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Memorandum

To: Federal Preservation Officers

From: Manager, National NAGPRA Program *Sherry Hutt*

Subject: Consultation on regulations regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American cultural items excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990 [43 CFR 10.7]

The Department of the Interior is beginning to develop regulations regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American cultural items excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990 [43 CFR 10.7]. In order to better understand the issues involved, we are compiling and checking information on the disposition of Native American cultural items excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990, and initiating a series of consultation meetings.

Request for Information

- 1) Notices of Intended Disposition. Regulations require Federal agency officials to publish notices regarding the disposition of Native American cultural items excavated or discovered on Federal lands after November 16, 1990, and to provide copies of such notices to the Department of the Interior. The 56 notices that have been received are summarized at http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/NOTICES/NID_Tble_Current.pdf. Please review the information at that site to ensure its accuracy. Please also identify those Native American cultural items included in a published notice that remain in the possession or control of your Federal agency.
- 2) Documentation regarding Native American cultural items for which no notice has been published. Please send us information regarding any Native American cultural items that were excavated or discovered on land under your jurisdiction after November 16, 1990 for which no Notice of Intended Disposition has been published. Please describe the Native American cultural item and the circumstances surrounding its excavation or discovery.
- 3) Please send the requested information to Sherry Hutt, Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240. We would appreciate this information by October 15, 2005.

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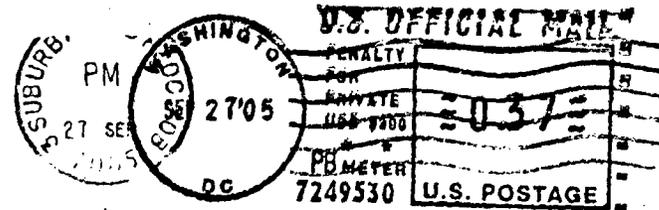
Consultation

- 1) **Consultation Meetings.** Separate consultation meetings have been scheduled with representatives of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, museums and the scientific community, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee. Consultation with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and museums and the scientific community will be on November 15, 2005, in Albuquerque, NM. We will consult with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee as part of its regular meeting on November 16-17, 2005. The consultation sessions will be held at the Cochiti/Taos Room, Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. All of these consultation meeting will be open to the public. You are encouraged to send a representative to these consultation meetings.
- 2) **Federal Consultation.** We would also like to meet separately with you or your representative from 7-9:00pm, November 15, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel, 201 Marquette NW, Albuquerque, NM. This meeting will not be open to the public.
- 3) A block of lodging rooms has been set aside at the Double Tree Hotel, which is adjacent to the Convention Center, for the nights of November 14-17, 2005. Reservations for rooms in this block may be made by calling (505) 247-3344 and referencing the National NAGPRA Program. Reservations must be made by October 31, 2005.

We look forward to working closely with you in the development of regulations regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American cultural items. Please feel free to contact Dr. Sherry Hutt at (202) 354-1479 if you have any questions.

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