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Dear Mr. Baker:

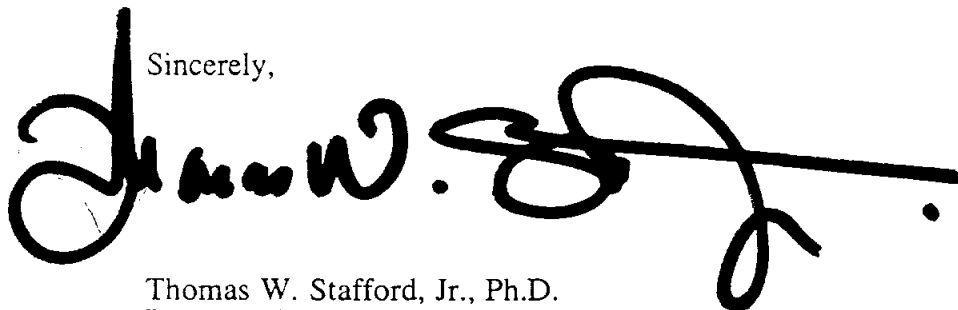
This letter is a follow up to your March 10, 1999 letter regarding the ARPA permit submitted by Dr. Gary Huckleberry and myself, for on-site geological excavations at the Kennewick Site, Washington. Your 3/10/99 letter noted that the permit application was still under review. Because an additional two months have elapsed, I'm asking what is the status of the decision process and when you and I will expect a reply from your headquarters.

Since my initial letter on February 18, 1999 at least two people from the government's study team have recommended that additional, and more in-depth, geoarchaeological studies be conducted at the Kennewick Site. During their examination of the skeleton at the Burke Museum and the ensuing analyses, it became evident there was not sufficient data to determine how the bones became lodged in the sediments. I assume this desire of government-paid scientists is known to DOA headquarters, and that the work proposed by Huckleberry and myself will efficiently and quickly answer these lingering questions.

To keep our channels of communications open, I will write or call about this time each month to see how the permit's review is progressing.

Please call anytime that I can provide you with additional material.

Sincerely,



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