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Mr. James R. Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker:

This letter is in response to your January 29, 1999 letter regarding the ARPA permit submitted by Gary Huckleberry and myself. The permit request was for on-site geological excavations at the Kennewick Site, Washington. I am hoping to hear when Gary and I will be able to resume the geological phase of our scientific investigations. There is some urgency to this work due to the continued degradation of the Site and its geology from the recently planted vegetation along the geological exposures. The deleterious effects of the plantings and dirt dumped along the reservoir edge will affect any team of scientists wanting to resume complete and thorough geological analyses at the Site.

Although it would be efficient for different government agencies to investigate the geology as we perform our fieldwork, we plan to coordinate our investigations independently once our ARPA permit is granted. We welcome anyone wanting to observe our field analyses and invite any qualified scientist to assist under our direction.

Now that the Federal team has begun initial examination of the Kennewick Man's bones in Seattle, it is even more important for us to complete the work needed to understand the geological and archaeological origin of the remains at the Kennewick Site will aid significantly in resuming fieldwork

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