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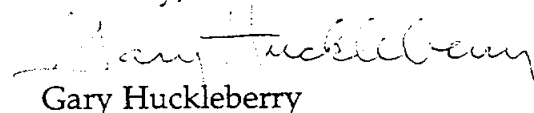
Subject: Geoarchaeological investigation of Kennewick Man site

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Curtis:

I am writing to inquire into the status of the application that I and my research team filed with the Army Corps for an ARPA permit to study the Kennewick Man discovery site. On March 25, 1998, Thomas Stafford, James Chatters, and I submitted a report regarding our preliminary geoarchaeological investigation of the site performed last December. In the report we emphasize the need to perform the work originally proposed in our ARPA permit request of August 26, 1997, i.e., to excavate a stratigraphic trench into the terrace in the vicinity of the skeleton discovery site. To date, we have not received permission to perform this activity, and we consequently do not consider our ARPA permit request to have been granted.

I have learned through the media that part of the Kennewick Man site has been buried with materials for bank protection. While this unfortunately limits the ability to perform our work, it is my understanding that it should not preclude us from performing as much of the excavations requested in our proposal as are still possible. I would request that we be given permission to perform this work no later than June, 1998. Your prompt response regarding this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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