



October 17, 1996

Major General Joe Ballard
Corps of Engineers

Re: Human Remains Found This Summer

Major General Joe Ballard:

The Yakama Indian Nation hereby is placing a claim on the remains and the other five remains that were uncovered during the summer months in the Tri-Cities Area.

In the past there have been sites that had been designated and approved by the tribes in the past for reinterment of remains found in the area. The sites are: Ice Harbor located on the Snake River, West Richland relocated from Bateman Island.

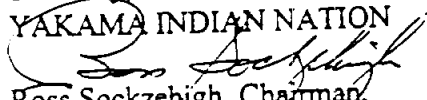
In the best interest of the Native Americans it is requested that these remains be returned as promptly as possible for proper traditional Native American services. By returning these remains, the Corps of Engineers will be acting under the provisions of the Native American Grave and Repatriation Act and the American Indian Freedom of Religion Act.

In about 1994 Corps of Engineers had returned large amount of human remains and funerary items for reinterment, also Corps of Engineers returned the ownership to Native People of that region that re Federally recognized.

Should you have any further comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Program Manager, Mr. Johnson Meninick, of the Cultural Resources Program for further information regarding this issue at 509-865-5121 Ext. 737.

Sincerely,

YAKAMA INDIAN NATION


Ross Sockzehigh, Chairman,
Yakama Tribal Council