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Dear Sirs;

Please find attached the supplemental documentation in support of the NAGPRA cultural affiliation claim filed on January 25, 2000. The claim was submitted for the repatriation of the human remains excavated under the Corps ARPA permit #DACW68-4-96-40 (hereinafter referred to as the Ancient One.)

The material we have provided has been developed to support the cultural affiliation claim under 25 U.S.C. 3002(a)(2)(B) submitted by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Wanapum Band, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation submitted to the Walla Walla Corps of Engineers on January 25, 2000.

Our staff has reviewed the documentation prepared by Interior on the cultural affiliation determination. We have attached our final report, "Establishing Cultural Continuity between Kennewick Man and Modern Columbia Plateau Tribes" by Manfred E.W. Jaehnig. From this study our conclusion is that there is substantial evidence in the anthropological record of the Southern Plateau Culture Area that Kennewick Man is a descendant of local modern Native Americans. There is clearly no evidence to suggest otherwise. This conclusion is based on the findings generated from the four expert reports requested by the DOI and from reports generated from our experts in those areas.

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