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Re: NACPRA Review Committee and Draft Recommendations of Culturally
Unidentified Human Remains

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your Organization is aware of the NACPRA Review Committee's difficulty in coming up with a draft document on recommendations for Culturally Unidentified Human Remains. As you know, two draft documents were prepared by the Review Committee and distributed to museums, institutions and tribes for public comment. These public comments were discussed at our last two Review Committee meetings held in Montana and South Carolina. We found the public comments to be very helpful in furthering discussions on Culturally Unidentified Human Remains but at our South Carolina meeting in November 1995 we agreed it was simply too difficult to work on this issue in a public setting. Members of the Review Committee have, therefore, asked me to request your help in working on draft recommendations.

We would like to have a general discussion of how your organizations, and perhaps others, could assemble a set of experts to address this topic and develop a set of recommendations that the Review Committee could consider at our next Review Committee meeting in Oklahoma, March 25th, 26th and 27th. Each of your organizations has provided us with comments on our earlier drafts. You have

expertise and interest and, coming together in a private context, might be able to come to a useful consensus.

Sincerely,

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Tessie Naranjo, Chair
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