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Tribal Government Services

Mr. Eric Thomas
Narragansett Tribe of Indians
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Charlestown, Rhode Island 02813

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Mr. Tureen indicated in his letter of October 18, 1979, that the membership list submitted with the Narragansett petition for Federal acknowledgment was not complete. He mentioned that complete ancestry and individual history charts had not been included but that they would be furnished as soon as possible. We have not received this material as of this date. We understand, now, that this material include as many as 700 more individuals who are considered current tribal members.

The regulations, 25 CFR 54.7(e), require that a list of all known current members of the group be submitted as part of the petition. It is important for the completion of our work that we have a complete list of names and addresses of all current tribal members. A copy of our policy letter of May 16, 1979, discussing membership lists is enclosed for your information.

We have almost completed our genealogical work on the approximately 300 members named on the list submitted with the petition. In order to complete work on the petition we will need genealogical information on the 700 additional members of the group as soon as possible.

We also request individual history charts for each adult member and one ancestry chart for each family, both to be completed to the fullest extent possible. Many of the charts previously submitted contained only the member's name and a reference to another chart. If we have fully completed charts, identifying the Narragansett through whom Indian ancestry is established, we will be able to process the material much faster.

In reference to the 300 names which were on the membership list submitted with the petition, we request documentation establishing the relationship of the following individuals to an ancestor on the detribalization rolls of 1880-84:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

We believe that these four individuals are representative descendants of some of

and tax records are examples of some of the types of records which may be available to establish these relationships. (See guidelines for additional information.)

We may ask for additional documentation for other individuals after we receive your completed membership list.

Please assure those members for whom documentation has been requested that this request is not a challenge to their right to membership in the group. This information is needed only to establish family lines and verify ancestry.

We will be happy to talk with you about any problems you may have concerning completion of this part of your petition. It may be useful to meet with a member of the Acknowledgment staff to see if there are ways to facilitate the process for you. If you are agreeable to such a meeting in your office, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

ERICK A. HAYES

Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services

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