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Ms. Joan K. Ortez
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Dear Ms. Ortez,

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 1995 and your phone conversation with Branch of Acknowledgment and Research (BAR), Kay Davis on May 28, 1995, that clarified the status of your updated membership list. It is BAR's understanding that the 1995 membership roll will be submitted by mid-August. We thank you for your expeditious response.

Concerning prior recognition, Section 83.8 of the revised regulations provides for a reduced burden of evidence for groups which can demonstrate previous acknowledgment. Normally an initial determination would be made during the technical review phase of processing your petition. Since your documented petition is complete, and we expect to place it on active consideration shortly, the question of previous acknowledgment will be reviewed during active consideration. If you wish to submit the chronology you refer to in your letter, we would refer to it when making the evaluation. The enclosed letter to the Snohomish provides further information concerning determinations of previous acknowledgment.

The BAR staff will consult with you during this process, if further information is necessary. If you have further questions in the meantime, please contact BAR. We will be looking forward to your membership roll, and any further questions you may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ Holly Reckerd

Chief, Branch of Acknowledgment
and Research

Enclosure

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