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Mr. Earl J. Barbry, Sr.
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Dear Mr. Barbry:

The enclosed policy letter, dated August 30, deals with a new procedure for submission of the genealogical materials required in support of petitions for Federal Acknowledgment.

In accordance with the procedure outlined in the letter, a review has been completed of the genealogical materials submitted to date by the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe. A selection has been made of families for whom additional information and documentation is requested. Details of this selection are included as an attachment to this letter.

The enclosed Ancestry and/or Individual History Charts will need to be completed before a determination can be made. We suggest your group concentrate on obtaining the vital records and charts specifically requested.

Please assure those members for whom more information has been requested that this request is not a challenge to their right to membership in the group. This information is needed to establish individual family lines so that we can better understand the composition of the group.

If you have questions regarding the new procedure or this letter with its attachments, please feel free to write to the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20245, Attention: Federal Acknowledgment Project or call the Federal Acknowledgment Project staff at (703) 235-2360.

Copies of this letter are being sent to Mr. Lawrence A. Aschenbrenner, attorney for your group, Mr. Donald McNabb, historian, and Mr. Chuck Downs, an interested party.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND V. BUTLER

Acting Director, Office of Indian Services

Enclosures

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GENEALOGICAL SELECTION

for the

Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe

The specific documentation requested below is needed to process the genealogical portion of the Tunica-Biloxi petition. Please assure those members for whom more information 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 individual family lines so that we can better understand the composition of the group.

1. Ancestry and Individual History Charts are needed for each of the group's members listed below:

MembershipRoll#

Please ask each member to complete the enclosed charts if physically able. If not physically able, the information should be dictated to someone who will prepare the form for them. In this case, the preparer's name, address, telephone number, and relationship should be entered on the form in the space provided.

Every effort should be made to provide as much detail as possible on all ancestors.

The (*) indicates that additional questions and/or requests for documentation have been written in the right margin of the Individual History Charts of these members. These questions and requests are particularly important.

2. An Ancestry Chart only is needed for membership roll . Please ask to complete the enclosed chart herself, if she is able. She should provide as much detail as possible on all ancestors.
3. The Tunica-Biloxi membership roll of January 1, 1979, which was submitted on July 5 by the Native American Rights Fund, is inadequate in its present format.

Addresses are listed for only 25% of the group's members. Some of these are inadequate for mailing purposes. Twenty-one (10.4%) of the members have no parents listed; for nine of these 21, no given name or sex is indicated. These inadequacies should be corrected since, when viewed together, they cast doubt as to how well the group knows its members.

When a corrected membership roll is ready, it should be submitted to the tribal governing body for their written certification of approval.

4. A legible copy of the affidavit dated March 26, 1949, which appears on pages 112 and 113 of the petition, should be provided. Particular attention should be given to the second page which appears to have a fold which obliterates important information.