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The Honorable Roswell Cline  
Chairman, Nooksack Tribe  
P.O. Box 157  
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Dear Chairman Cline:

Congratulations on your recent election as Chairman of the Nooksack Indian Tribe (Tribe). As you are aware, the Tribe's actions over the past few years have led to disharmony in the relationship between the United States and the Tribe. I hope your election, and the election of a new Nooksack Tribal Council, will allow us to address and resolve many of these issues. This transition offers an opportunity to forge a new relationship between the Department of the Interior (Department) and Tribe, one that is centered on open dialogue, transparency, and respect for the rule of law.

With that in mind, I invite you to engage in a government-to-government consultation to discuss the various issues that have, in recent years, affected the relationship between the United States and the Tribe. Please contact Mr. Tyler Fish, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, at [tyler.fish@bia.gov](mailto:tyler.fish@bia.gov) or (202) 513-0784. Depending on your preference and availability, the consultation may be held either at the Department Headquarters in Washington, DC, or in Deming, Washington. *I look forward to meeting with you soon.*

Sincerely,

John Tahsuda  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs  
Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary –  
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