

**(3) Technical Assistance Letter(s)**

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*[Handwritten notes on lined paper]*

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Dear Mr. Thompson

It appears that Ancestry Charts have been furnished for all of the major Narragansett family lines. Therefore, it will not be necessary to provide Ancestry Charts for tribal members who can establish eligibility for enrollment through one of the major family lines. For those members who cannot establish eligibility through one of the major family lines, however, it will be necessary to provide Ancestry Charts.

It is extremely important that the Individual History Charts for all adults and for minors not living with their parents be completed to the fullest extent possible. They are, as we told you, our way of tying the families together and tracing them generation by generation back to one ancestor on the deinstitutionalization rolls. Separate Individual History Charts are not necessary for minors living with their parents.

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As you know, documents which may contain the needed information include birth, baptismal, marriage and death certificates. The same type of documents you submitted to establish your relationship to Benjamin P. Thomas would be sufficient to prove this relationship for the three lines requested above.

We would appreciate having the mailing lists which you indicated you could furnish as soon as possible. They will give us some indication of your previous membership.

We also need the complete roll containing the names of the remaining tribal members and we would appreciate your using the same format with the same information as was used for the list which appears on pages 191 through 213 of Volume I of your petition.

It is not necessary for you to send documents (birth certificates, death certificates, etc.) for any of the remaining tribal members at this time. We will, however, in all probability request this type of documentation for some of the remaining tribal members at a later date.

The names of the council members elected on September 6, 1960, have been placed in the Narragansett petition file.

As we mentioned to you, in a December 15, 1980, opinion, the Acting Associate Solicitor determined that the membership list submitted before a decision has been made concerning a petitioning group may become the base roll of the group, and the membership criteria in force at that time may affect the group for some time to come. That portion of the opinion concerning the base roll is in line with our policy letter of May 16, 1979, which you have. Therefore, every effort should be made to include the names of all current tribal members on the list you are now preparing.

If you have any questions, please call us.

Sincerely,

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