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Gladys A. Widdiss, President
Wampanoag Tribal Council of Gay Head, Inc.
State Road
Gay Head, Massachusetts 02535

Dear Mrs. Widdiss:

This is to notify you that the petition requesting Federal acknowledgment of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head was officially placed under active consideration as of the date of this letter. This was done following a preliminary review of the petition and supporting documentation as prescribed by 25 CFR 83.9(b). The materials provided were found to be sufficient for the Acknowledgment staff to undertake more in-depth research. We note that addresses were not provided for the 461 members on the tribal roll. This information will be needed as work progresses. Should additional data be needed or questions arise in the future as a result of on-going research, we reserve the right to request this information from the Tribal Council or its representatives.

According to Section 83.9(f) of the Acknowledgment regulations, the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs must publish proposed findings on the petition within one year. The Acknowledgment staff anticipates that work will be completed within this period. You should be aware, however, that the regulations do permit the Assistant Secretary to grant an extension for a period of up to six months additional time upon showing of due cause to the petitioner.

The primary Bureau staff member responsible for administration of this case is Dr. William W. Quinn. Mr. John A. Shepard, Chief of the Branch of Federal Acknowledgment, will serve as Dr. Quinn's backup staff member. As Branch Chief, Mr. Shepard is responsible for direct supervision of the Acknowledgment staff. Both can be reached by telephone at (202) 343-3566. Correspondence should be directed to the Branch of Federal Acknowledgment, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20245.

Members of the Acknowledgment staff will be in contact with you as work progresses. In the meantime, if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hazel E. Elbert

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