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Melanie Sloan
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics
in Washington
11 DuPont Circle, N.W., 2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: NIGC-FOIA-2005-060

Dear Ms. Sloan:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission) on March 18, 2005 for records pertaining to NIGC and several agencies from January 1, 2001 to present.

The Commission has a backlog of initial requests, as well as limited personnel resources, and our staff has not yet been able to conduct a search to determine whether there are records within the scope of your request. Even if we do locate responsive records, additional time will be required to process them for release. Accordingly, I must inform you that we will be unable to comply with the statutory time requirement for the processing of this request.

Regarding your request for a fee waiver, no decision has been made. We will notify you in our final response of any applicable fees involved in the processing of your request.

Lastly, I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you may contact me or the FOIA Officer, Regina A. McCoy, at (202) 632-7003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerrie L. Moore".

Jerrie L. Moore
Legal Staff Assistant

Enclosure (Fee Schedule)