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Dear Mr. Rapport:

The purpose of this correspondence is to acknowledge receipt of and provide a response to your correspondence dated January 25, 2001, regarding the request of the governing body of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria (Tribe) for formal review of the Tribe's proposed constitution and the conduct of a Secretarial election under the terms of the Indian Reorganization Act. Your correspondence was received at the Central California Agency on January 29, 2001.

Please be advised that Agency staff completed its review, which was forwarded to the Regional Director, Pacific Region, via memorandum dated March 5, 2001. The Regional Director is the Bureau of Indian Affairs official empowered to authorize the conduct of a Secretarial election. We will conduct such an election on the Tribe's proposed constitution once authorized by the Regional Director.

We apologize for the delay in processing the Tribe's request.

Should you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Mr. Raymond Fry, Tribal Operations Officer, at (916) 566-7124.

Sincerely,

*sgd. Raymond D. Fry*

FOR

Dale Risling, Sr.  
 Superintendent

cc: Regional Director, Pacific Region

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