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May 28, 2004

Thomas Wolfrum, Attorney at Law  
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Dear Mr. Wolfrum:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of your facsimile transmittal on May 21, 2004, after the close of normal business hours that was dated May 20, 2004. In your facsimile document you state you represent Yakima K. Dixie and the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of MiWok Indians of California (aka California Valley Miwok Tribe). Additionally, you sent a copy of a letter addressed to me from Scott Keep, Assistant Solicitor, with the Office of the Solicitor - United States Department of Interior.

In your facsimile document you also state that Mr. Keep's letter should be sufficient for the California [Gambling Control] Commission to withhold payment from the California Valley Miwok Tribe until Yakima K. Dixie's appeal is resolved. We have reviewed Mr. Keep's letter from the Office of the Solicitor with the United States Department of Interior and have followed up on the meaning of the comments regarding an "(appeal) pending before it". We will continue to seek clarification of this matter with the United States Department of Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. However, at the present time this letter does not provide sufficient information to determine if a valid and accepted appeal is in the receipt of either of these agencies, or any other proper entity, that will be addressed and ruled upon. Therefore, until such time as we receive appropriate documentation that a valid appeal of the BIA recognition of tribal leadership has been accepted for review we will not be able to withhold payments from the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund to the California Valley Miwok Tribe.

Thank you for your recent correspondence. If you have any questions please contact me at the below telephone number.

Sincerely,

Gary Qualset, Deputy Director  
Licensing and Compliance Division  
(916) 263-4600

**Declaration S. KEEP  
Exhibit 2**

cc: Scott Keep, Assistant Solicitor, US Department of the Interior – Office of the Solicitor 00758