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Where are we on this issue? I recall that we were going to try to begin a mediation of sorts with them.

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Ms. Stevens,

I hope all is well with you. I understand you are terribly busy with many BIA initiatives but was hopeful that you could discuss any issues or decisions related to the California Valley Miwok case with us. As you are aware, the Tribe will be evicted from its office and residence on September 15, 2009, unless of course, we can demonstrate some sort of progress (no matter how minimal) with the BIA that the parties are attempting to resolve the dispute through mediation or some other form of dispute resolution.

Also, I'd like to discuss a recent e-mail I received from "Yakama Dixie's appointed Deputy's lawyer" that incorrectly and illogically states that the California Valley Miwok was "terminated" by the United States and therefore is the reason why the BIA needs to "reorganize" the Tribe. The e-mail goes so far as to compare the California Valley Miwok Tribe with a terminated Tribe currently going through reorganization in California. The e-mail demonstrates the clear-cut misunderstanding and confusion created by Yakima Dixie and the local BIA in insisting to reorganize a federally recognized Indian tribe over a leadership dispute. As you may agree, the BIA would establish dangerous and paternalistic precedent by requiring that the BIA reorganize recognized Indian tribes and their recognized membership every time a leadership or membership dispute arose.

Please find a letter attached that discusses the above two issues in more detail. I thank you in advance for considering the Tribe's requests.

Sincerely,

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