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Dear Mr. Leonard:

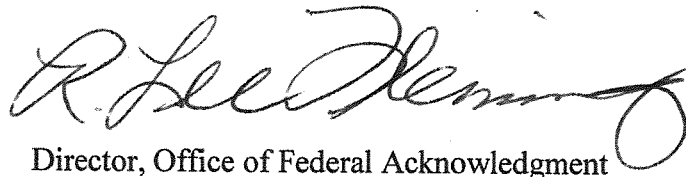
On May 15, 2017, the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) received an e-mail from Stephen V. Quesenberry, the attorney of record for the Souther Sierra Miwuk Nation (SSM; Petitioner #82). Mr. Quesenberry requested that OFA advise the SSM the status of its petition.

This letter is to inform you that the 120-day suspension lifted on January 20, 2017. OFA appreciated that the SSMN submitted supplemental documentation to its existing petition, and addressed the technical problems with the documented petition of the lack of evidence in the record for the "present period" (1990 to the present) for Criteria 83.7(b) and 83.7(c). Enclosed, please find a preliminary inventory of the materials dated January 18, 2017, which OFA received on January 27, 2017.

In order for OFA to review, analyze, and evaluate this material which entails approximately 1755 images and to prepare its recommended proposed finding, the Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs found good cause to extend active consideration under § 83.10(h) until on or before Monday, August 21, 2017, which is 90 days from the date of this letter.

This letter notifies Petitioner #82 of this extension, and by copy of this letter, OFA will notify the interested and informed parties. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., MS-34B SIB, Washington, D.C. 20245. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely



Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

Enclosure

cc: Interested and Informed Parties