

Tribal Government Services-FA

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Dear Mr. Maynor:

As requested by members of your staff during their visit to our offices on March 21 and 22, you will find enclosed clarification of the status of your petition for Federal acknowledgment. This information is provided to support your application for continued funding from the Administration for Native Americans.

We have reviewed some of the documentation you have collected to date, and it is obvious that a great deal has been accomplished toward addressing the acknowledgment regulations, 25 C.F.R. Part 83. This information will be invaluable in clarifying the status of your group.

However, there are still several areas which need documentation. Although you have enrolled approximately 12,000 individuals, we understand that the potential eligible membership roll may actually include as many as 30,000 - 40,000 individuals. We will need a complete membership list before we can begin active consideration of your petition. The records of the National Archives appear to be one source of genealogical material that has not yet been fully examined. You may wish to secure a local D.C. area consultant to investigate these records for identification of individuals as Indian in the 1800's.

The periods from continuous contact to 1835 and from 1835 to 1885 also require additional historical research, and descriptions of political processes for all eras are needed. A description of the modern community including satellite communities, intermarriage patterns and social relationships will be necessary in order to fully address the Acknowledgment regulations.

We appreciate the efforts the Lumbee Regional Development Association has made to coordinate their research efforts with our office. Such careful planning at this stage in your research will be helpful in the processing of your petition once it is placed on active consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Branch of Federal Acknowledgment

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