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Dear Mr. Ortega:

Thank you for your letter of May 21, 2019, on behalf of the petitioner known as the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTB petitioner). The Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA), within the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA), received your letter on June 13, 2019.

Your letter confirms that the FTB petitioner does not wish to supplement further its materials and wishes for OFA to proceed with the Phase I review. Thank you for this clarification.

By letter dated May 13, 2019, OFA informed the FTB petitioner that the AS-IA granted OFA a six-month extension to complete its Phase I review of the petition. OFA's timeline for completing its review had been paused while OFA awaited the petitioner's response to OFA's letter of November 20, 2019. As a result of the clarification in your letter, the timeline for OFA's Phase I review has resumed, and the current deadline for issuance of the Phase I proposed finding is December 14, 2019.

We look forward to continue working with you as the FTB petitioner proceeds through the Federal acknowledgment process under the 2015 regulations.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment