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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Office of Federal Acknowledgment
Attn: R. Lee Fleming
Department of Interior
1951 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C.A. § 552, *et. seq.*), I request that your office and other relevant offices within the Department of the Interior provide me with copies or otherwise make available all documents relating to the following:

- From 1910 to present, all documents discussing, identifying or directly relating to the "Tejon Indian Tribe," sometimes referred to as the "El Tejon Band of Indians" or "Tejon Indians" located in Kern County, California.
- From 1910 to present, all documents discussing, identifying or directly relating to "Tejon Ranch," "El Tejon Ranch," or "Tribal Operations - 060 El Tejon Ranch."
- All documents relating to a Departmental Order dated November 9, 1916 reserving and setting aside land for the use and occupancy of the El Tejon band of Indians and all documents relating to Public Land Order 2738 revoking the 1916 Departmental Order.

In order to facilitate timely receipt of these materials, I am happy to arrange for copies to be picked up from your respective offices. Finally, I will reimburse the Department for all reasonable costs associated with this request, up to an initial amount of \$500.00. If the costs exceed this amount, please contact me as soon as possible.

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Thank you in advance to your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any additional questions or we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 457-6495.

Sincerely,



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VIA FACSIMILE AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Clay Gregory, Regional Director
Pacific Regional Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Mr. Troy Burdick, Superintendent
Central California Agency
Bureau of Indian Affairs
650 Capital Mall, Suite 8-500
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Tejon Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C.A. § 552, *et. seq.*), I request that your office and other relevant offices within the Department of the Interior Regional and Agency offices provide me with copies or otherwise make available all documents relating to the following:

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- From 1910 to present, all documents discussing, identifying or directly relating to "Tejon Ranch," "El Tejon Ranch," or "Tribal Operations - 060 El Tejon Ranch."
- All documents relating to a Departmental Order dated November 9, 1916 reserving and setting aside land for the use and occupancy of the El Tejon band of Indians and all documents relating to Public Land Order 2738 revoking the 1916 Departmental Order.
- All documents from 1960 to the present relating to the compilation of the list of federally acknowledged tribes that was first published on January 31, 1979, 44 Fed. Reg. 7235;

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including any "Tribal directory" and any documents relating to the "Tejon Indian Tribe," the "El Tejon Band of Indians," "Tejon Indians" or "Tejon Ranch."

In order to facilitate timely receipt of these materials, I request that we be allowed to pick up copies from your respective offices rather than have you send them to us by regular mail. Finally, I will reimburse the Department for all reasonable costs associated with this request, up to an initial amount of \$500.00. If the costs exceed this amount, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance to your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any additional questions or we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 457-6495.

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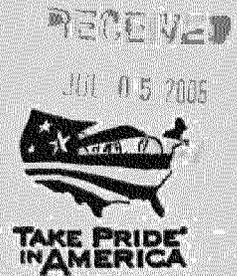
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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240



Mr. Lawrence S. Roberts
2550 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 7, 2006, that was received in our office on March 21, 2006. In your request, you sought records of a group known as the "Tejon Indian Tribe," also known as the "El Tejon Band of Indians" or "Tejon Indians." You also sought "all documents relating to a Departmental Order dated November 9, 1916" and "all documents relating to Public Land Order 2738."

We have examined our files carefully and we are unable to locate the records responsive to your request. In accordance with 43 CFR 2.7(d)(1), the Department is not required to create or compile a record to satisfy a FOIA request. The Act applies only to records in the bureau's possession and control at the time the bureau begins its search for responsive records.

We have determined that the records you seek may be held by the National Archives and Records Administration, as part of Record Group 48, Records of the Department of the Interior, and Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. For information on these records, please contact Mr. Joe Schwartz, Interior Specialist, National Archives and Records Administration, at (301) 837-2961.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Joe Armenio, Records Assistant, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, at (202) 513-7661.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment



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2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

This completes the response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requested dated March 7, 2006. You requested documents regarding "Tejon Indian Tribe", "El Tejon Band of Indian," "Tejon Indians" or the "Tejon Ranch." We have conducted a thorough search of our files and were unable to locate any records responsive to your request. This is not a refusal to disclose documents, but rather a notification that there are no documents to disclose.

If you consider this response to be a denial of your request under 43 CFR 2.28(a)(2), you may file an appeal by writing to:

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Information Resources Management
Freedom of Information Act Appeals Officer
1849 C Street, N.W., MS-5312-MIB
Washington, D.C. 20240**

Your appeal must be in writing and received no later than 30 working days after the date of this letter. A copy of your original request and this denial letter should accompany the appeal, along with any information you have which leads you to believe that responsive records do in fact exist, including where they might be found, if the location is known to you. The appeal should be marked "**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL**" both on the envelope and on the face of the appeal letter.

Please be advised, that the National Archives located in San Bruno, California, may be able to provide you with further information. You may contact the National Archives at the address or phone number at: National Archives, Pacific Region, 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066, Contact: David Piff, (650) 238-3480.

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If you have any questions concerning your request, please contact Shirley Lincoln, Tribal Operations Specialist, at (916) 978-6063 or Fred Doka, Jr., Tribal Operations Officer, at (916) 978-6067.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Real Estate Services
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2550 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037-1350



Dear Mr. Roberts:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) revised request dated March 8, 2006, and received in the Real Estate Services Office on March 10, 2006. In your request you sought information on the Tejon Indian Tribe.

Our initial estimate of the cost for the bureau to process your request is \$321.63, calculated as follows: Fifty-one (51) pages of duplication at \$.13 per page, and nine (9) hours of search and review time at \$8.75, per quarter hour. Prepayment is not requested at this time; however, your reassurance of payment for this service has been noted in your FOIA request, as sufficient.

You may send a check or money order made payable to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to the following address: 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-500, Sacramento, California 95814.

If we do not hear from you within twenty (20) workdays of the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this matter and will close the file on your request.

You indicated in your letter that you wish to pick up the documents rather than have them mailed to your office. If you still wish to pick up the documents, please notify our office of the date and time you will arrive to our office so that we can be available.

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Souther, Realty Specialist, at (916) 930-3748, or Angela Pitman, FOIA Coordinator, at (916) 930-3766.

Sincerely,

Eddie J. Rommney
for Troy Burdick
Superintendent

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List of Correspondence

- 1) Letter Dtd. 12-12-1915. Department of the Interior (DOI) Special Indian Agent, addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs (Commissioner).
- 2) In-House Form, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Record "Allotment or Estate Record" Dtd. 10-8-1964, a record providing the disposition of the land.
- 3) Letter Dtd. 8-19-1952, from BIA, George T. Nordstrom, Soil Conservationist addressed to Mrs. Caestina Garcia Montes.
- 4) Memo Dtd. 8-13-1952, from Sacramento Area Office, Leonard M. Hill, Area Director, (no signature stamp), addressed to the Commissioner.
- 5) Letter Dtd. 5-14-1953, from Paul E. Herzog of Inglewood, CA addressed to Leonard J. Hill, Area Director, BIA.
- 6) Letter Dtd. 6-3-1953, From Leonard J. Hill, Area Director, BIA, (attached to 5-14-1953 letter item 5 on this sheet) it is responding to Mr. Paul E. Herzog.
- 7) Letter Dtd. 5-16-1961, From BIA Supervisory Program Officer to Ms. Amelia Gomez.
- 8) Memo Dtd. 7-17-1961, From BIA Sacramento Area Office to the Commissioner.
- 9) Letter Dtd. 5-21-1969, From Acting Commissioner, T.W. Taylor addressed to Senator George Murphy.
- 10) Letter Dtd. 3-9-1970, From BIA Area Tribal Operations Officer, Sacramento, to Edward G. Galvan.
- 11) Letter Dtd. 5-24-1974, From Judy Barras, addressed to Bruce Peasley, Area Real Property Management.
- 12) Letter Dtd. 6-5-1974, From BIA, Sacramento Area Office in reply to Judy Barras letter.
- 13) Letter Dtd. 6-8-1974, From Judy Barras, addressed to Bruce Peasley, Area Realty Officer.
- 14) Letter Dtd. 6-8-1974, From Judy Barras, addressed to BIA Central California Agency.
- 15) Letter Dtd. 6-14-1974, From BIA Central California Agency addressed to Judy Barras.
- 16) Letter Dtd. 10-25-1974, From Acting Superintendent, Bush Loucks, addressed to Catherine Morgan.

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- 17) Letter Dtd. 10-30-1974, From Superintendent Richard Burcell, addressed to Catherine Morgan.
- 18) Letter Dtd. 10-30-1974, From Superintendent, Richard Burcell, addressed to Mattie J. Melton.
- 19) Letter Dtd. 2-14-1977, From Eddie Montes, addressed to BIA Central California Agency.
- 20) Letter Dtd. 2-18-1977, From BIA Central California Agency, Frank L. Haggerty, Jr., Acting Superintendent, addressed to Eddie Montes.
- 21) Letter Dtd. 3-10-1977, From U.S. Senate Ted Stevens, addressed to Ralph R. Reeser, Legislative and Congressional Affairs Office.
- 22) Letter Dtd. 4-7-1977, From Acting Director, John Geary, Office of Indian Services, addressed to Senator Stevens.
- 23) Letter Dtd. 4-20-1977, From BIA Sacramento Area Office, addressed to Senator Ted Stevens.
- 24) Letter Dtd. 12-24-1980, From Eddie Montes, addressed to BIA Central California Agency.
- 25) Letter Dtd. 12-31-1980, From Gerald S. Rossbach, Acting Superintendent, addressed to Eddie Montes.
- 26) One plain paper with typed notes in draft format only; there is no date and it is in regards to the El Tejon Indians.
- 27) A paper from the internet service; four pages of information about the San Fernando Mission.