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Mr. Robert Ponder
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Dear Mr. Ponder:

In accordance with our informal agreement to consider the petition of the Northwest Cherokee Wolf (NWCW) Band along with the petition of the Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy (SECC), the Acknowledgment staff has completed an initial review of both petitions for obvious deficiencies and significant omissions as required by the acknowledgment regulations.

This letter is merely a discussion of questions raised by the staff and of areas which we feel could be strengthened with additional information. This letter is not a notification of active consideration nor is it a denial of the petition.

Staff questions and requests for additional information will be found in the individually numbered paragraphs which follow:

1. Please provide a membership list which includes the name and current address of each person who is considered to be a member of the NWCW Band. No membership roll or list of any kind was provided with the Northwest Cherokee Wolf Band petition.
2. How is clan membership determined?
3. Please provide a list of all clans. For each clan, indicate the date when it was formed and list the names of its past and present leaders.
4. Please provide a breakdown of the group's membership by clan. Each clan list should include the names of all members who belong to that clan.
5. List all grants held by the Northwest Cherokee Wolf Band and any participation by the group in Federal, state or local programs (e.g., CETA, Indian Education).
6. What relationship, if any, does the NWCW Band have with recognized tribes and other unrecognized Oregon groups? What relationship exists between the NWCW Band and the terminated Grand Rhonde Community?
7. What relationship, if any, currently exists between the NWCW Band and the Paint Band? Has any relationship existed between these bands in the past?

8. Does the NWCW Band participate in the Oregon State Indian Commission? If so, in what way? Please explain.
9. List and describe group ceremonies, gatherings other than council meetings, and any other informal activities done together by all or part of the group's membership.
10. Please provide copies of additional newsletters or minutes of NWCW Band meetings not previously submitted with the petition. If minutes of individual clan meetings are available, these would also be helpful.
11. What evidence, if any, is required of an applicant's tribal ancestry or degree of Indian blood? Is any effort made to verify information provided on membership applications? If an effort is made to verify information provided, please explain how this is done.
12. Are meeting lists available which show the names of members who were present? If so, please provide copies.

The Acknowledgment staff will be in touch with you by telephone to discuss the specific information requested above. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have at that time.

A copy of our letter to Mr. William Jackson regarding obvious deficiencies in the SECC petition is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

/s/ John W. Fritz

ACTING Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure (SECC OD letter)

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