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Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets NW
Washington, D.C. 20245

Attention: Federal Recognition Project

Re: Petition requesting acknowledgment of the
existence of Mohegan Indian Group as an
Indian Tribe

Dear Sir:

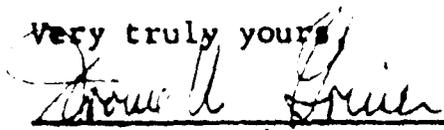
On behalf of the group of Mohegan Indians, of which I, John E. Hamilton, am Grand Sachem, and for which Attorney Jerome M. Griner is counsel, petition is hereby made for acknowledgment by you, in your Federal Recognition Project, of the existence of said group of Mohegan Indians as an Indian Tribe.

This petition is being sent in this short form for purposes of obtaining the earliest possible filing date. The undersigned will begin to assemble and furnish to you the statements and evidence suggested in the most recent proposed regulations, Section 54.7.

We would appreciate your sending an acknowledgment of the receipt of this petition, as well as all future correspondence, notices, etc., on our behalf to Attorney Griner at the address shown above.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Jerome M. Griner as Attorney for
Mohegan Indians