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Dear Tribal Leader:

It has come to our attention that some Tribes have experienced technical difficulties in submitting their written comments by email concerning International Repatriation consultation. In response to these complications, we are extending the deadline to submit initial written comments to December 16, 2016. We regret any inconvenience this situation may have caused.

Please submit comments by email to intlrepatriation@ios.doi.gov or by mail to:

Attention: International Repatriation
Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20240.

Also, we have scheduled an additional consultation in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Southwest Region for Monday, December 12, 2016. It will take place at 10:00 am at the National Indian Programs Training Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We expect that Federal Government review of its efforts to address the international repatriation of Cultural Heritage will be ongoing; as we proceed, we anticipate there will be additional opportunities for input. These opportunities will be announced via “Dear Tribal Leader” letters and on the Department of the Interior’s Indian Affairs website (www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/Consultation/index.htm).

Sincerely,

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