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Honorable Hubert Williams Chairman,  
Nooksack Indian Tribe  
of Washington  
P.O. Box 157  
Deming, Washington 98244

Dear Chairman Williams:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 1992, resubmitting without change the Tribal-state Compact for Class III Gaming between the Nooksack Indian Tribe and the State of Washington originally submitted by letter dated November 14, 1991.

On January 17, 1992, the Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs disapproved this compact. In his letter, he explained why the compact was disapproved. We reviewed your explanation and remain convinced that the compact as submitted is not consistent with Federal law. Therefore, the compact as originally submitted remains disapproved. The compact is enclosed.

If you wish to amend and resubmit this compact for review, we suggest that you make appropriate amendments to Appendix C, pursuant to Section 59.16 of Title 59, Ordinance of Nooksack Tribe Incorporating the Nooksack Economic Development Corporation, in addition to any other changes you deem necessary.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact Joyce Grisham, Division of Tribal Government Services, at (202) 208-5114.

Sincerely,

/S/ Eddie F. Brown

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

cc: Governor of Washington  
Portland Area Director  
Puget Sound Agency Superintendent  
National Indian Gaming Commission  
Penny Coleman, SOL