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Office of Tribal Justice

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Ms. Cheryl Schmit  
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Dear Ms. Schmit:

I write in response to your letter of May 15, 1997 to the Attorney General regarding your meeting with the Office of Tribal Justice in April, 1997.

In regard to your initially scheduled meeting, Mark asked me to express his regrets for your inconvenience. A prior meeting kept him outside the office for longer than expected. I would note that he did make an effort to reschedule for later in the day. When that was not possible, we met the following morning.

Our office did take your concerns seriously and we forwarded the information that you gave us to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the National Indian Gaming Commission, and others as appropriate given the subject matter.

Finally, I note that one of the problems that you related to us was a concern that an individual's property might be impacted by an adjoining tribal establishment. As I informed you then, an individual land dispute is usually handled by private counsel. If an individual cannot not afford private counsel, he or she may contact legal aid or the State Bar to seek *pro bono* legal representation. Given the information that you provided our office, I believe that this was an appropriate suggestion for assistance.

Thank you for expressing your concerns.

Sincerely,

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Thomas L. LeClaire, Director

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