



SMALL TRIBES ORGANIZATION of WESTERN WASHINGTON

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January 22, 1976

Mr. Morris Thompson
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
1951 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Commissioner Thompson:

On January 22, 1976, the Jamestown Clallam Tribe of Indians submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, Thomas S. Kleppe, a petition for Federal recognition as an Indian tribe. I am sending you a copy for your review and information. The petition contains a series of legal arguments (with documentation) for Federal recognition in favor of the Jamestown Clallam Tribe.

I believe that your office will be given certain responsibilities in regard to this petition. Other copies will be mailed to other B.I.A. officials, Interior Department officials, and members of Congress.

Enclosed also is the Proposed Constitution and Bylaws of the Jamestown Clallam Tribe of Indians. This constitution and bylaws is submitted to you for your review and approval, as required by the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. Copies of the constitution and bylaws have been sent to Thomas S. Kleppe, Secretary of the Interior, Francis E. Briscoe, Area Director, and S.A. Lozar, Superintendent.

Respectfully yours,

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