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Sent Via Fax

Dear Ms Jordan:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 7, 1997 to Helen Rountree.

I must admit that I was somewhat taken by surprise at the comment that members of my group had been calling you and indicating that Delegate Howell intended to go forward with our efforts, regardless of what the Virginia Council On Indians recommended. I can assure you that any phone calls that you have received have not been from members of my group. It is not our intent to push forward with this effort without the positive recommendation of The Virginia Council On Indians.

I have contacted the people that I speak for and they have all assured me that they have had no contact with you or any other member of the Virginia Council on Indians.

We wish to fully comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia in this matter.

I was elected as the spokesman for our group at a meeting held at the Regional Library on August 10, 1996 in Fredericksburg Virginia. I am the only elected representative of the group that appeared before the Virginia Council on December 10th. Anyone else that may contact you is not representing our group and does not speak for our group.

Mr. Howell and I have had several conversations regarding the legislation and we decided to draft the bill and submit it this session. We do not intend to take any action on the bill until the Virginia Council On Indians has rendered its decision. Should the Council not reach a decision this session it is our intent to withdraw the bill. The only

reason that we wanted to submit it at this time is to meet the deadline for submitting new legislation. In the event that the Council should rule favorably we could go forward in this year's General Assembly.

All too often others indicate that they speak for one group or another when in reality they do not.

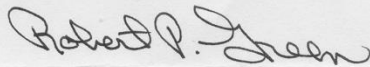
My group respects the process as well as the work performed by the Virginia Council On Indians. As I explained to The Council on December 10th, we are only pursuing what we have been told all of our lives. We do not wish to claim to be something that we are not. Our effort is out of pride and nothing else. We seek nothing other than the legal right to stand up when burial sites and other vestiges of the Patawomeck Indians are threatened by development and request that these sites be preserved.

It is my plan to appear before the Virginia Council On Indians on January 16th as Ms Wade has requested. I will be more than happy to address the issue further at that time.

Should anyone contact you or any other member of the Virginia Council On Indians and claim to speak for my group, I would deeply appreciate it if you would advise me of that person's name. I will contact them and advise them to desist.

We desire to become a member of the family of Virginia Tribes. To gain recognition without the favorable recommendation of the Virginia Council On Indians would be detrimental to this effort and in reality serve no purpose.

Very truly yours,



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