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Dear Helen;

Many thanks for sending me your criteria guidelines for tribes applying for recognition in the Commonwealth. You may be assured of our deepest appreciation.

Please be cognizant of the fact that the current members of the Council and the previous members that I have spoken to, as well as myself, were not aware of any brochure published or unpublished pertaining to rules and regulations that tribes seeking recognition could use for assistance.

The documentation we have been using and handing out to everyone requesting it was drafted several years ago during Hardaway's terms as Chairman of the Virginia Council on Indians. This material has been used by the eight tribes in their respective successful quests for the aforementioned recognition. *none was given to A. B. Newmonds*

I am sure that you know Delegate Shirley Cooper was a member of the Council for one year after my appointment as Chair. I was not an appointee of Governor Wilder during her tenure. It would have been helpful to the Council if she had given us any data that referred to the aforesated matter or any other topic that would have aided the Virginia Council on Indians.

The Council has been very fortunate to have Delegate Harvey Morgan in the General Assembly, Secretary Metcalf at the helm of H.H.R., as well as past and present members of the Council who wish to be of assistance to all American Indian people in the Commonwealth seeking acknowledgment and recognition. You are a special bonus!

HCR documents

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I recall Shirley at first

Mr. Green of the Potomac Tribe and his friends have been advised of the proper procedures. A couple of them called and informed me that they were going to get Delegate Howell to push it through with or without the Council's support. Helen, in an endeavor to be fair to all tribes, rules and regulations should be followed.

Thank you for sharing your expertise with us, we are all grateful. I have checked with previous Council members and each one has informed me that the draft in question had not been adopted and follow through did not take place. We will indeed discuss the brochure and its contents at the January 16, 1997 meeting. We look forward to working with Mr. Green and the Potomac Band.

May the Great Spirit bless you always. The very best for 1997!

Cordially,

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