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Mr. Dee Ketchum, Chief  
Delaware Tribe of Indians  
220 NW Virginia Avenue  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003

Dear Mr. Ketchum:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the second Interim Progress Report for your FY 2000 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act [NAGPRA] grant with the National Park Service (Grant Number **40-00-GP-232**). The report dated April 26, 2002, was submitted by Gary L. Frye, Business Manager, and was received in our office on May 9, 2002.

We appreciate receiving the report and being informed of the progress to date on this project. The schedule of important events for the remainder of this grant is as follows:

- ( X ) End Date. The scheduled end date for this project is **December 31, 2002**. If another extension of the end date is required, a written request must be submitted to NPS no later than one month before the current end date (by **November 30, 2002**).
- ( X ) Final Project Report. A Final Project Report and final payment request must be submitted to NPS by no later than 90 days following the end date of the grant (by **March 31, 2003**). The Final Project Report must include the final Work-Cost Budget breakdown summarizing the actual costs charged to the grant, and any products required by Condition 16 of the Grant Agreement. Failure to submit an acceptable Final Project Report may cause NPS to withhold payment or prevent your tribe from being considered for future NAGPRA grants (see Condition 7.c. of the Grant Agreement).
- ( X ) Additional Remarks. According to our records, the current unexpended balance on this grant is **\$34,738.48**.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Laura Mahoney of my staff by phone at (202) 343-9575, by fax at (202) 343-6004, or by e-mail at Laura\_Mahoney@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Joseph T. Wallis  
Chief, State, Tribal, and Local Programs

Enclosure: Final Project Report cover sheet

cc: Jim Rementer—Project Director  
Gary L. Frye—Business Manager

*Has been taken care of  
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# INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT COVER SHEET

## NAGPRA Grants to Indian Tribes and Museums

1. Project Title/Name: **Delaware Tribe NAGPRA Project**
2. NPS Grant Number: **40-00-GP-232**
3. Identify any requested amendments (if any) to the original Grant Agreement (Summary of Planned Objectives and Results and/or Work-Cost Budget) and provide the NPS approval date(s).
4. On an attached sheet of paper, briefly describe progress to date in completing the project objectives. Address each objective in Condition 14 -- the approved Summary of Objectives and Results -- of the Grant Agreement.
5. On attached sheet of paper, describe what products have been completed to date?
6. On an attached sheet of paper, describe what products are currently underway'?
7. On an attached sheet of paper, describe what products have not yet been initiated'?
8. On an attached sheet of paper, describe what difficulties have you encountered to date in completing the grant work?
9. If applicable, describe on an attached sheet of paper, what changes in Products or Budget are anticipated?
10. Do you have an outstanding advance drawn more than 60 days ago? If so, enclose an SF 272 Federal Cash Transactions Report reporting how much of that advance has been spent to date. **We take no advances.**
11. Will you be able to complete this grant on time? **Yes.** If not, why not?

Signed: Title: Project Director Date: 4/19/2002

Signed: Title: Tribal Manager Date: 4/19/2002

Tribe/Museum: Delaware Tribe of Indians

The Interim Progress Report is used to monitor the progress of grant-assisted activity at the mid-point of the grant period (as required by Condition 7 of the Grant Agreement). Attach additional sheets (as needed) to answer questions 3 - 11.

NOTE: If any changes in the grant Products or Budget (see question 9) are anticipated, please indicate when an amendment request will be submitted to NPS.



# **INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT**

## **Delaware Tribe NAGPRA Project**

NPS Grant Number: 40-00-GP-232

**3. Identify any requested amendments (if any) to the original Grant Agreement (Summary of Planned Objectives and Results and/or Work-Cost Budget) and provide the NPS approval date(s).**

One amendment to the original Grant agreement was an extension of time. The ending date is now December 31, 2002. This change was authorized in writing by the National Park Service on November 28, 2001.

**4. Describe progress to date in completing the project objectives. Address each objective in Condition 14 -- the approved Summary of Objectives and Results -- of the Grant Agreement.**

**Condition 14. - Scope of Work:** The approved Summary of Objectives and Results to be performed with this grant award is as follows:

**a) Assess and evaluate information contained in summaries, inventories, and other documentation provided by museums and Federal agencies, conduct further research as necessary for documentation, and prioritize visits to museums and Federal agencies.**

We have been in contact with a number of museums in our old homeland of New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, northern Delaware, and Southeastern New York, and we have lists prepared by the museums of the human remains and grave goods in their possession.

We have also been planning for trips to these museums. We had anticipated the trips to be made sometime in the fall of 2001, but obvious events in New York City and Washington, DC have caused us to postpone the visits for the present. Also, one of the main museums we plan to visit is in the process of moving into a new building and everything is presently packed away, and would be very difficult for them to comply with our requests at this time.

**b) Arrange visits to at least six selected museums/ agencies (not to include components of the Smithsonian Institution) to examine collections, gather information, and consult with museum staff. With the consent of the tribal elders, cultural objects will be photographed to provide documentation for tribal members unable to attend.**

As stated above our trips to the museums will probably be in later in 2002. We will be taking photographs of the cultural objects and grave goods, or,



requesting photographs already taken of these objects by the museums. This is all contingent on the wishes of our tribal elders. If they do not wish to have grave goods photographed, we will not do so.

**c) Interview elders, traditional leaders, and other knowledgeable people to gain information on the identification, proper treatment and disposition of Lenape human remains and cultural objects.**

We are in the process of surveying our elders to find out what their wishes are in regards to the human remains and grave goods. We have prepared two-page questionnaire for our elders to complete which will give us a better idea of their wishes. This is an ongoing process, and we have already distributed and had returned to us a number of the completed questionnaires.

**d) Design a database for the object documentation and cultural affiliation information provided by museums and acquired through museum visits, additional research and interviews.**

In regards to the database mentioned in item d., at the time we were preparing the grant application we had discussed with people from several museums the type of format in which their lists were preserved. It was our hope to have been able to get copies of these information databases specifically of Lenape or Delaware Indian items and copy these into a database here at the tribal office. We now find that due to the varied numbers and styles of databases in use in various museums that this will not be practical. In lieu of the databases, we will make use of the database printouts as supplied by the various museums for our documentation.

We still intend to create a database to catalog any photographs of grave goods or other cultural items which we might get.

**e) Develop guidelines, using NAGPRA definitions, to help determine Lenape objects that fit the NAGPRA categories of funerary and sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.**

We have been working to develop the guidelines, using NAGPRA definitions, to determine the Lenape objects and how they fit into categories. Basically, our decision is that any items that were associative with a burial are to be considered funerary objects. These will be handled in accordance with the wishes of our tribal elders.

We have also formed a NAGPRA committee which consists of the following members: Paula Pechonick, chairperson and representative to the tribal council; Jim Rementer, director; Don Wilson, member; Jack Tatum, member; John Sumpter, member; and Mike Pace, member. Most of the people on this committee have served the tribe in some capacity dealing with past NAGPRA or re-burial projects. Their knowledge and expertise is a welcome addition to



our committee.

**f) Develop a tribal policy for the care, treatment and disposition of Lenape human remains and cultural objects.**

We do have a tribal policy statement for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. This was created and accepted by our tribal council in February of 1998. As we continue to work on NAGPRA projects we may find it necessary to amend our NAGPRA policy statement.

**g) Share information throughout the project with the Delaware Tribe of Western Oklahoma.**

We have been in regular contact with the Delaware tribe of Western Oklahoma since they hired David Scholes to work on their NAGPRA Project. We have discussed a number of things, not only repatriation in general, but also the Ellis Island project which we were working on with the National Park Service some years ago. We find that for some reason the human remains which were found on Ellis Island and over which our tribal elders and leaders performed a ceremony in preparation for reburial were never reburied. It is our understanding that these remains are in a filing cabinet in an office there on Ellis Island. This is one thing we definitely need to look into. Recent information from National Park Service indicates possibility of recent dates for these burials, and the possibility of them not even being Native American.

**5. Describe what products have been completed to date?**

The following products have been completed at this time:

- A. Selection of a NAGPRA committee.
- B. Appointment of a NAGPRA director.
- C. Reaffirmation of the Delaware tribal NAGPRA policy statement.
- D. Established contact with various museums and archeologists who have knowledge as to locations where Delaware human remains might be housed.
- E. Purchased a computer, a Dell Dimension 4100, for our NAGPRA office.
- F. Consulted with the National Guards in the various states in which we have lived to develop an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan.
- G. We have attended several NAGPRA conferences and workshops.
- H. We have been working with other tribes, especially here in Oklahoma, to help them with their NAGPRA Projects and activities.
- I. We have developed a stronger working relationship with the Delawares of



Western Oklahoma, especially since remains in the east would be common ancestors.

**6. Describe what products are currently underway?**

The following products are currently underway:

A. Interviews and questionnaires with tribal elders to determine their wishes concerning re-burials.

B. Our archeological consultant, Dr. Herbert Kraft, left this life on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2000, and we are endeavoring to find someone else who can serve in his capacity. Unfortunately, many of the archeologists we have contacted thus far are state employees and they therefore feel that there might be a conflict of interest and they would not be entirely free to serve as our tribal NAGPRA adviser. We continue this search.

C. We have been in contact with NAGPRA representatives from other tribes to gather information concerning how their tribe is progressing in their NAGPRA work.

D. We have attended meetings to discuss NAGPRA projects which are underway in other tribes. One was held last June and was sponsored by the Chickasaw tribe in Oklahoma City. We attend that meeting. There will be one coming up next month in Tulsa which we will also attend.

E. We have been consulting with the National Guards in the various states in which we have lived to develop an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan.

F. We have been working with people in New Jersey to help preserve an archaeological site in Vernon Township which the locals had wanted to tear up to create a ball field. Preliminary information on the site would suggest a time depth of at least 8,000 years.

**7. Describe what products have not yet been initiated?**

We have not yet visited any of the museums as we had planned. We had anticipated the trips to be made sometime in the fall of 2001, but obvious events in New York City and Washington, DC have caused us to postpone the visits for the present.

**8. Describe what difficulties have you encountered to date in completing the grant work?**

We have not encountered any difficulties, either with people or with museums we have contacted thus far, which we would consider a difficulty toward completing our grant work.



**5. Describe what grant accomplishments have been completed to date?**

The following are our accomplishments at this time:

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- B. Appointed a NAGPRA director.
- C. Established a NAGPRA office at Delaware Tribal Headquarters.
- D. Reaffirmed the Delaware Tribal NAGPRA policy statement.
- E. Purchased a computer, a Dell Dimension 4100, for our NAGPRA office.
- F. Established contact with various museums and archeologists who have knowledge as to locations where Delaware human remains might be housed.
- G. Consulted with the National Guards in the various states in which we have lived to develop an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan.
- H. Attended a number of NAGPRA conferences and workshops.
- I. Worked with other tribes, especially here in Oklahoma, to help them with their NAGPRA Projects and activities.
- J. Developed a stronger working relationship with the Delaware Nation, formerly known as the Delaware Tribe of Western Oklahoma, especially since remains in the east would be common ancestors.
- K. Prepared and distributed a questionnaire to our tribal elders asking their opinions about the reburials which will take place.
- L. Upon learning from a tribal member that the human remains found on Ellis Island

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We have not yet visited any of the museums as we had planned. One of the main museums we intended to visit has been moving into a new building and all the archeological remains are sealed away in boxes. We will wait until they have completed their move this fall before we visit the various museums in the East which house Delaware Indian remains.

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