

October 10, 2005

Bob Ruff  
National Park Service  
1849 C Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Request for 6 month no-cost extension on Grant Agreement No.40-04-GP-62R

Dear Mr. Ruff

The Delaware Tribe of Indians requests a 6 month no-cost extension for Grant No. 40-04-GP-62R. Included with this extension request is documentation of our progress. The attachments show the progress we have made on the repatriation of human remains and funerary objects from the State Museum of Pennsylvania. Significant achievements include drafting a joint claim letter requesting the repatriation of Human Remains and Funerary Objects from the State Museum (attachment 1) and consulting with the State Museum about the collection's readiness to be repatriated. We have also worked to identify a suitable location in the state of Pennsylvania for a reburial. Following consultation with the Delaware Tribe's Elder's Committee and Cultural Preservation Committee, we contacted the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to request a reburial at Pennsbury Manor (attachment 2). We were given verbal approval and later met with the Director at Pennsbury Manor in the Summer of 2005. We inspected and identified possible reburial locations and discussed the feasibility of a reburial. Though nothing formal was established, it was clear from our discussion with the Director that Pennsbury Manor would be willing to accommodate the reburial.

A necessary part of any repatriation that involves Delaware Human Remains and funerary objects is to include all three federally recognized Delaware Tribes (Delaware Tribe, Delaware Nation and Stockbridge-Munsee). A major fault of our original grant application was that we did not allow adequate time and resources to ensure that all three tribes were equally involved in the repatriation process. We are now striving to address this oversight but our efforts to reach out to the other tribes (attachment 3), who have their own NAGPRA priorities, are taking longer than we originally planned. We are therefore submitting this extension request to allow us more time to ensure that the repatriation with the State Museum of Pennsylvania is completed with all three tribes equally involved.

Thank you for considering our request. If I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me by phone at (918) 335-7026 or by e-mail at obermeyb@emporia.edu.



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