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SENT VIA FACSIMILE

Honorable Clifford Lyle Marshall  
Chairman, Hoopa Valley Tribe  
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Honorable Maria Tripp  
Chairperson, Yurok Tribe  
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Klamath, California 95548

Dear Chairman Marshall and Chairperson Tripp:

I received today a copy of Yurok Tribal Council Resolution 07-037. This resolution provides an unconditional waiver of claims that the Yurok Tribe may have against the United States arising out of the provisions of the 1988 Hoopa-Yurok Settlement Act.

Upon review, I find that the resolution meets the requirements of the Act. Therefore, the Department intends to distribute to the Yurok Tribe the funds still held by the Department pursuant to the Act, including the remaining balance of the Hoopa-Yurok Settlement Fund, based on my decision letter dated March 1, 2007.

As noted in the March 1 letter, however, the Department will not distribute the remaining funds to the Yurok Tribe until thirty days after the Department received the waiver required by the Act. Accordingly, the Department will not take further action consistent with this decision until April 20, 2007.

Sincerely,

Ross O. Swimmer

Special Trustee for American Indians