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Mr. Lawrence Waukar
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Dear Mr. Waukar:

Thank you, Ms. Daley, Mr. Pecore and Ms. Skuistad for coming in on June 16 to discuss matters of communications between Menominee Tribal Enterprises and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We appreciate the time and attention you have given to these matters.

As we addressed the specific issue of roads maintenance contract performance, we were pleased to hear you say that Menominee Tribal Enterprises has carried out its contractual responsibilities, continues to carry out those responsibilities, and intends to do so in the immediate future.

With regard to the purchase of equipment, thank you for pointing out the potential conflict between section H-7 of the current roads maintenance contract and the language of the self-determination regulations issued in 1996. We appreciate your willingness to request purchase of equipment in writing according to section H-7 of the existing contract. We also expect that Menominee Tribal Enterprises will request a deletion of that section when fiscal year 1999 funds are added to the contract or sooner.

We regret that our recent communications with you apparently have not served either the Menominee Tribal Enterprises or the Bureau of Indian Affairs as well as we both might have hoped. We do plan to take some action in naming a contracting officer's representative that offers likelihood of long term improvement in our programmatic and contractual relations. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to point out other areas in which our communications and the benefits to the Menominee people might be enhanced.

Sincerely yours,


Area Director

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