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Honorable John Melcher
Chairman, Select Committee on
Indian Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In testimony before the Committee on July 1 on S. 2829, the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, we indicated that we planned to transmit a report to the Committee by July 21 with suggested amendments to the bill, worked out in consultation with the tribes, State, and Committee staff, to resolve our concerns with S. 2829.

We have embarked on a series of meetings to that end and we are making every effort to conclude them as quickly and successfully as possible. However, as we have advised your staff, the need to accommodate the participants' schedules will necessitate a short delay in our submission of a report to you. We do anticipate submitting our report to you before the close of the 30-day period during which the hearing record will be held open.

I hope that this delay will not result in any inconvenience to you.

Sincerely,

Acting Deputy Assistant SECRETARY

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