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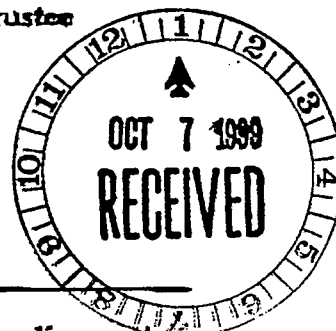
**Memorandum**

September 30, 1999

**TO :** Office of Trust Funds Management, Office of the Special Trustee  
Attention: Doug Lords, Deputy Director

**FROM :** Roger Walks *RLW*  
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**SUBJECT :** Request for Information



This memo presents in written form the request for information that we discussed on the telephone yesterday. As always, CRS is responding to a congressional request.

We request any information on any funds being held to compensate either or both of two federally-recognized California tribes,

- the Paiute-Shoshone Indians of the Lone Pine Community of the Lone Pine Reservation, and
- the Paiute-Shoshone Indians of the Bishop Community of the Bishop Colony,

for past wrongs against them. The two tribes are part of the Owens Valley Paiute, which is a larger geographic grouping of Northern Paiutes (but which is not, as a whole, a separate federally-recognized tribe).

The Owens Valley Paiute have received at least one federal award for past wrongs. Certain Northern Paiute—the "Meno or Paiutes of Owens Valley"—won a 1965 Indian Claims Commission judgment (Docket 87, affirmed 1968) of \$935,000 in compensation for lands (see U.S. Indian Claims Commission, *Final Report*, H.Doc. 96-383, 96<sup>th</sup> Cong., 2d sess., 1978, p. 66; copy attached). The Lone Pine and Bishop tribes, or the Owens Valley Paiute, may also have received other federal funds for past wrongs. The ICC award (and, possibly, other awards) may have already have been distributed, or they may still be included in funds managed by the Office of Trust Funds Management. The congressional requester is seeking any information that OTFM may have about such funds.

I am well aware that OTFM has limitations on what information it may release about funds under its management. I am requesting only information that does not violate privacy or other restrictions on trust fund information.

I can be reached at (202) 707-8641. My fax number is (202) 707-3325. Thank you very much for any assistance you may give on this request.