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January 15, 1988

Alan Mikkelsen
Executive Director
Flathead Joint Board of Control
St. Ignatius, MT 59865

Dear Mr. Mikkelsen:

I have contacted the other members of our negotiating team regarding scheduling of a meeting with the Joint Board. Carl Davis is away on vacation and will be unable to meet with us. Joe Mazurek, Gordon McOmber, and I would like to meet with you Monday afternoon, January 25, 1988, at 2:00 p.m. at the conference room in the Attorney General's Office, 215 N. Sanders, Helena. The Commission has another meeting scheduled that morning, and other Commission members including Chairman Galt may attend, schedules permitting. I would expect a maximum of seven Commission representatives, including staff, to be in attendance. Our conference room will accommodate sixteen people comfortably. If your group will be larger than nine please contact me and I will make other arrangements for a location.

I would like to keep the meeting as informal as possible. In terms of an agenda, I would like to update you on the Commission's recent activities, and discuss with you our respective positions on the open meetings question. We would appreciate an update from you on the status and nature of your lawsuits with the Tribes and on any other matters which you feel should be brought to our attention. I would like to leave some time for discussion of any other matters of concern to any of the parties in attendance.

We don't go into this meeting with an expectation that all our differences will be resolved in one afternoon. Our intention is to try to establish a dialogue on these matters so that we can come to trust each other and, to the extent possible, present a unified front in our respective dealings with the Tribes. We look forward to meeting with you on the 25th.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris D. Tweeten".

Chris D. Tweeten
Chairman, CSKT Negotiating Team

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