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Mr. Jim Shore
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Dear Mr. Shore:

Thank you for your letter of July 28, 2006, to the Associate Deputy Secretary, requesting, on behalf of the Seminole Tribe of Florida (Tribe), the issuance of Class III Secretarial procedures for the Tribe pursuant to 25 CFR Part 291.

The Department is encouraged by the willingness of the State of Florida (State) to negotiate a Class III gaming compact with the Tribe. We believe that negotiation of a compact will be in the best interest of the parties and is preferable to the issuance of Class III procedures pursuant to our regulations. The Department has completed its review of the Tribe's application and will, within the next 60 days, absent the negotiation of a compact between the Tribe and the State, issue a final decision setting forth the proposed Class III gaming procedures for the Tribe, as required by 25 CFR 291.8(c)(2). A copy of the procedures we propose to approve is enclosed. The enclosed copy includes redlined language that represents a change from the Tribe's final submission. Please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 219-4066, if you have any comments regarding the proposed procedures.

Sincerely,

George T. Skibine
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Policy and Economic Development

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Raquel Rodriguez, General Counsel to the Governor