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Dear Acting Director Vought:

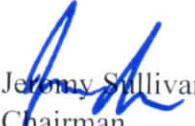
On behalf of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, it has only recently come to our attention that the Office of Management is reviewing a recommendation from the Public Buildings Reform Board to close and sell the National Archives and Records Administration's Sand Point Archive Center located in Seattle, Washington pursuant to the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016. We adamantly oppose the closure of the Center.

The Sand Point Center is very important to the 272 federally-recognized tribes in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) and Alaska. Ours is merely one of them. However, our Tribe relies on the Sand Point Center for access to critical historical documents. Among the many important historical materials housed at Sand Point are the original copies of correspondence between Governor Stevens, Indian agents, and Tribal leaders during treaty negotiations in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century, as well as original drafts of the treaties themselves. The facility also houses critical and hard-to-reproduce historical information related to the area tribes.

If the Sand Point Center is closed, all of its archived materials will be need to moved. We understand that records will be sent all the way to Kansas City, Missouri and other archived materials will be sent to Riverside, California. Obviously, such new locations will make it much harder for our Tribe and those in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska to access these historically important and culturally significant archived records and materials. A sale of the Sand Point Center will undoubtedly have an impact on tribes. In fact, it will be a profound, negative and irreparable impact. Yet, the Public Buildings Reform Board, the National Archives and Records Administration, the Office of Management and Budget, nor any other federal agency has engaged in government-to-government tribal consultation as required Executive Order 13175. Worse, the federal agencies did not even alert Tribes about the proposed sale. We learned about it through a news source. It is our understanding that our fellow Tribes are only learning about it now as well.

We call on you to reject the sale of the Sand Point Center. You can simply remove it from the list of proposed properties. At the very least, we ask you to delay any further steps toward selling the Sand Point Center until you engage in tribal consultation.

Sincerely,

  
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Chairman

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