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To whom it may concern,

I have recently received a copy of a report of investigation, file # ML-04-0116, file title Mooney, James W. F. E. dated prepared 11/15/2004, in regards to an interview taken on Nov. 10th, 2004 of Little Buck Buford and Lone Buck Buford at the Cox-Osceola Indian Reservation by TFO Joe Sturzenegger concerning my dealings and knowledge of James Mooney and Linda Mooney.

Enclosed you will find a highlighted copy of this report as to many discrepancies in the initial interview of myself and Little Buck Buford on that date. Further more, I will explain in this letter the discrepancies.

Page 1 of 6 is correct with no discrepancies. Page 2 of 6 paragraph 3, I never met James Mooney at a Pow wow on the Cox- Osceola Indian reservation during the late 1980's, nor have I ever met his then current wife Gwen Mooney or Daniel Flaming Eagle Long. I was living in Alabama during that time period. Everything else in paragraph 3 was also not stated by myself.

Page 2 of 6 paragraph 5, I had no knowledge of James staying at the reservation for approximately 3 weeks nor, of him stating he wanted to go out west and help the Native Americans incarcerated in prison. I also had no knowledge of Little Dove Buford advising James Mooney to meet with Thunder Horse in the west to help him get established there. I have no knowledge of the letter authorizing him to work for the tribe by having sweats in a sweat lodge and counseling in drug and alcohol abuse. At that time all I had was a verbal knowledge that my mother Little Dove Buford had commissioned James Mooney as a medicine person for our tribe, nor did I have any knowledge that she did not authorize James Mooney to perform peyote ceremonies. My first personal meeting with James Mooney was at my mother Little Dove Buford's house approximately in the summer of 1990, to the best of my knowledge. where he stayed for approximately 1 week. My next contact with him was at a Green Corn ceremony in to the best of my knowledge June of 1991.

Page 3 of 6 paragraph 6, I never personally received any calls concerning James Mooney's practices in Utah nor James Mooney's distribution of peyote. Further more, I was never aware of any individuals coming to the

reservation in Florida seeking peyote, since they had heard of peyote use being associated with our tribe in Utah. The statement that the use of peyote is permitted by our tribe but is very tightly controlled is totally false. That was never said by myself as peyote is not of our tribe's medicine ways. I myself never received any complaints concerning James Mooney requesting money to attend his ceremonies except by my father Running Buck Buford PC in mid 1996. At which time I was sent to Utah to investigate those allegations of behalf of the tribe.

Page 3 of 6 paragraph 7, I also never stated that I stayed with James Mooney at his Gunnison, Utah residence for approximately 9 months. I only stayed there approximately 4 months.

Page 3 of 6 paragraph 8, James Mooney never asked me to host a sweat lodge ceremony for him. I was asked to host the ceremony by Lighting Horse the one originally suppose to host the sweat ceremony as he had become ill and was unable to. James Mooney never stated that I would be well compensated for hosting the ceremony nor that I would get a cut from the ceremony. James Mooney pulled all the participants to the side with myself and stated no money was to be offered for the ceremony, that if they wished they could gift cedar, sage, sweet grass or tobacco for the ceremony. No one was ever threatened that they would be kicked out of the ceremony if money was offered. I was asked by the investigators if any money exchanged hands between the sweat lodge participants and James Mooney, I stated I never saw any money exchanged for ceremony while investigating James Mooney.

Page 4 of 6 paragraph 10, I never stated I hand delivered James Mooney a copy of this letter described in paragraph 10. I attempted to. But was unable to reach James Mooney personally at that time.

Page 4 of 6 paragraph 13, to the best of my knowledge the membership card James Mooney possessed at the time in question was not falsified. I never stated Running Buck Buford had never signed a membership card. I also never stated that the signature of my mother Little Dove Buford was not her signature and was falsified as I am not a hand writing expert. I could not accurately make that determination.

Page 5 of 6 paragraph 14, I never stated that James Mooney had not received a blessing for a peyote church from Leslie Fool Bull N.A.C. Rosebud, South Dakota, because I had no knowledge of that one way or the other. I did however, have knowledge of James Mooney being a member of the N.A.C. of Salt Lake City, Utah at the time that I was in Utah.

Page 5 of 6 paragraph 15, the statements made by James Mooney in this paragraph cannot be discounted by myself as I would have been to young to remember any of the facts that he presented in this paragraph. While I did not state that this was false, however, I did state in paragraph 15 that the Cox- Osceola Indian reservation did not exist on paper until the tribe bought the land in 1985.

Page 5 of 6 paragraph 16, did not state that James Mooney's statement was false about Little Dove Buford contacting James Mooney to bring him back into the tribe after searching for him for approximately 20 years. As my mother Little Dove Buford had searched for any and all lineal decedents for well over 20 years to notify them that our homeland had been reacquired.

Page 5 of 6 paragraph 16, once again I state my first contact with James Mooney was not at a Pow-wow at the Cox- Osceola Indian reservation during the late 1980's.

The documents mentioned above and all contents thereof that have been highlighted where either misconstrued or blatantly falsified by the investigator or investigator's, SA Rodney Holliday and or TFO Joey Sturzenegger. I am appalled and furious that officers form one of the most highly respected law enforcement agencies would falsify my actual statements to procure and indictment for any reason. In addition at the end of our meeting I was given a business card from SA Holliday and TFO Sturzenegger with

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Thank you for your time in reading my corrected statements and sincerely hope in some way this letter will prevent this from ever happening to anyone again. I hereby certify that the statements within this letter are true and honest to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

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