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November 30, 1999

The Honorable James Rhodes
Minnesota State Senator
Room 409 State Office Building
100 Constitution Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable James Vickerman
Minnesota State Representative
Room 226 State Capitol
75 Constitution Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: *Report to the Legislature on the Status of Indian Gaming*

Dear Senator Rhodes and Representative Vickerman:

This report is submitted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
3.9221, subdivision 5 (1998), which provides:

> [t]he governor, attorney general and the governor's designated
> representative shall report to the House and Senate committees
> having jurisdiction over gambling regulation . . . [t]his report
> shall contain information on compacts negotiated, and an outline
> of prospective negotiations.

The statute was amended in 1995 and specifies:

> [i]f the governor appoints designees to negotiate under this
> subdivision, the designees must include at least two members of
> the Senate and two members of the House of Representatives; two
> of whom must be the chairs of the Senate and House of
> Representatives standing committees with jurisdiction over gambling
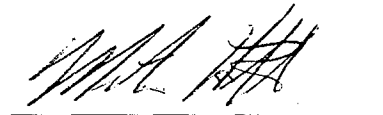> policy.

Minn. Stat. § 3.9221, subd.2 (1998). Because there have been no formal requests to
negotiate further compacts pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act
(hereinafter "IGRA") and no formal requests to renegotiate existing compacts, there
has been no need to appoint designees for negotiating purposes.

Also because no formal requests were received, we report that no compact negotiations required by IGRA took place during 1999 nor are any pending.

Sincerely,

JESSE VENTURA
Governor

MIKE HATCH
Attorney General