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February 4, 2022:

Dear Wakasa Memorial Committee:

This is a follow-up to your letters of January 24 and 25 canceling our scheduled January 27 meeting because the NPS report had not yet issued.

The NPS issued its report today. Now that the NPS report has been released, we would like to move forward on next steps for the Wakasa Monument and plans for an 80th anniversary ceremony in April 2023 commemorating Mr. Wakasa's killing.

As noted in the NPS report's conclusion, the "intention of this condition assessment report is to provide recommendations that can be implemented immediately or used as tools to facilitate additional dialogue between the Topaz Museum Board and many of the key stakeholder and partner groups concerned about the future stewardship of resources associated with the Wakasa Monument at Topaz."

Our three representatives are available to meet with your three representatives on Tuesday February 15 or Wednesday February 16 at 5:00 pm MST, 4:00 pm PST for a Zoom call we will host to begin discussions on those next steps and how to expand community input into this process.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Topaz Museum Board of Directors

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