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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Dear Mr. Ben Welsh:

The FOIA Department received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated June 6, 2023, on June 6, 2023 and assigned it control number **DOI-BIA-2023-004945**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

In your request you have requested the following:

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: I am requesting images, video, digital orthophotos and 3D models created in drone flyovers for the "Aerial Imagery of Archaeological Sites near Igiugig" project on Sept. 10 and 11, 2019.

This mission was disclosed in a log of drone missions released via a previous FOIA request. The remote pilots in command is listed as Sean Mack.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

We have classified you as an "other-use" requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g)

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from the date of this communication denying the fee. Appeals arriving

or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words:

"FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe this response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Alaska Region concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and this response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and BIA will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

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