

identified. The 26 associated funerary objects include metal ear ornaments, fragments of ear ornaments, and a bison scapula hoe.

Based on ethnohistorical and biological evidence, historical maps, and similarities in material culture and manner of interment, the site and remains have been identified as belonging to the Oneota and date to the 13th to 17th centuries. The Oneota are believed to be culturally affiliated with the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma based on continuities of material culture and historical documents. Oral history evidence presented by representatives of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma further indicates affiliation with these present-day tribes.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the State Historical Society of Iowa have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of three individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the State Historical Society of Iowa also have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(2), the 26 objects listed above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony. Lastly, officials of the State Historical Society of Iowa have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can reasonably be traced between these Native American human remains and associated funerary objects and the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma. This notice has been sent to officials of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Jerome Thompson, State Historical Society of Iowa, New Historical Building, 600 East Locust, Des Moines, IA 50319-0290, telephone (515) 281-4221, before September 28, 2000. Repatriation of these human remains and associated funerary objects to the Omaha Tribe of

Nebraska, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### National Institute of Justice

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#### Meeting of the Working Groups of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement of a meeting of members of the working groups of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence to discuss an issue in brief regarding suspect/elimination sample DNA databases.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on Sunday, September 24, 2000 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., ET, and on Monday, September 25, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Empire Hotel located at 44 West 63rd Street, New York, NY 10023; Phone: (212) 265-7400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher H. Asplen, AUSA, Executive Director. Phone: (202) 616-8123. [This is not a toll-free number]. Anyone requiring special accommodations should contact Mr. Asplen in advance of the meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, sections 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

#### Background

The National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, established pursuant to section 3(2)A of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, will meet to carry out its advisory functions under sections 201-202 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended. This meeting will be open to the public.

The purpose of the National Commission on the Future of DNA

Evidence is to provide the Attorney General with recommendations on the use of current and future DNA methods, applications and technologies in the operation of the criminal justice system, from the crime scene to the courtroom. Over the course of its Charter, the Commission will review critical policy issues regarding DNA evidence and provide recommended courses of action to improve its use as a tool of investigation and adjudication in criminal cases.

The Commission will address issues in five specific areas: (1) The use of DNA in postconviction relief cases, (2) legal concerns including *Daubert* challenges and the scope of discovery in DNA cases, (3) criteria for training and technical assistance for criminal justice professionals involved in the identification, collection and preservation of DNA evidence at the crime scene, (4) essential laboratory capabilities in the face of emerging technologies, and (5) the impact of future technological developments in the use of DNA in the criminal justice system. Each topic will be the focus of the in-depth analysis by separate working groups comprised of prominent professionals who will report back to the Commission.

Dated: August 24, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### ERISA Section 3(40) Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Notice of Renewal

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Secretary of Labor has renewed the charter for the ERISA Section 3(40) Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee (Committee).

This Committee will advise the Department of Labor (Department) in connection with the Department's development of a final rule on the definition of a collectively bargained plan under section 3(40) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Secretary of Labor has adopted this Committee's consensus recommendation to issue proposed rules for a process and criteria that would facilitate determinations by the