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Dear Colonel Currie:

Thank you for your May 15, 2019, follow-up letter to Secretary Wilkie regarding the Smithsonian's plan not to include logos of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) on their proposed National Native American Veterans Memorial. The Secretary has asked me to respond on behalf of the Department.

The Secretary had the staff review the information you provided on this issue in your April 3rd and May 15th letters and weigh how to respond. After careful consideration, the decision is that the Department of Veterans Affairs will not act on your request.

I realize this is not the outcome you were seeking in this matter. We remain deeply appreciative of USPHS's continued work on the Veterans Day National Committee and your support in helping Veterans, their families, and survivors.

Sincerely,

James E. Hutton