Disposition of Remains after Removal

A. Following removal of Remains pursuant to section V above, and within six months of receipt of the Notice of Intent to Disturb, the Coordinator shall notify all potential Groups and researchers who are known to have a research interest in the specific Remains.

B. A Group wishing to take responsibility for the Remains shall notify the Coordinator within six months of its intention to take responsibility for reburial of the Remains.

C. If more than one Group notifies Coordinator that it wishes to take responsibility for the Remains, or if a researcher notified pursuant to subsection A above expresses an interest in the Remains, the Coordinator shall consult with such parties for the purpose of encouraging agreement as to the disposition of the Remains. If the competing Groups are not able to decide on a mutually acceptable disposition of the Remains, the Director may determine the Group with the closest affinity to the Remains in light of all the relevant evidence.

D. The Group given responsibility for the Remains shall submit a Report of Remains documenting disposition of Remains within two months of the date such Group is given possession of the Remains.

E. If no Group notifies Coordinator that it wishes to take responsibility for the Remains within one year of the Notice of Intent to Disturb, the Director may arrange for reburial at an appropriate site or may provide for their permanent safekeeping at the Museum, subject to later requests for repatriation under state or federal law.

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