April 20, 2004

The Honorable Steve Santos, Chairperson
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of the Chico Rancheria
125 Mission Ranch Blvd.
Chico, CA 95926

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Mooretown Rancheria
#1 Alverda Drive
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