

office of the Mayor in consultation with Officials of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation. The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation of the Yakama Reservation declined to participate in the consultation.

The object, known as the Wallula Stone, is an approximately ten ton basalt boulder measuring 48" by 73" by 83". The boulder is covered with ancient petroglyphs. A bronze plaque on the upper face of the boulder reads: "Transported and Presented by the O.W.R. & N. Co. to the Portland City Free Museum in 1910—C.F. Wiegand, Curator. Rock was found in 1910—20 feet south of U.P.R.R. Track Mile Post 205.16 in Washington."

In the spring of 1897, an engineering party discovered the boulder while working on the Oregon Railway and Navigation Railroad. The boulder was moved to the Portland city hall in 1910. A map from the files of the former Portland commissioner of public works identifies the original location of the boulder as about a mile north of the Oregon/Washington border, just southeast of the Columbia River. The geographic area in which the boulder was found was ceded to the United States by the Umatilla Indian tribe in 1855. The area has also been identified as part of the aboriginal territory of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in *Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs v. United States* (1966). In his book *Indian Relics of the Pacific Northwest* (2nd Edition, 1967), N.G. Seaman indicates that the boulder marked a spot far from the village where young men were sent to test their strength and courage. Traditional religious leaders from the Umatilla and Warm Springs indicate that the boulder originally identified a gathering place and sacred site and needs to be returned to the area where it can again be used for those purposes. These traditional religious leaders also indicate that the boulder was used by many members of their tribes and could not have been sold or given away by any single individual. As a product of the consultation the representatives of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation concurred in repatriating the Wallula Stone to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the City of Portland have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(C), this cultural item is a specific ceremonial object needed by traditional Native American

religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions by their present-day adherents. City officials have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(D), this cultural item has ongoing historical, traditional, and cultural importance central to the culture itself, and could not have been alienated, appropriated, or conveyed by any individual. Finally, city officials have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between the boulder and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation of the Yakama Reservation. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with this object should contact Michael Mills, Ombudsman, Mayor Katz's Office, Interim City Hall, 1400 SW Fifth Avenue, Room 501, Portland, Oregon, (503) 823-4120 before November 1, 1996. Repatriation of this object to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation may be finalized after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: September 27, 1996,

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Steering Subcommittee of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

Date, time and place: October 10, 1996, 10:00 am-12:00 noon, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-5516 1-A/B, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Purpose: The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining

positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to section 9(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

For further information, contact: Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs; Phone: (202) 219-7597.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 26th day of September 1996.

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Acting Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs.

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Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 96-73; Exemption Application No. D-10198, et al.]

Grant of Individual Exemptions; Masters, Mates and Pilots

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Grant of individual exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the Federal Register of the pendency before the Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, D.C. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for a hearing, unless otherwise stated, were received by the Department.

The notices of proposed exemption were issued and the exemptions are being granted solely by the Department