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Dear Sir,

Re: Franz-Edward Kurtzke

President Ono has requested that I respond to your letter of June 26, 2019, regarding Mr. Franz-Edward Kurtzke. The university is aware of the incident that occurred at the June 10th event focused on the findings of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Mr. Kurtzke has been advised that he may make a formal discrimination complaint to the university regarding this incident if he wishes and the university will investigate and respond to it in accordance with its procedures. At this time I am unable to comment on the description of events as described in your letter.

The units involved in the event have been advised of Mr. Kurtzke's concerns.

At this time I have no further information I can provide. Thank you for apprising us of your concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neil Guppy
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