

(2) IF THE CULTURAL AFFILIATION OF HUMAN REMAINS AND ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS CAN BE ESTABLISHED WITH A PARTICULAR CULTURAL GROUP, THE TRUST MAY TRANSFER THE REMAINS AND ANY ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS IN ITS POSSESSION, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY TO:

(I) DESCENDANTS OF THE DECEASED; OR

(II) GROUPS ESTABLISHED AS CULTURALLY AFFILIATED WITH THE DECEASED, INCLUDING NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES, BANDS, GROUPS, OR CLANS.

(C) (1) EXCEPT FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HUMAN REMAINS AND ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE TRUST MAY TRANSFER THE REMAINS AND OBJECTS TO A REPUTABLE MUSEUM, INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR RECOGNIZED SCIENTIFIC OR HISTORICAL INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION FOR STUDY, IF THE STUDY OF HUMAN REMAINS AND OBJECTS:

(I) IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, THE OUTCOME OF WHICH WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO MARYLAND; AND

(II) WILL BE COMPLETED AND THE ITEMS RETURNED TO THE TRUST WITHIN 1 YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE TRANSFER, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) (I) A MUSEUM, INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR RECOGNIZED SCIENTIFIC OR HISTORICAL INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION THAT HAS MADE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO COMPLETE THE STUDY WITHIN 1 YEAR, BUT IS UNABLE TO DO SO, MAY REQUEST FROM THE TRUST AN EXTENSION OF TIME.

(II) UPON REQUEST, THE TRUST MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR COMPLETION OF A STUDY ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE TRUST.

(D) (1) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, THE TRUST SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) REGULATIONS ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS FOR WHICH DESCENT OR CULTURAL AFFILIATION CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED;

(II) SPECIFIC TIME FRAMES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE EXTENSION OF A STUDY OF HUMAN REMAINS BEYOND 1 YEAR; AND