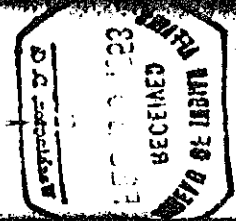


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Through: Area Director
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Oneida Tribal Executive Council
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.
Route 1
Oneida, Wisconsin

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Feb 10, 1953

Dear Council Members:

Your letter of November 18, 1952, which was received here on December 15, 1952, stating the position of the Oneida Tribe with respect to Office Circular letter of October 10, 1952, relating to withdrawal programming, is appreciated.

You have raised certain questions which indicate your interest and concern that programming with your people proceed on the basis of a thorough understanding of the basic responsibilities which the Government and your Tribe have in such an undertaking. I believe that the attitude reflected by your letter is fair and understandable and that it provides a wholesome basis for discussions leading to the joint development of a program having for its goal the complete independence of your Tribe of any need for the special services and supervision of the Bureau.

I feel that the questions raised in your letter could be resolved most adequately and understandingly through discussions with you by Bureau staff and I am suggesting to Mr. Don Foster, Area Director, Minneapolis Area Office, that he arrange with you for such discussions. I believe that arrangements can be made to suit your convenience and I am sure that any discussions based on the sort of thinking reflected in your expression of November 18, will be fruitful.

Sincerely yours,

D. S. Meyer
Commissioner

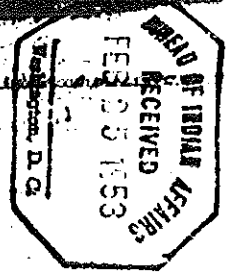
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Minneapolis Area Office
2908 Colfax Avenue South
Minneapolis 8, Minnesota

February 19, 1953

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Mr. E. J. Riley
Administrative Officer
Consolidated Great Lakes Area
Field Office

Dear Mr. Riley:

Enclosed herewith is a letter from Commissioner Myer to the Oneida Tribal Council, in answer to their letter of November 18, 1952, relative to Office circular of October 10, 1952-Withdrawal Programming.

I would like to personally meet with you and members of the Oneida Tribal Executive Council a little later in the spring, if you can find the time. At this meeting we could lay the preliminary groundwork for commencing a definite programming procedure for the Oneidas.

There are certain questions raised in their letter of November 18 that should be discussed with the tribal group on the ground. Therefore, I am not attempting to answer these questions at this time.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Don C. Foster

Area Director

Enclosure

Copy to: Central Office, Attn: Div. of Programming
Mrs. Mamie Smith, Secy., Oneida Tribal
Executive Council, Oneida, Wisconsin

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MAR 19 1953

Hon. Joseph McCarthy
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator McCarthy:

I have your letter of February 12 enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to you by Mrs. L. B. Steiner, with an article from the Milwaukee Journal dated January 26, relating to conditions among the Oneida Indians of Wisconsin.

We respect fully the right of the Oneida Indians of Wisconsin, both those living on the reservation and elsewhere in the State, including those in Milwaukee, to join with the mayor's commission on human rights, with church groups, and with other interested organizations in promoting their own development and hastening their complete integration into the civic communities of the State.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs appreciates the broad affirmative attitude of Wisconsin toward Indians living within its borders, by and large that of citizens entitled to services established for all citizens and received in common with all citizens. On a limited transitional basis the Bureau has supplemented State and local welfare financial resources for the Indians and looks forward to the time when such supplementation will no longer be needed.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, in cooperation with the Wisconsin State Employment Service, furnishes relocation and placement services designed to relocate Indian families in communities away from the reservation where they can avail themselves of current economic opportunities. It is our understanding that jobs are available particularly in Chicago, and to a lesser extent in Milwaukee, Sturgeon Bay, Manitowoc, and Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Bureau has provided financial assistance to cover transportation of the wage earners and their families to places where jobs are available and to provide temporary subsistence for them for a short period in the new location. At the present time, the Bureau is without funds to continue this type of assistance. In the operation of this program this Bureau has not been advised of any problems of discrimination.

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I have recently been in communication with the Oneida Tribal Executive Council, which is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc., on the possible development of a joint program having for its goal the complete independence of the Oneida Tribe of any need for the special services and the supervision of the Bureau. In a letter to me, they mentioned the inadequacy of housing and the need for a long-range economic and educational program, and they also indicated their interest and concern that Bureau programming with them proceed on the basis of a thorough understanding of the basic responsibilities which the Government and the tribe have in such an undertaking. In reply to them, I pointed out that the attitude reflected in their letter was fair and reasonable and that it provided a wholesome basis for discussions.

I also asked Mr. Don C. Foster, Area Director, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to make his staff available to the tribe in order to encourage the initiative displayed by the tribal officers and to arrange for discussions with them at an early date.

Sincerely yours,


Commissioner

Copy to: Area Director, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Branch of Welfare

RLBennett:rw 2/19/53

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LAHastings:ebw 3/10/53 (Welfare)

Copy of Sen. McCarthy's memo, Mrs. Steiner's letter and newspaper clipping attached for files.



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Jul 25 1953

June 25, 1953

Mr. Don C. Foster

Area Director, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Foster:

Reference is made to your letter of May 21, in which you state that on May 3, Administrative Officer Riley of the Ashland Office met with the Oneida group and discussed the possibility of the tribe accepting the Bureau's proposal for commutation of the annuity payment.

In the second paragraph of your letter you mention in the first sentence the annuity payment of \$1800 and later speak of it as the \$18,000 payment. In order to avoid any future confusion we are assuming that you mean the annuity payment of \$1800 which if commuted would provide a lump sum settlement of \$60,000. If this is not in accordance with your understanding, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) G. WARREN SPAULDING

Director, Division of Program

cc: Mr. F. H. Massey, Acting Executive Officer

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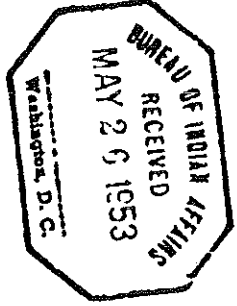


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Minneapolis Area Office
 2908 Colfax Avenue South
 Minneapolis 8, Minnesota

May 21, 1953



Mr. W. Barton Greenwood
 Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Greenwood:

On May 3, Administrative Officer Riley of the Ashland Office and I met with the Oneida group on the reservation at Oneida and discussed various problems of that reservation.

During the meeting, the matter of the tribe accepting the annuity payment of \$1800 in a lump sum was discussed as well as the possibility of the tribe accepting the lump sum settlement payment of \$60,000. The Council was much more reasonable in their attitude, and it is our opinion that there is a real possibility that the tribe will accept the \$18,000 payment without question and that probably within the next year they will agree to accept the proposed \$60,000 final settlement.

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Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature]
 Area Director

*Believe the \$18,000 should be \$1,800
 \$60,000 @ 3% would return annual income of \$1,800.
 J. H. [unclear]*

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Received
10/19/53
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Hon. John W. Byrnes
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

OCT 19 1953

My dear Mr. Byrnes:

This has reference to your letter of October 1, 1953, requesting information as to the present status of the Oneida Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, members of which reside largely in your Congressional District.

The Oneida Indian Tribe has participated in numerous treaties both with the State of New York and the Federal Government. On the basis of the treaty of November 11, 1794 (7 Stat. 44), the Government agreed to pay \$4,500 to the Six Nations of New York, including the Oneidas, annually and forever, for certain purposes. The share of the Oneida Tribe has been paid out on a per capita basis, and it amounts to approximately 50 cents per year. This payment has not been made for the past few years because of the administrative cost involved and because negotiations are being conducted with the tribe to commute this treaty provision.

Pursuant to the treaty of February 3, 1838 (7 Stat. 566), a reservation of 65,400 acres was set aside in the State of Wisconsin for the Wisconsin Oneidas. This reservation eventually shrank to 749 acres. However, the present acreage is now 2,688 acres by virtue of purchases made for the tribe under the act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

The State of Wisconsin has taken a broad affirmative attitude toward Indians living within its borders, by and large that of citizens entitled to services established for all citizens and received in common with all citizens. On a limited transitional basis, the Bureau has supplemented State and local welfare financial resources for the Indians and looks forward to the time when such supplementation will no longer be needed.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of a publication prepared by the Minneapolis Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs entitled "U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Program in Wisconsin."

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The discussions with the Oneidas are being carried on by Mr. Don C. Foster, Area Director, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and his staff. The latest report we have on any discussion with the Oneida group was on May 3, at which time commutation of the provision of the treaty of November 11, 1794, providing for the annual cash payment, was discussed together with other problems.

In view of the policy declaration of Congress contained in House Concurrent Resolution No. 108, it is expected that our efforts to develop a joint program with the Oneida Tribe for its complete independence of any need for the special services and supervision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs will be intensified.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) W. BARTON GREENWOOD
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Commissioner

Enclosure

Copy to: Area Director, Minneapolis, Minnesota

RLBennett:mm 10/9/53

Nov. 5, 1956

1. Number of Indian Families on each reservation partially or wholly dependent on Federal and /or state and local welfare assistance for fiscal 1956. (See Table XIII, page 110, House Report No. 2503, December 15, 1952).

Name of reservation	Number of families on reservation	Number of self-supporting families on reservation	Number of families dependent on Federal BIA and/ or state or local public and private welfare support in the extent of approximately 1/4, approximately 1/2, approximately 3/4.
Oneida reservation	207	162	1/4 aid --- 23 families 4/4 " --- 22 "

2. Present a short history of the welfare situation on each reservation in your Area for the past 20 years which will include,

- a. relation of general assistance and public assistance for the past 20 years. Prior to fiscal year 1953, the Indian Bureau provided all general welfare assistance. Effective 7/1/53 the State of Wisconsin, through special legislation assumed full responsibility for giving assistance grants to Indian population residing on restricted lands, in the entire state. The Bureau made a token contribution of \$11,500 annually to the State, during the period July 1, 1953 through June 30, 1956, at which time contribution was reduced to \$10,000 annually. The complete administration of the program originates at State level.
- b. amount of general assistance expended by local agency or reservation for the past 20 years. No figures available on general assistance expenditures for respective reservations as allotments made by the agency were no prorated by reservation but were used as needed for 15 reservations in Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa.
- c. trend in general assistance case loads by number of families during the past 20 years. Due to economic conditions and active relocation program, trend has been toward substantial reductions in general assistance case loads. This is now being confirmed by reports received from various County Welfare Departments.
- d. trend in causes of need for general assistance during the past 20 years. While general assistance case loads have lessened, the most urgent need is to provide assistance for individuals and families in the age group 45 to 65 who are not subject or entitled to some form of categorical aids or social security payments, and because of their age or physical condition are unable to secure employment.
- e. special situations on reservation which need to be given consideration l.e., tribally supported general assistance programs, or private sources of welfare assistance.

This group living in good economic area with no special problems.

