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Oneida Executive Committee
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
West DePere, Wisconsin (R. R. 2)

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your letter (dated July 7, 1961 which is obviously an error) requesting information concerning your funds under the Treaty of November 11, 1794.

Insofar as your claim before the Indian Claims Commission is concerned, there is no reason why you should not accept these funds. The acceptance of these funds will not in any manner affect your claim against the Government.

As to the authority of the tribe to spend the money this is a matter over which the Department of Justice has no jurisdiction. We are, however, sending a copy of your letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs (along with a copy of this letter) for his consideration and reply.

Sincerely,

RAMSEY CLARK
Assistant Attorney General
Lands Division

By R. A. Barney
RALPH A. BARNEY
Chief, Indian Claims Section

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