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TO: Land Office, Litigation Committee
 FROM: Law Office
 DATE: 3-21-78
 SUBJECT: Communications

At the meeting of March 18, 1978 there were several points which I felt deserved some further consideration, It was asked at the close that all three committees and offices present a detailed statement of goals or policies which would reflect each one's understanding of what has been accomplished up to now.

The chart on page one (1) should be refined and redesignated as a chart of decision making and responsibility.

Research and Data Collection	Coordinating Activities	Litigation	Negotiations	
Law office Lit. Committee	O.B.C O.Law Office Lit. Committee	O.B.C. O.G.T.C.	General Tribal Council O.B.C.	Decision Making
Law Office Lit Committee Land Office	O,B,C,	O.B.C. O.G.T.C. L.O. Lit. Committee Land Office		Development and Preparation for Decision Making
Law Office Lit. Committee	Law Office Lit. Committee	Law Office Lit. Committee	Law Office Lit. Committee	Details and Specific Activities

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To: Litigation Committee and Land Office
From: Law Office
DATE: 3/22/78
SUBJECT: Communications= Definitions

The following are definitions of words and phrases that should be agreed upon;

- LITIGATION- The actual participation in the legal process of a court of law to determine rights and obligations of the contesting parties.
- NEGOTIATION- The meeting to deliberate, discuss and confer upon the terms of a proposed agreement; it is the arranging of preliminaries to a final settlement.
- SETTLEMENT- The agreement by which parties having disputed matters between them reach or ascertain what is coming from one to the other; it implies a meeting of the minds of parties to the a transaction or controversy.
- STRATEGY- A plan based upon maneuvering of forces into the most advantageous position prior to actual engagement with the enemy.
- NEW YORK
LAND CLAIMS- Refers to the claims based upon treaties between the Onedia Nation and New York and Federal Treaties.
- WISCONSIN
LAND CLAIMS- Refers to all land interests of the Wisconsin Oneidas located in Wisconsin.

ONEIDA NATION-

Refers to all segments and communities of Oneida people descended from the original signers of treaties upon which litigation is planned or pending.

- a. Canada- The elected group is known as the Oneida Band of the Thames organized under Canadian Federal law similar to the I.R.A. Little is known about the Traditional government at this time.
- b. New York- The elected group is known as the Oneida Indian Nation of New York. The group is not reorganized at this time.

The Oneida Warrior Society now occupies the 32 acre site known as Oneida Territory, this group is recognized by the Grand Council of Six Nations.

The Marble Hill Oneidas are the descendants of the Oneidas who never left New York. They have maintained the tradition and are recognized by the Grand Council.

- c. Wisconsin- The only Oneida government presently recognized by the U.S. Federal government. Organized under the I.R.A. known as, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.

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CRITERIA FOR ATTENDANCE OF LAND CLAIMS MEETINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS

All travel related to land claims litigation or negotiations shall adhere to the following:

(1). All final finding decisions to negotiate shall be by the Oneida General Tribal Council.

(2). The Law Office and Litigation Committee will jointly determine the priority of any meeting scheduled in relation to land claims and make appropriate recommendations to the Business committee. The criteria for determination of priorities shall be based upon;

- (a). Purpose of Trip
- (b). Goals Of Trip
- (c). Objectives
- (d). Activities
- (e). Evaluation of Trip

each of which will be specifically included in the recommendations of the Business committee

(3). At least one (1) legal counselor shall attend all meetings as directed by the Business Committee or O.G.T.C.

- (a). Upon completion of each trip, a report will be delivered to the Oneida Litigation Committee Chairman.
- (b). A joint-meeting will be held with the Litigation Committee for debriefing purposes.
- (c). A joint- report will be prepared and presented to the Oneida Business Committee and/or O.G.T.C.

(4). Litigation Committee members will travel as required and as they are available. The requirements and availability will be decided on each meeting by the Law Office and Litigation Committee and subject to approval of the Business Committee.

(5). The Business Committee shall attend all land claims meetings if available.

- (a). The Chairman shall be in attendance at all land claims meetings unless excused by the Business Committee for good cause and in that event his delegate or alternate shall attend,

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- (b). The Vice-Chairman shall attend all meetings as the alternate of the Chairman unless another person is so designated.
- (c). Other Tribal Officers shall attend meetings as directed by the Business Committee.
- (d). In the event that it is determined by the Law Office Land Office and Litigation Committee or the Oneida General Tribal Council that the full attendance of the Business Committee is required then all the Business Committee members shall attend unless excused for good cause shown.
- (e). Other Tribal Committees, personnel and individual Tribal members shall attend land claims meetings as necessary and available subject to the approval of the Oneida Business Committee and/or Oneida General Tribal Council.

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POLICY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION ON ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS

A. Oneida Government- General Tribal Council

1. News Media
 - a. Papers- Publications
 - b. T.V.- Radio
2. Primary Responsibility
3. General Tribal Council Information Meetings
4. Tribal Officers
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice-Chairman
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Council Members
5. Tribal Employees
 - a. Law Office
 - b. Land Office
6. Tribal Committees
 - a. Land
 - b. Litigation
7. Professional Representation
 - a. Land Claims Attorneys
 - b. Public Relations Firm

B. Implementation of Public Statements

1. General Tribal Council Directs Business Committee to make public statements in regard to land matters. Tribal employees and tribal committees working on land matters would coordinate a public statement with the Business Committee wherein the Business Committee receives information for press release.
2. Inquires from Outside Tribe
 - a. Would directed to Tribal Officials
 - b. General Policy Statements Only
 - c. Specific Area of Interest
 1. Joint Meeting of Affected Persons
 2. Delegation of Authority to Discuss

3. Inquires from Tribal Members
 - a. Policies published in Kali Wisaks
 - b. Regular Community Meetings
 - c.

4. Working Relationship With Other Indians
 - a. All Oneidas
 1. Canada
 2. New York
 - b. Six Nations--Grand Council
 - c. National Indian Organizations