

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF CLAIMS

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 )  
 Appellant, ) Appeal No. 5-76  
 )  
 v. )  
 )  
 THE ONEIDA NATION OF NEW YORK, ET AL., )  
 )  
 Appellees. )

PRO SE MOTION TO POSTPONE ARGUMENT

1. The undersigned, Gerald Hill and John Powless, are attorneys recognized by the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.
2. The Oneida General Tribal Council is the lawful governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.
3. On Saturday, January 28, the Oneida General Tribal Council passed the attached resolution suspending Mr. Marvin Chapman as attorney representing the Oneida Indians of Wisconsin in this matter.
4. Notice and a copy of this resolution was forwarded to Mr. Chapman.
5. The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin are presently without counsel qualified to proceed in this matter.
6. The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is seeking legal assistance in order to determine and explain the true nature of these proceedings and to assess the impact of newly discovered evidence on this case, and to assess the impact of this case upon other

- pending legal actions seeking the return of Oneida lands.
7. The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is not in a position to proceed with argument in this case because we are without legal counsel.
  8. The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin will require a reasonable time during which to seek new counsel.
  9. To the personal knowledge of the undersigned every group and every part of the Oneida Nation including those communities in New York State are in full agreement that argument should be postponed in this case.
  10. Proceeding with oral argument on February 6, 1978, will cause potentially great harm to the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.
  11. Therefore, a postponement of oral argument for a reasonable time is asked.
  12. The undersigned hereby request five minutes to address the Court prior to any argument in this matter.

Dated this 2nd day of February 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

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