

September 11, 1979

MEMORANDUM

To Oneida Land Committee

From: Ernest L. Stevens Sr.

Subj: Seminary Case

For some time now, the negotiations and adjoining discussions relative to possible litigation in the Seminary Case have been underway. It will shortly be three years. During that same time there have been frequent discussions relative to the jurisdiction of the negotiations and any related proceedings.

Recently, the law office has undertaken extensive research relative to possible legal proceedings. It is my opinion, that to further any discussions of substance, and if that is the Tribe's wish, litigation must proceed. It is obvious that the Diocese legal counsel does not consider our arguments to be meritorious. After three years of discussion I believe that the Land Committee should "kick this case upstairs". It should also be apparent that the work will proceed much more rapidly if we step aside, at this point.

The Committee is very familiar with the case. Assuming an advocate's role should come easily. Therefore, I would make a recommendation that under the appropriate category of "old business", the Land Committee forward the responsibility to the Oneida Business Committee with a recommendation from us.

I propose a motion recommending to the O.B.C. "That the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, through its Business Committee, assume the responsibility for the final disposition of the Seminary litigation and/or negotiation. This motion to include the following recommendation for action:

That the Oneida Business Committee direct the tribal attorney to go to court on behalf of our claim after completion of the preliminary research.

That the Tribe not negotiate any less than the recognition of title by the Diocese of Green Bay and a subsequent turnover of the property.

That the Tribe make no conciliatory payments or agreements as a part of any negotiating process.

That the Tribe consider taking lawful possession of the Nation's property to be a viable alternative under the law.

That the Tribe's attorney notify the Diocese legal counsel that as of a prescribed date we no longer will keep publicly silent."

534 Country Club Road  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303

August 16, 1979

Oneida Land Committee  
Box 158  
Oneida, Wisconsin

Dear Committee Members:

Because of the nature of the terrain surrounding the land which we own west of Country Club Road, the natural drainage for a major portion of it requires that the sewer lines run from our property, through Mr. Quinn's property and that belonging to the Oneida Tribe. We are, therefore, respectfully requesting that the Oneida Tribe consider granting a sewer easement which would permit us to continue development of our property.

Your kind consideration of this matter would be very much appreciated by the Pringle Family and for which we thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Eldred H. Pringle*  
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For Alvin R. Pringle

*Dorothy P. Prieto*  
Dorothy Pringle Prieto



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ONEIDA LITIGATION COMMITTEE

September 5, 1979



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Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the nations and the Colon of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

TO: Oneida Litigation Committee  
Oneida Land Committee  
Oneida Business Committee

FROM: Litigation Co-ordinator

SUBJECT: Report on status of Seminary Property

*Paul Officer*

During the week of August 20-24 the Paralegal Program Director, Francis Skenandore and his staff of paralegals researched records in the Archives in Washington, D.C. concerning the sale of the Oneida School lands to a non-Indian firm.

Research at this point is quite complete except for some clarification of title that Jerry Hill is following up on in Washington. This week Francis and the paralegal staff will confer with Prof. Milton Resenberg at U.W. Madison in regards to our case and for advice on legal procedure. There is also some statutory law that must be researched.

At this point any questions concerning the status of the Seminary situation are strictly of a legal nature and must be responded to by legal talent. An early October meeting with the Seminary administration is being planned by the Oneida Law Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

*Howard Cannon*

Howard Cannon, Co-ordinator

*Land Office*



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# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



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MEMO:

TO: Phillip R. Brehm, Attorney/Diocese of Green Bay;  
Fr. David Keifer; John Nelson, Business Manager

FROM: Loretta V. Metoxen, Oneida Business Committee

DATE: August 21, 1979

*Loretta V. Metoxen*

It has been some time (late April) since we have communicated on the process and substance of negotiations regarding property known as the Sacred Heart Center.

Please be advised that the Para-Legals, under the direction of Francis Skenandore, Attorney, are accomplishing further research here in Oneida and Washington D.C. at the present time to substantiate the Oneida Tribe's position.

Another meeting would be beneficial to all concerned parties only after such research is completed and the issues will be defined for review. All persons will be adequately notified for such a meeting. We are not yet prepared to set a tentative date.

cc: Land Committee  
Oneida Business Committee  
Francis Skenandore