

MEMORANDUM

April 4, 1980

TO: Gordy Mc Lester Norbert Hill
 Artley Skenandore Myron Smith
 Chas Wheelock

FROM: Litigation Coordinator

RE: Oneida meeting in Detroit

Norbert and I drafted this tentative agenda for an all Oneida workshop in Detroit and have scheduled it for May 3, 1980. The weekend before that date NARF has committed to the Michigan Ottawas.

Veeder and Kickingbird have been contacted by phone and a follow up letter. Their participation is not definite but should be within the next ten days or so. By that time I would like to be able to draft a final agenda reflecting everyone's input.

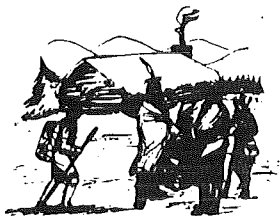
The next Litigation meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 1980, at 7:00 P.M. You are asked to develop questions to present to the panel at the meeting and to provide any other input for a final agenda.

Thank you.



Howard Cannon, Coordinator





Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



UGWA DEHOLUH YATEHE

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

ONEIDA



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ONEIDA NATION WORKSHOP

LOCATION: Detroit Indian Center
360 John R. Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan

DATE: Saturday, May 3, 1980

Tentative AGENDA

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| 10:00 - 10:30 | Get acquainted |
| 10:30 - 12:30 | Address on Indian Sovereignty
Kirke Kickingbird, Esq., Director
of Institute for the Development
of Indian Law, Washington, D.C. |
| 12:30 - 1:15 | Lunch Break |
| 1:15 - 3:00 | Address on Federal Cases, how
they relate to and effect tribes
and what today's trend is. Bill
Veeder, Esq. |
| 3:00 - 3:15 | Panel discussion, Attorneys of
Record on panel; Bill Veeder,
Moderator |
| 5:00 - 6:00 | Break |
| 6:00 - ? ? | Establish Oneida position on |
| | A. Docket 301 |
| | B. Answer Secretary's letter of
March 3, 1980. |
| | C. |
| | D. |
| | E. |

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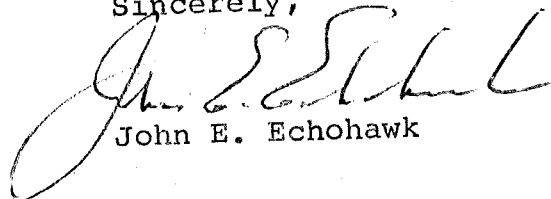
Dear Mr. Cannon:

You recently inquired about a report indicating that NARF is partially federally funded and allegations that this may create a conflict of interest in our representation of your Tribe. We are familiar with these politically motivated allegations, which are not true, and know them to be emanating from sources in disagreement with the legal advice we have given the Tribe, which is the best advice based on our independent professional judgment.

We are partially federally funded as the report indicates and as our annual reports and other public statements have always indicated. However, this federal funding in no way limits the exercise of our independent professional judgment on your behalf, so does not create a conflict of interest. We steadfastly abide by Canon 5 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, which requires lawyers to exercise independent professional judgment on behalf of a client free of outside pressures from others. If there were conditions attached to the federal funding which prevented our full and independent representation of your interests, we would reject the funds without hesitation.

We hope this answers your inquiry. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,



John E. Echohawk

JEE:bm

cc: Arlinda Locklear
Larry Aschenbrenner