

ACTIONS WHICH THE ONEIDAS SHOULD BE TAKING

1. Should review maps and aerial photographs of the present reservation and also drive around it and become familiar on the ground with it and also with the non-Indian owned land within and adjacent to the reservation.

2. Select the lands which you want added to the reservation in order of priority, from the most to the least desirable. In this connection, you will want to ascertain the number of non-Indian residents or businesses on each tract you consider acquiring, and remember that the most sellable political settlement will involve the forced removal of the smallest number of non-Indians.

3. Assuming there is a congressional settlement of the Oneida claims in New York which results in the Wisconsin Oneidas receiving a substantial sum of money, attempt to ascertain the views of a majority of the Tribe as to the following questions:

a. What percentage of this money, if any, should be distributed to the members in per-capita payments?

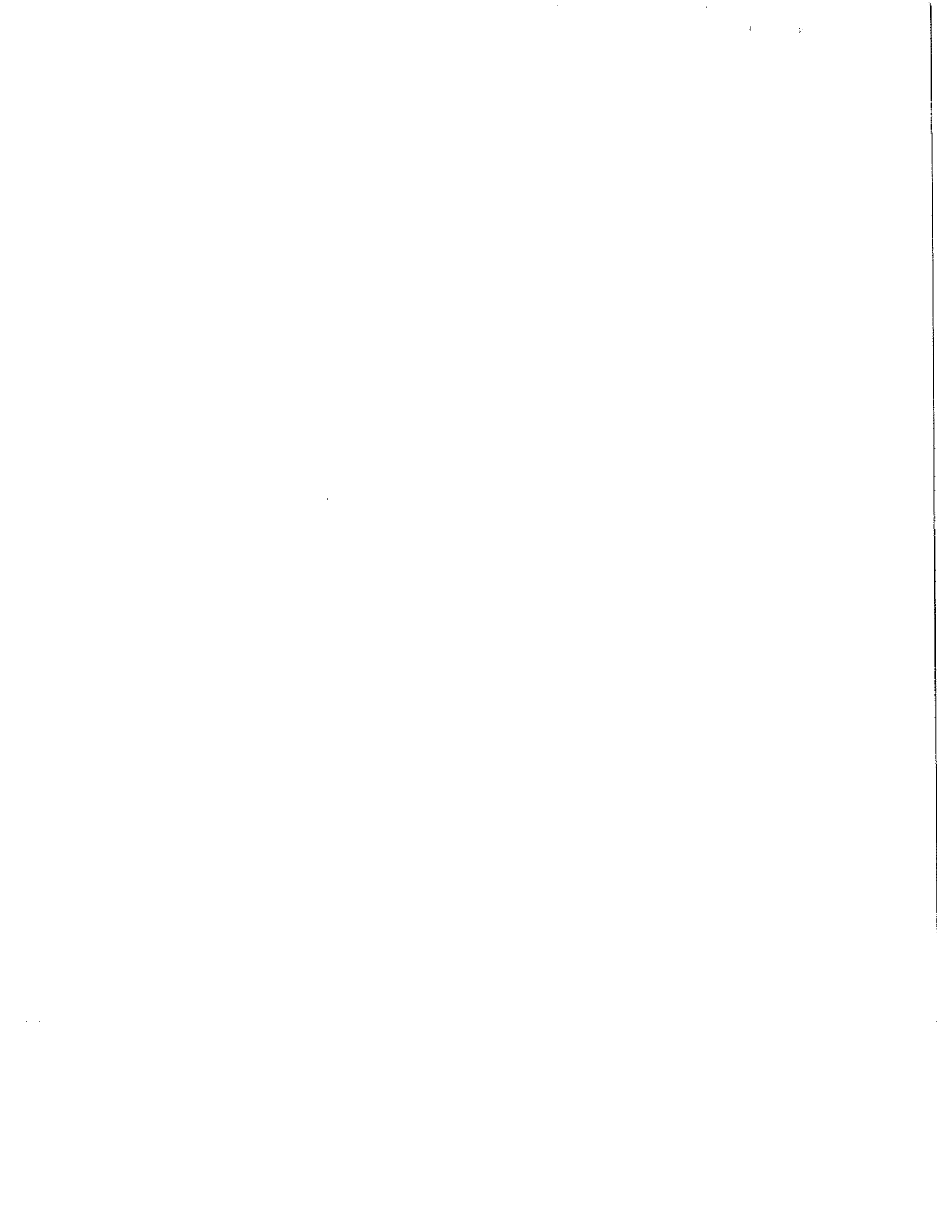
b. What percentage should be used to purchase tribal lands?



c. What percentage should be put into a Tribal Development Fund?

d. Should the Assets of the Tribal Development Fund be available for use by the Tribe or should the Tribe limit itself to using only the income from the Development Fund and leave the assets or corpus of the Fund intact in perpetuity; or should the Tribe go ahead and spend a certain percentage of the Fund plus the income -- and, if so, what percentage of the Fund should be protected from invasion (absent, I would assume, emergency circumstances) and what percentage would the Tribe plan on spending?

Attempt to secure the view of the majority of the members of the Tribe as to the programs or items upon which they believe the settlement money (or the income from it) should be spent either in order of their priority or in terms of the percentage of funds to be spent on each. (I recognize that it will be impossible to answer all these questions with precision at this time, if ever, but we should at least attempt to ascertain whether there is a broad concensus as to the most pressing needs of the Tribe -- because the Congress will insist on having at least a general idea of what the Tribe intends to use the money for).



4. Gather together all the studies, surveys, reports, grant applications, etc., relating to the present circumstances of the Tribe with respect to unemployment, health, education, welfare, housing, senior citizens, etc., and have someone summarize this information and forward it to Suzan Harjo to be used for lobbying in the Congress.

