

July 9, 1982

Oneida Business Committee
P.O. Box# 365
Oneida, WI 54155

Dear Council Members:

This is a request by the Oneida Tribal Development Corporation Board of Directors to be placed on the agenda for the Oneida Tribal General Council Meeting on July 10, 1982. Because of the seriousness of the matter and its' emergency nature, we would like to be placed first on the agenda and be given the opportunity to state our case and a procedure should be established to assure that we are free to present individual witnesses here and question Oneida Business Committee members.

This is to inform you that subject to Article VI Bill of Rights, of the Oneida Constitution and By-Laws, the Oneida Tribal Development Corporation requests that we have an immediate hearing with the Oneida Tribal General Council to appeal the unauthorized and criminal trespass by the members of the Oneida Business Committee in the recent illegal take-over of the Oneida Tobacco Enterprise. This take-over is in violation of a "Management Agreement" which is effective until July 31, 1982 and also violates the tribal and civil rights of the organization and individuals employed by the "Enterprise".

Our position is that we have a right to be in lawful possession. Consequently, the financial records are the property of the Oneida Tribal Development Corporation and we have instructed Barbara Skenandore, the manager, to secure all funds in a restricted account while witnessed by other parties. This has been done and you can be assured that this was done by advice of legal counsel and the O.T.D.C. Board.

The reason we wish to appeal to the O.B.C's unlawful actions is that the Business Committee's action is in violation of Article VI of the Oneida Tribal Constitution and By-Laws. Additionally the action was invalid and unlawful because the O.B.C. meeting was not duly and legally convened, show cause was not presented to the O.T.D.C Board, no appeal was permitted, and criminal trespass, assault, and multiple violations of civil rights were committed by members of the O.B.C.

Mr. Ernst L. Stevens Sr. will present our case, call witnesses, present evidence; and in effect, generally act as our legal counsel and represent the Development Corporation at all times when our Board is not available until this matter is finally settled;

The resolution we propose states what we claim and includes the proposed relief. We have asked for complete control of the Enterprise in subject to all profits to the tribe less operational costs, because of the lack of accounting records on the part of the Tribal Administration and because of the individual interference of Business Committee Members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Skenandore
Ernst L. Stevens Sr.