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INDIANS OF WISCONSIN

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Oneida Business Committee

FROM: Francis R. Skenandore *F.R.S.*

DATE: July 5, 1983

RE: Oneida Indian Nation vs. State of New York  
Case No. 79-CV-798

Attached you will find Attorney Robert T. Coulter's notice of appearance for the Oneida of the Thames Band, motion to intervene by Houdensaunee and its constituent nations, except the Cayuga Nation and memorandum in support of the motion.

Particular attention should be paid to pages 29-35 of the memorandum in support where Attorney Coulter discusses the divergent interests of the Oneidas of the Thames Band and the Six Nations.

You will also find attached to this memo Attorney Locklear's letter to Alfred Day, Chairman of the Oneida of the Thames Band pointing out the problem for the Canadian Oneidas and Attorney Coulter's problem in representing two clients.

I have also included Attorney Allan Van Gestel's opposition to Attorney Coulter's representation and conflict of interest, but also raising the critical question of tribal status/standing as to the Canadian Oneidas if they change their legal position and also the tribal status/standing of the Houdensaunee (Six Nations).

Please feel free to call if you have any questions after reading and digesting the material. Thank you.

FRS/jlk

Attachment