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THE PRESTIGIOUS FEDERAL FIELD COMMITTEE, AFTER EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS, CONCLUDED, "THE ALASKA NATIVES HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL CLAIM UPON ALL THE LANDS OF ALASKA BY VIRTUE OF THEIR ABORIGINAL OCCUPANCY." FORMER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, STEWART UDALL, IN TESTIFYING BEFORE THE SENATE INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON JULY 12, 1968, ON THE ALASKA NATIVE LAND CLAIMS STATED, "BASED ON THE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE COURT OF CLAIMS IN THE TLINGIT-HAIDA CASE, THE NATIVES COULD POSSIBLY ESTABLISH ABORIGINAL TITLE TO PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE STATE OF ALASKA. NO ONE KNOWS, IN FACT, I THINK IT WOULD BE WISE NOT TO LITIGATE THAT ISSUE, PROBABLY."

NEVERTHELESS, THE ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, REFLECTING THE WILL OF ITS CONSTITUENTS AND DEMONSTRATING THE RESPONSIBLE, UNSELFISH CHARACTER OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE, AGREED THAT A COMPLETE AND FINAL LEGISLATIVE SETTLEMENT IS FAR MORE PREFERABLE THAN YEARS OF COMPLEX LITIGATION.

TO ACHIEVE SUCH A SETTLEMENT, THE NATIVES ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT MUCH LESS THAN THE VALUE OF WHAT IS BEING GIVEN UP. THE ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES' PROPOSAL WHICH HAS BEEN DRAFTED INTO LEGISLATIVE BILL FORM, SEEKS:

- A. CONFIRMATION OF TITLE TO LAND IN THE NATIVE VILLAGES WHICH HAS BEEN USED AND OCCUPIED BY THE NATIVE PEOPLE FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL. AFN PROPOSES THAT SAID CONFIRMATION OF LANDS SHOULD BE IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY MILLION ACRES.
- B. A PAYMENT OF \$500,000,000 AND AN OVER-RIDING ROYALTY OF 2% OF THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE LANDS AS COMPENSATION FOR LANDS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN, AND AS COMPENSATION FOR THE EXTINGUISHMENT OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE