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UNITED STATES, BASED UPON ABORIGINAL RIGHT, TITLE, USE AND OCCUPANCY OF LANDS IN ALASKA BY ANY NATIVE OR NATIVE GROUP.

C. RECOGNITION OF A STATEWIDE NATIVE CORPORATION, AND NOT MORE THAN TWELVE REGIONAL CORPORATIONS AS THE MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR THE LAND AND FUNDS.

D. CREATION OF AN ALASKA NATIVE COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SETTLEMENT ACT.

EACH OF THESE CONCEPTS (CONFIRMATION OF TITLE TO A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF LAND, PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION AND PROVISIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SETTLEMENT) HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN PRIOR BILLS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS.

THE ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES' PROPOSAL CONSIDERS THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

A. THE NATIVES' DESIRE TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL WHICH IS POLITICALLY REALISTIC AND WHICH WILL HELP TO ADVANCE A FULL AND FINAL LEGISLATIVE SETTLEMENT BY CONGRESS;

B. THE IMMENSE VALUE OF THE LANDS BEING GIVEN UP;

C. THE ECOLOGY OF ALASKA AND THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE LANDS FOR SUBSISTENCE PURPOSES;

D. THE NATIVES' ATTACHMENT TO AND DEPENDENCE UPON THE LANDS WHICH THEY HAVE USED AND OCCUPIED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS;

AND

E. THE DESIRE OF THE NATIVES TO HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO ENABLE THEM TO SOLVE THEIR OWN SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND TO BE PARTICIPANTS IN (RATHER THAN OUTSIDE OBSERVERS OF) DEVELOPMENT OF ALASKA.