

NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS WILL MAKE WISE SELECTIONS OF EXPERTS AND TECHNICIANS, INCLUDING ENGINEERS, GEOLOGISTS, FORESTERS, MANAGERS, INVESTMENT ADVISORS, ACCOUNTANTS, ECONOMISTS AND LAWYERS, TO ASSIST THEM IN MAKING THEIR RESOURCES AND LANDS PRODUCTIVE. THEY WILL HAVE AN IMPACT UPON THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS THAT WILL FAR EXCEED PRESENT EFFORTS. FUTURE DISCUSSIONS AS TO ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND RELATED OPPORTUNITIES IN ALASKA WILL BE MEANINGLESS WITHOUT THE NATIVE PEOPLES - BECAUSE YOU WILL NEED US AND BECAUSE IT WILL SIMPLY BE GOOD BUSINESS. YOUR TRADE MISSIONS AND EXHIBITS AND OTHER MEANS OF SELLING OPPORTUNITIES IN ALASKA WILL INCLUDE US BECAUSE YOU WILL NEED US.

IT IS NOT JUST THE SELF-IMAGE OF THE NATIVES THAT MUST CHANGE. YOU, TOO, MUST SEE US IN THE LIGHT OF THE FAST-MOVING EVENTS THAT ARE THE RESULT OF OUR FIGHT FOR OUR LAND RIGHTS AND OUR MORE SOPHISTICATED POLITICAL AWARENESS. YOU, TOO, WILL NEED TO CHANGE YOUR IMAGE OF US AS A PEOPLE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIANS OF ALASKA, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS IS DEVELOPING PLANS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF \$7 MILLION RECEIVED IN SATISFACTION OF THE SUCCESSFUL CULMINATION OF PART OF ITS LAND CLAIMS. THE TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIANS ARE USING THIS SUM IN THE AGGREGATE AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF BRINGING OPTIMUM BENEFITS TO THEIR PEOPLE. THE SIX PLANS DEVELOPED BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL INCLUDE:

1. SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING
2. PLANS FOR SERVICES FOR THE "SPECIAL" (THAT IS, THE ELDERLY) TLINGIT AND HAIDA PEOPLE
3. HOUSING GUARANTY AND LOAN FUND