

MEMORANDUM BY THE ALASKA FEDERATION OF
NATIVES CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE
ALASKA NATIVE LANDS ISSUE

I. Preliminary Statement

This memorandum is submitted on behalf of the Alaska Federation of Natives ("AFN"), the spokesman for the Native peoples of Alaska on the Native lands issue. Its purpose is to evaluate the various pending proposals to settle this issue by Federal legislation.

Three legislative proposals are now before Congress. The earliest in date reflects the thinking of the Federal Field Committee; it has been introduced and bears the numbers S #1830 and HR #10193. (These identical Bills will be referred to as the "Federal Field Bill.") The second proposal is a Bill drafted by the Department of the Interior which is supported by the Administration; we understand that bill has been introduced in the House by Congressman Pollack^o. The third proposal is contained in the AFN Position Paper which will be placed in the record by AFN counsel; we expect to submit this proposal in bill form in the near future.*

* As AFN is a federation of various regional groups, and as many of these groups are represented by their own counsel, it is necessary to clear the bill with regional counsel before presenting it as the official AFN proposal.