

Nor is the figure made reasonable if we view it on a per capita basis. A per capita approach is itself irrational since the payment is for settlement of land claims and is not a gratuity to individuals. But even if we look at per capita figures, the Department's proposal is inadequate.

The Department has estimated that there are 60,000 Alaskan Natives. Other experts feel that when enrollment is completed the figure may well come to 80,000. The proposed \$322 million compensation would, thus, at best amount to \$5,367 per person. Several Native groups which gave up less valuable land in less inflationary times received the same or substantially more on a per capita basis. Thus, the Kalispel received \$18,000 per person; the Kaw \$9,600; the Southern Paiute \$8,100; the Coeur d'Alene \$7,500; the Kootenai \$6,500; and the Mescalero Apache \$5,200.

The proposed payment of \$25 million per year provides \$425 for each Native. This is an inadequate dole which could not cover the cost of a round-trip from Nome to Washington, D.C. (While no pending proposal permits payment directly to individuals, the per capita arithmetic is a valuable guide to determine what can be accomplished with the settlement funds.)

AFN believes that a fair settlement would encompass both past takings and the takings to be achieved by the legislation, and would include a reasonable fixed