

figure is a modest request designed to enable them to help themselves rather than to be forever looking to some governmental agency to satisfy their needs.

In sum, fair compensation cannot be achieved by the illusory revenue-sharing provisions of the Federal Field Bill or the inadequate dollar grant proposed as the Interior Bill. It can be approached, however, by the AFN proposal.

IV. Land

A. Acreage

The Alaskan Natives are people of the land, and a large majority of them still make their living from the lands and waters of Alaska. To many Natives -- very likely to a majority of the Natives -- land is more important than money as an element of settlement. Natives want to have their title confirmed to a reasonable amount of land, so that they will not be forced to choose between a reservation and an urban ghetto.

Given the vast amount of land in Alaska, the Natives' need for land, and the fact that non-Natives use only a minute amount of the land subject to aboriginal title, the settlement should permit the Natives to retain a reasonable amount of land for use and development. Unfortunately, neither the Federal Field Bill nor the Interior Bill permits this.