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TO: ITMA
From: Marcella
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Re: Trust Reform Conference Call, 1:15 - 1:50 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

Wilson Pipestem led call. He stated that lots of work was accomplished at Albuquerque last week. Steve Kelly will disseminate principles as developed with rationales thus far but did not have the papers today. We are still on track with the idea that the work groups are developing principles in the four areas of asset mismanagement, trust reform, historical accounting and land consolidation.

Wilson asked to move to developing the Tacoma agenda. John Dossett noted that tribes are interested in participating in discussion of tribal asset mismanagement issues as similar to individual asset mismanagement. John Dossett said tribes, (apparently Northwest tribes) are anxious for people to understand their bill -main tribes are Lummi, Hoopa, Quinault, and Colville. Alan Parker drafted the bill accordingly.

Wilson asked what the relationship was between the ATNI bill and the bill developed by Jennifer for USET and Cheyenne River? Charlie Hobbs was on the line but was not acquainted with the bill. J. Dossett believed it followed a self governance model with the focus on independent oversight and who does audits. NARF, Keith, said their position is clear that the government is liable in any event.

Flathead said they simply follow policies of OST with no problems. J. Dossett said Salt River follows DOI but referred to some differences ? at Salt River.

Dossett stated that tribes want to manage trust management plans. Wilson asked if that would not come under the protection of sovereignty because tribes already have that right to manage tribal management plans? Dossett said well, whether the Interior follows those plans is discretionary. Pete Taylor pointed out this was not discretionary under the Timber Acts (and I believe under some of the Agriculture Acts as well). Helen Sanders stated she was getting heartburn and would give her opinion after the conversation. All was quiet and Pete said Helen gave him heartburn to know her position. I believe Pete represents some of the Sioux tribes or associations. *This may be an issue to monitor and may need some legal review.

A representative from ATNI (I will get her name) announced that ATNI made an exception to the normal practice of not scheduling two events on dual tracks, so Pres. Stensgar allowed the Tech. Work Group and Tribal TR Work Group to be scheduled. Wilson made a point of asking her to express to Stensgar the Tech Group's appreciation for being flexible. (I assume Stensgar will remain president of ATNI but as you know was voted out as chair and has resigned. He remains on the Council) She stated the Tribal TR Work Group was scheduled for the 19th from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Pres. Stensgar would open. Chief Gray would provide update.

Senate and House would comment on status of legislation. Self Governance issues would be discussed.

Pete Taylor asked if Interior was involved in discussions because as he understood McCain at the hearing to say tribes and Interior would develop a consensus. Keith asked if that was so???

Wilson said David Mullan had not pushed for any such negotiations and stated that David was expecting principles developed with rationale and that the legislation is not a unified bill.

Will suggested that the agenda for the Tech WG should include Alan Parker, Jeff Stomer, Gary Morishima, and Helen Sanders. After a few comments all agreed they would present and an updated paper of principles would be disseminated from Steve Kelly.

Meeting concluded at 1:55 pm.

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