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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee is the duly recognized representative governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee attended a meeting with Assistant Secretary of Interior, Forrest Girard on February 1, 1978 to discuss the basis for having Docket 301 postponed, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Girard indicated he would make a writing to evidence his office's recommendation to the U.S. Department of Justice that Docket 301 be postponed for 60 days, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Law Department has made a written request to the Solicitor's Office requesting copies of the document in question, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Law Department was informed by Tim Vollman, Associate Solicitor by phone on February 15, 1978, that a letter would be signed and mailed by the Department of Interior refusing our request on the grounds that the communication in question was "privileged" under B(5) of the Freedom of ~~Education~~ Information Act, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Oneidas are without any tangible indication that the document in question ever existed, or that it was received by the U.S. Justice Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin demand that the United States with our attorney of record in Docket 301, which attorney has been suspended by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin demand an investigation of the Department of Interior for their failure to perform their Trust responsibility even after being informed by the recognized Oneida government and the conflicts which exist in the Indian division and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John Powless, Jr. is directed to deliver copies of this resolution to all of the appropriate Departments, Agencies and Offices while in Washington D.C. to file our Legal Memorandum on Docket 301 in the U.S. Court of Claims.