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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. OLGA FOMIN

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT'S PROMPT VETO OF THE
INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S FY 96 BUDGET BILL IF IT
FAILS TO RESTORE PROPOSED CUTS IN INDIAN
PROGRAMS

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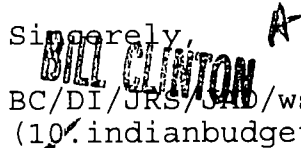
Dear Olga:

Thank you for your letter regarding the budget cuts targeted at Native American programs. My Administration is working hard to address the concerns of Native Americans, and the White House liaison for Indian Affairs, Loretta T. Avent, has been coordinating White House meetings with tribal leaders, including the September 20 White House briefing with Vice President Gore, to review these concerns.

I have enclosed a copy of the Vice President's statement regarding the 1996 Interior Appropriations bill. Be assured that if Congress sends me the bill as approved by the conference committee, I will veto it.

Your views are important to me and I appreciate your involvement.

Sincerely,


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For the President

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September 14, 1995

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of The United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of the Native Village of Port Graham, I urge your prompt VETO of the Interior Department's FY'96 budget bill (H.R. 1977, now in conference committee) if it fails to restore proposed cuts in Indian programs.

No other group of programs in the federal budget has been reduced as heavily as those designed to help Native American people and funded through a government-to-government relationship with the United States. It is inequitable and unfair to make the burden of balancing the federal budget fall so catastrophically on one ethnic group, but that is what has been proposed.

These proposed reductions also violate the substance and intent of H. Con. Res. 67 (the FY96 budget resolution, adopted June 28), which was accompanied by Senate report language giving "priority consideration" to BIA and IHS programs and calling for maintenance at FY 95 levels for the next seven years.

In light of the socio-economic crisis of Native communities in Alaska (as revealed by the Alaska Native Commission Report), we strongly urge that the proposed cuts be restored and that the Congress hold to the stated intentions of its budget resolution. Please do everything in your power to prevent this massive blow to Native American people, including Alaska's Indian, Eskimo and Aleut peoples.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Olga M. Fomin

Olga Fomin, Council Secretary