

Indian leaders meet with Carter

NTCA President Wendell Chino and Roger A. Jourdain, Chairman of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and a group of other Indian leaders met recently with President-elect Jimmy Carter in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In a statement on American Indians President-elect Carter

stated... "as part of my plans to reorganize government, I intend a complete review of all Federal programs designed for Indian people, to be conducted with the full participation of elected leaders from Indian tribes... I will review and revise as necessary, the Federal laws relating to American Indians, and the functions and purposes of the Bureau of Indian Affairs... Finally, I will not take unilateral action on any issues regarding Indian affairs; or Indian programs, without full consultation with elected tribal representatives..."

Other NTCA members in attendance at the Carter meeting included Peter MacDonald, Chairman, Navajo Tribal Council; Odric Baker, Chairman, Lac Courte Oreilles Governing Board; Anthony Dennon, Chairman, Colorado River Tribal Council;