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**AFN GRANT ..**

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at McGill University in Montreal. There will be delegates from Canada, Greenland, United States, Soviet Union and Scandinavian countries.

The AFN will use the grant to strengthen its organization's capacity and expand its efforts to build up communications network among various native communities through additional field staff and regional meetings.

A small portion of the fund will be used to train natives in the Bristol Bay area on a special project on building trades.

In its announcement, the Ford Foundation stated that of all U.S. Indians, 50,000 natives in Alaska live under the worst conditions; that this was compounded by the harsh climate, great distances between cities and villages, and high living costs.

The foundation further stated that the incidence of tuberculosis is 25 times the rate in other states; infant mortality is twice as high; and life expectancy is 39 years as compared to 69.

Only 12 percent of the native young people complete high school; that for many, the nearest high school may be located hundreds of miles, even thousands of miles from home.

Of the few who enter colleges, only one out of 24 can be expected to graduate. The foundation mentioned lack of education, job skill training, cultural differences.

Isolation, said the foundation, help account for the fact that although natives represent more than 20 percent of the state's population, they hold less than 10 percent of the jobs.

The natives' unemployment rate in Alaska is 60 percent.

as a whole dictates that there be no further delay in reaching a settlement.

Therefore, I can state the following points on the land claims question:

1. A Nixon-Agnew Administration will officially recognize the justice of the aboriginal Alaska land claims and the need for just compensation, either in money, lands, royalties or some combination.

2. A Nixon-Agnew Administration will give top priority to the speedy solution of the Alaska Native Land Claims. This will be the case regardless of the outcome of the current litigation concerning the so-called "land freeze."

3. A Nixon-Agnew Administration will cooperate closely with you and other Congressional leaders to achieve the best settlement possible in the quickest time.

4. A Nixon-Agnew Administration will consult with your Governor, Walter J. Hickel, and other state officials and with Native groups with a view towards achieving a consensus on a settlement. A solution will not be arrived at behind the secrecy of closed doors.

I am proud of the role I played in the creation of the State of Alaska. While in the Senate I co-sponsored a bill for Alaska Statehood and as Vice President was a part of the Eisenhower Administration that finally admitted the 49th state into the Union. Having participated and fought for such a momentous event for Alaska, I cannot help but have a deep and abiding interest in its future. With this in mind, you can be assured that as President, I will take steps to see that this critical problem now facing your people will be quickly solved.

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