

# Bennett Writes For Sec. Udall

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Bureau Of Indian Affairs  
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Mr. Flore Lekanof, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Lekanof:

Secretary Udall has referred your letter of December 29 to my office for reply. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending us a copy of the draft legislation conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to serve as a fact-finding body to resolve the Alaska native land claims.

My staff and I have been assigned to work with other Department officials in the preparation of draft legislation relating to the same subject. You may rest assured that the proposed draft approved by the Statewide Native Conference last October will be given every consideration during our work on proposed legislation.

My staff and I appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Statewide Native Conference in Anchorage last October and for the many courtesies extended to us by your organization.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert Bennett  
Commissioner