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Roll Finds Natives in Greece, Honduras, Etc.

ANCHORAGE, AK. — Where in the world do you find the 15,000 non-resident Alaskan Natives who may be eligible to share in the billion-dollar Alaskan Native Land Claims settlement?

In every state in the Union and eleven foreign countries, according to the Native Enrollment Coordinating Office in Anchorage, which has just released their latest tally.

The coordinating agency, whose chore it is to contact all persons who are U.S. citizens with at least one-fourth Alaskan

Indian, Aleut or Eskimo blood, has already mailed over 7,000 applications.

They have gone to all 49 states (excluding Alaska) as well as to Britain, Greece, British Honduras, Guam, Korea, Norway, Puerto Rico, Spain, Sweden, Mexico and Japan. Some 60,000 applications are presently being processed for in-state Natives.

"We estimate that there are 15 to 20,000 Natives who live outside of Alaska," states John Hope, Enrollment Coordinator of the Native Enrollment Coor-

ordinating Office in Anchorage. "But we can't send them application forms if we don't know where they live," he adds.

A massive worldwide information campaign has been launched to contact these people before the deadline of March 30, 1973.

Of the 7,000 out-of-state applications already received, a geographical breakdown shows that over 500 communities in California, Oregon and Washington are the home of over 5,000 Alaskan Natives.

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The other 2,000 applications represent every state in the Union and a host of foreign countries. Non-resident Alaskan Natives live in a total of 1,700 different communities throughout the world.

The Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act, which signed into law by President Nixon on December 18, 1971, granted Alaskan Natives 40 million acres of land and close to a billion dollars.

Anyone who is at least one-quarter Alaskan Native may write Alaska Native Enrollment Office, Box 7-1971(B), Anchorage, Alaska 99510.