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Washington, D.C.—Ms. Ruby Black (Tlingit), Executive Director of the United Indian Planners Association, were elected to the Ute Tribe and Andrew W. Ebona

American Indian National Bank's Board of Directors at the Board's July 13, 1977 meeting.

Ms. Ruby Black, Chairperson of the Ute Tribe, is the first female tribal chairperson ever elected to the Bank's Board of Directors. As executive head of the Ute Tribe, she is responsible for providing overall management and supervision of the operations of the tribal government including project operations, contract and fiscal administration. The Ute Tribe includes approximately 1,645 Indians, and has in excess of 900,000 acres of land under its jurisdiction.

Ms. Black served as Director of the local community Health Board and was also a board member of the All Indian Health Board that represented the Phoenix area.

She resides in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

Mr. Ebona serves as the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the United Indian Planners Association (UIPA) which is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Mr. Ebona gathers information and analyzes policy that relates to social/economic development in Indian country. In addition, he is responsible for developing training curriculum and techniques that will better prepare planners working for Native American Tribal Councils, Alaskan Native Villages, and Indian organizations.

Mr. Ebona was born in Alaska and has worked with various Alaskan Native organizations.

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Mr. Ebona resides in the Washington, D.C. area.

Mr. Charles W. Swallow (Ogala Sioux), President of the American Indian National Bank in commenting on Ms. Blacks' and Mr. Ebonas' addition to the Bank's Board of Directors stated;

"These two Indian leaders should strengthen our Bank because of their extensive knowledge of the financial needs at the grass roots level and their strong desire to improve the depressed economic conditions that exist in Indian and Alaskan Native communities." Mr. Swallow further stated that, "The Bank is now beginning to operate at a profit and because of the increase in demands being placed on the Bank by Native Americans, we are considering a new issue of stock which is needed to meet these demands and at the same time, expand our capabilities."

th Slope Natives directed him to protect Eskimo culture and to remove threats to the Inuit culture and way of life. Judge Kalamarides ruled that organizing the North Slope Borough was a step taken in this direction:

"I specifically find that Mr. Paul was the primary architect and driving force behind the creation and organization of NSB (North Slope Borough) as a vehicle through which his clients could exercise the powers of local government in order to protect and control their ability to utilize lands received in settlement of their land claims consistently with their culture, and to insure that action would be taken to solve the social and economic problems in education, sanitation, health and welfare which they felt were afflicting their area," Kalamarides stated.

The defendants are considering appealing Paul's award.