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Option Seven

Last summer, many villages took part in a nationwide balloting conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding Johnson O'Malley funding. The results determined a run-off selection between two of the proposed options, Option No. 1 and Option No. 7.

On September 19, 1979, the Human Resources Committee Board of Directors met in Anchorage and re-endorsed Option No. 7. The Board is urging that as many villages vote as possible since this will directly affect the amount of money that Alaska will receive.

Voting is to be done strictly at the village level, this means signoffs by the Regional Corporations WILL NOT be allowed. The ballots need to be filled out completely, with the Council President's signature or his authorized designee, otherwise they will be invalid. Return them as soon as possible to Jim Martin, Anchorage BIA office no later than October 31, 1979. A self addressed stamped envelop is included with each ballot.

Bill Peratrovich from JOM Task Force II will then hand carry them to Denver, Colorado to be counted. If you have any questions regarding the voting, contact Bill at Cook Inlet Native Association at 265-1275, or contact your regional Non-Profit Association Director.