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As I said earlier, short-term thinking is I think one of the most serious problems in leadership today, whether it's a local community or a family or a national or international leaders. If more world leaders were to think about seven generations rather than just the immediate results and if people would think long term, I think that would solve a awful lot of the problems right there. With the environment, we can see results of short-term thinking. And community development, for example, take shortcuts and do things for people and you can see that there is no lasting change at all. I just think that long-term thinking is the key to everything.

Interviewer:

What do you see not only for yourself, but what do you think the next stage of this community work is going to be for us?

Wilma:

I truly believe that you have to have periods of work and periods of reflection. And I have had no reflection. So I have been careening from one thing to another thing for the last 25 years, and I really have to think about what the next step is. I think I've learned what not to do. As I discussed earlier, I've learned, even the most minor way, not to have my own agenda and go talk people into doing a project because it's something that I think should be done. It's something that I think I have to fight within myself and every facilitator has to fight in themselves.

So I think I have learned more what not to do at this point. After a period of rest and reflection on the past 25 years, I will also have a good sense of what to do. If there's anything that's key and central for lasting change, people have to move along. One of the things that I never understood when I came home and one of the reasons I came home is that I had been working on international sovereignty issues. We prepared reports to be sent