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The purpose of this proposal is to seek funding for an effort to staff the tribal side of the Listening Conference, to coordinate a tribal pre-conference meeting in Albuquerque on May 4, 1994, and to conduct appropriate followup activities, all in concert with tribal leaders and organizations.

II. ACTIVITIES

The funding being sought will support a number of activities leading up to the Listening Conference and followup afterwards.

- 1) Arrange for the writing of several brief overview papers or the distribution of existing materials (where appropriate) outlining for the tribes the legal and policy issues to be covered by the agenda. These papers will not attempt to write a script for the tribes, but will be designed to draw a common baseline from which individual tribal positions can be developed by each tribe.
- 2) Attend, upon request, intertribal meetings which might be held to prepare for the Listening Conference for the purpose of giving the attending tribes a briefing on the conference and an overview of the issues as the agenda is developed. If appropriate and after consultation with Chief Mankiller, President Zah and the National Congress of American Indians, the Law Center may coordinate several short focus group meetings to help identify and articulate issues.
- 3) Serve as a clearinghouse for suggestions and volunteers who might wish to serve as panel convenors or presenters. It is not clear at this point who will actually select speakers, but it will certainly not be the Law Center. Whoever does select speakers, however, will need quickly to identify those tribal chairpersons, presidents, etc. with a particular interest or expertise. The Law Center has already been contacted by a number of such volunteers.
- 4) Telephone tribes and intertribal organizations to secure broad-based participation in the tribal pre-meeting on May 4 as well as the Listening Conference itself.
- 5) Arrange for and coordinate the tribal pre-conference meeting in Albuquerque on May 4, 1994 at which time tribal leaders will have the opportunity to have final discussions concerning the Listening Conference.
- 6) After the conference, analyze the results and prepare materials outlining appropriate followup activities by individual tribes, regional and national tribal organizations as well as commitments made by the various federal agencies.