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Rudolph C. Ryser, Chairman

4 January, 1995

## MEMORANDUM

TO: CWCR, LEK, JHB, FILE

FROM: RCR

SUBJECT: NEH Proposal/Script Draft and Neighborhood Docu

Per hour discussion on 2 January, I want to discuss further both the NEH Proposal/Script Draft and the possibility of a Housing Neighborhood Documentary.

The NEH Proposal/Script issue has a deadline of March 2 (if we propose to undertake Pre-Production activities) and or October 1, 1995 (if we propose to undertake Planning activities.) As you can see in the enclosed "Telephone Talk" memo, Joe Herring, the NEH Program Officer will be sending application forms and some sample scripts for us to examine as we prepare a proposal. A script sample needs to be prepared (according to Herring) in conjunction with scholars, producers, director and scriptwriters. I am thinking that it may not be possible to immediately organize an NEH proposal since we don't have the initial funds to support a fully coordinated effort. Here is the tentative line-up of the team:

- Producers: Leslie Korn, Rudolph C. Ryser, (Occidental, CA)  
Sandra Osawa (Seattle, WA) and Laurie Meeker (Olympia, WA)
- Directors: Christian W.C. Ryser (New York, NY), Laurie Meeker (Olympia, WA)
- Scriptwriters: Rudolph C. Ryser (Occidental, CA), Christian W.C. Ryser (New York, NY)
- Researchers: John H. Burrows (Olympia, WA), Leslie E. Korn (Occidental, CA)
- Production Counsel: Sandra Forman (Boston, MA)
- Scholars Panel: Peter Iverson, American Indian History (Arizona), R. David Edmonds, American Indian History (Indiana), John Bodley, Anthropology (Washington State University), Glenn Morris, Political Science (Univ. Colorado - Denver), Oren Lyons, American Indian History (University of Syracuse), Melisa Meyer, American Indian History (University of California - LA)

As you requested, I offer the following tentative list of "talking heads" who may be used at different points, or regular points, in the Documentary:

- John Mohawk, (Seneca), former editor Akwesaswena Notes and current editor of a quarterly - Professor of American Indian History at the University of Syracuse, NY.
- Carol Minugh, (Gros Ventre), Professor, Evergreen State College and Director of the Reservation Liberal Arts Program.
- Joseph B. DeLaCruz, (Quinault), former President Quinault Indian Nation, former President of the National Congress of American Indians, and former President of the National Tribal Chairmens' Association
- Welma Mankiller, (Cherokee) former Chairman Cherokee Nation.
- Vine DeLoria, (Lakota), Professor of American Indian Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- Milner Ball, Caldwell Professor of Constitutional Law University of Georgia School of Law
- Senator Slade Gorton, R-Washington, former Washington State Attorney General
- Secretary Bruce Babbitt, US Secretary of the Interior, former Attorney General, Arizona.

I would like to take steps in the direction of developing a draft Script sample--perhaps you will be a collaborator on this. Again, I am trying to raise some funds to support the pre-production phase of this documentary and would expect we would pay for your participation, as much as we would expect to pay for your participation as a director.

On the issue of the Neighborhoods video evaluation documenting the developments associated with fourteen month Community Determine Housing Neighborhoods Project in Massachusetts. The concept paper for the \$185,000 proposed project is enclosed. We have proposed this project to the Massachusetts-based Center for Community Recovery Innovations at their invitation. Leslie tells me that as we propose to include a video documentation of the project it is highly possible the the Center for Community Recovery Innovations may be interested in doing the video production. As it is possible that we may be able to go outside to get a production crew, I would like you to consider the possibility of doing the video.

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SUBJECT: Telephone Talk with Joe Herring, NEH re Documentary

Spoke with Joe Herring (1-202-606-8299) (January 3, 1995) of the National Endowment for the Humanities (serving as the NEH contact) regarding my letter of intent (November 14, 1994). He asked:

Who are the scholars (academic) on whom you will rely for scholarly, historical analysis? He suggested (unofficially) contacting several of the following Historians who specialize in American Indian History:

- \*\* Peter Iverson (Arizona or Arizona State) Dept. of History  
also the acting Head of the D'Arcy McNickle Center.
- \*\* R. David Edmonds, (Indiana) Dept of History

suggested also contacting Jocelyn Peterson in Vancouver, WA re Catholic Indian Relations.

Richard White, (Washington) Dept. of History  
Colin Calloway, (Wyoming) Dept of History - specialist in  
Indian history for eastern states  
Melisa Meyer, (UCLA) Dept of History  
Don Fixico, (Western Michigan) Dept of History

(\*\* indicates that Herring mentioned this person twice or more)

HERRING offered to send copies of some sample "script drafts" to the address in Belmont, MA along with proposal packets for "Planning."

HERRING is encouraging us to submit a "Planning Proposal" by the March 2, 1995 deadline.

DEADLINES: MARCH 2, 1992 for Planning Grants  
MARCH proposals are funded in September

October 1, 1995 for Scripting Grants  
Planning period is September - March

HERRING: "I think this proposal will receive strong support by the review committee because of the subject matter and

particularly if there is a strong academic scholar balance to the other material."

The Proposal in March would require preparing some drafts of scripts with some of the proposed narrative. Expectation is that the script will reflect a "balanced treatment" of the subject matter. The Anti-Indian part of the presentation is a "Political Opinion" and not a reflection of balanced presentation.

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January 9, 1995

Mr. Christian Ryser  
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Dear Christian,

Rudy mentioned his conversation with you and Mo today. I'm glad things are going well. I'm sending materials to support your development of treatment and script. As you can see I've included some news articles from the past few months--this is a HOT issue and I agree with you that we should try to move this by Mar. 1

Also included are the bulk of proposal examples sent by NEH to us, as well as copies of relevant application information. Did you happen to hear the CBC (PBS) radio broadcast about the Wise Use movement on Saturday, the 7th, January. I may try to get the transcript.

Rudy and I have discussed some people he thinks would be important to contact and interview. I am including these names for possible inclusion in your outline

These include:

"Bo" Gritz ( see NY times articles) and the Nez Perce in Idaho  
Ron Arnold, Wise Use Movement, Bellevue, WA  
Hazel Wolf, environmentalist, Seattle  
Ray Yowel, National Council Western Shoshone

There's also (1976 or 1977) CBS evening news report footage featuring a meeting at Rough or Window Rock, Navajo reservation, with Peter McDonald with shots of Indians talking about dealing with white backlash.

Another clip (77/78) featuring Wendell Chino, of White Mountain Apache talking about the White backlash.

On a related note, just to stimulate some thinking, I think we may do some selected fund-raising events--once we get moving--so think about whether NYC may be an

appropriate site.

As you know, we are taking off on about January 20 and will be touring this great land, scouting out Missouri, Indiana and Oklahoma, before spending a few days soaking up some minerals at Ojo Caliente in NM.

If I can get you any more materials or be of further assistance please feel free to give a call. While we're on the road if you need to reach us you can leave a message at 617-643-1918. Otherwise I will look forward to working with you to complete our application beginning Feb. 10.

Abrazos to you and Morgan, with best wishes for an exciting trip to Italy.

Leslie

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BBS/CWIS

Dear John & Rudy,

I have not been able to reach Rudy by phone or mail. Please let me know what's up and how to reach you or him. I'm leaving for the Bay Area soon; you can drop me a card at 18 Roble Ct. Berkeley, CA 94705 or leave a message on the phone number given below (I'll be checking for messages).

The <sup>Native</sup> sustainable development conference in Russia is expected to be held June/July 1995. They told me "spring", but one person involved said June/July would be more realistic. I hope Rudy is still interested & available.

I'm eager to hear how CWIS/BBS is (are) doing. Please stay in touch.

Thanks - Best wishes for the holidays and 1995.

Regards,

Gretchen

Gretchen Kaapcke  
 Director

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Rudy -- I haven't received any word from you regarding my messages on the Secretary of State situation. Please let me know if you are getting my e-mails!

John

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Rudy -- FYI

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and we will have it delivered to the Center.

DEADLINE is October 1, 1995 for the 1996-97 academic year.

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