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MS. ELLA MAE HORSE, Recording Secretary
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Dear Ella Mae:

Thank you for your March 28, 1983 letter acknowledging receipt of my resume in application for the position of NCAI Executive Director. In recognition of the Executive Committee's decision to extend the closing date to April 15, 1983 allow me to submit an addendum further to my original application.

Over the years I have had extensive experience in grant and contract writing and negotiations on behalf of my employers for the purpose of securing funding. A partial list follows:

Bureau of Indian Affairs - \$90,000, 1976. To support NCAI annual convention.

Administration for Native American Programs - \$650,000, 1977. To support on-going operation of the Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington.

Donner Foundation - \$40,000, 1980. To support Quinault Nation and seven other tribes in the conduct of the Inter-tribal Study Group on Tribal State Relations.

Bureau of Indian Affairs - \$60,000, 1974. To support Quileute Tribal Government tribal police department.

Inter-American Foundation - \$9,600, 1980. To support NCAI Delegation to visit Cuzco, Peru to observe formation of the South American Indian Council, and participate in the WCIP Executive Council.

I have direct experience conducting liaison with the U.S. Federal Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches on a range of issues. On behalf of my employers I have dealt with the White House, Justice Department, Department of the Interior, Department of Health and Human Resources and the Departments of Commerce, Transportation, Agriculture, Energy, Education, etc. I have worked with and presented testimony before many committees of the House and Senate, working directly with numerous congressmen and senators and their staffs. I have had experience in the development of cases for the federal district, circuit and Supreme courts.

I have had extensive public speaking experience before groups ranging from general tribal councils to the Inter-Tribal Timber Council, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, NCAI, National Indian Brotherhood of Canada, World Council of Indigenous Peoples, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs, Indian Association of Alberta, Conference of Tribal Governments, National Aboriginal Council of Australia, and testimony before numerous congressional and state legislative committees.

I believe my resume amply demonstrates my ability to comprehend and analyze critical issues affecting NCAI, and its membership. Indeed, my work in Indian Affairs during the last twelve years has caused me to actively deal with the full-range of issues directly affecting the security and development of Indian communities at the local, regional and national levels. As an employee of individual tribes, intertribal organizations and the Congress of the United States, I believe I have accumulated extensive experience which makes me fully qualified to assume the NCAI Executive Directorship. My personal and direct experience with NCAI as a participant in Conventions, and as a periodic consultant to the organization on specific issues, management questions and convention organizational matters gives me an intimate knowledge of NCAI history, NCAI activities and its relations with member tribal governments and the U.S. government. I am prepared to immediately assume the role and duties of the NCAI Executive Director.

I note that you say in your letter that NCAI will not pay my travel and expenses should I be among candidates selected for interviews on May 1 in Minneapolis. The cost for me to take such a trip will be prohibitive. What effect will my inability to secure the funds to travel to Minneapolis have on my candidacy? It seems hardly fair that my candidacy should depend on my ability to pay for travel and expenses. If I can't make it to the interview, will I become ineligible for consideration for the position? I would appreciate further information on these questions?

Thank you for contacting regarding the recent decisions of the Executive Committee.

Yours Sincerely,

RUDOLPH C. RYSER