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MEMORANDUM

March 29, 1973

TO: Dr. Jack R. Rombouts

FROM: Robert R. Bailey *R.B.*

RE: Nishnawbe News Budget

The space rental is in a building under the jurisdiction of Alupiling, Eastern Michigan. I believe if the request for exemption it would be granted - JRB

You may recall our conversation regarding the Nishnawbe News budget and operations a short time ago. The 1972-73 allocation from the General Fund Budget was \$6,226.00. Additionally, we've received a \$2,000.00 grant from the National Indian Lutheran Board. Our recent appeal for subscription donations initiated in January 1973 has resulted in a general reader response of approximately \$1,000.00 to date. An agreement consummated with the State Commission on Indian Affairs will bring the News operation approximately \$140.00 per month during the period January - May 1973. Our revenue for 72-73 exclusive of the N. M. U. budget would approximate 2/3 of Northern's support, or about \$4,000.00. Projected needs through June 30, 1973 show a need for that total income to meet costs of our current operating year.

A specific item in our N. M. U. budget takes a significant amount from the total budget, line item 409 Rental of Buildings. Since establishment of the Nishnawbe News in 141 University Center, our first semester rental of office space came to \$880. Our second semester rent will be a similar amount. I have discussed this with Mr. Jim Carter and Dr. Niemi. Needless to say, this rental cost of \$1,760.00 takes a sizeable amount from our allocation.

Is there any possibility of consideration for exemption of the rent fee for next year or possibly this 2nd semester? My office is attempting to procure considerations for next years support for the Nishnawbe News project. It is likely the monthly support from the Michigan Indian Commission will continue. A recent conversation with Mr. Ken Pierce left me the conclusion that at this point, if we have not received communication to the contrary, we could anticipate continued budget support at the current level for next year. Can we be assured that this support is in the 73-74 budget?

Dr. Jack R. Rombouts

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I apologize for the lengthy memo, but the concerns regarding the rental vs total budget allowance are key items that we face for the remainder of this year and also the 1973-74 year. Any assistance you might lend in these concerns would be appreciated. Thank you.

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