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## SKAGIT TRIBE IS OFFERED GRANT

The Upper Skagit Tribe will meet this Saturday, August 31, at Hillcrest Park in Mt. Vernon to discuss and vote on accepting a proposed settlement of \$384,471.42 offered the Tribe to settle its claim case against the United States, which has been pending since 1951.

The settlement represents additional compensation for 453,000 acres of land ceded under the Treaty of Pt. Elliott in 1859, and is based on a value of 90 cents per acre at the time of law, such valuations are established on the basis of what the land was worth at the time of the Treaty.

The Tribe received a consideration of only \$22,228.58 from the government as a result of the treaty, which as been determined to be inadequate compensation even on the basis of 1859 land values. The proposed settlement has been arrived at by reducing the consideration from the gross award of \$407,700.

If the Tribe approves the proposal, Congress will be asked to make an appropriation during its present session so the funds will begin to draw interest immediately. Before funds actually can be distributed Congress must pass legislation specifying how this will be done.

Charles Boome of Sedro-Woolley is Chairman of the Upper Skagit Tribe and Mrs. Alice Cuthbert is secretary. They state that this is the most important meeting the Tribe has had. They emphasize that individuals must be present to vote and urge everyone to attend.

Donald C. Gormley, a partner of the law firm representing the Tribe will be present

at the meeting to explain the settlement and answer questions.