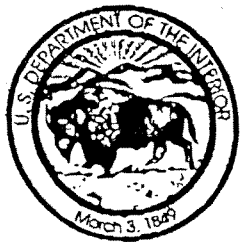


APPENDIX I



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BIA Director for Native Services, Timothy DeAsis and Tribal Government Services Specialist, Regina Parot look on as Area Director, Niles Ces. signs the last few remaining certifications which authorize individual compensation payments under the Aleut Restitution Act of 1988. Payments are expected to reach approved Aleut claimants before Christmas. (Please see attached news release article)

Niles C. Cesar, Area Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska, announced today that with the recent appropriation from Congress and the transfer of funds to the Alaska office, his staff is able to immediately resume actions necessary for payment to about eighty Aleut individuals, previously approved but not yet paid the \$12,000. compensation provided for under the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Restitution Act.

The Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Restitution Act which is also referred to as the Aleut Restitution Act, provided in part for the financial compensation of those Aleuts who were subjected to relocation from their home villages during World War II by the U.S. Government. In order to be eligible for this restitution payment, an individual must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be ALEUT.
2. Must have been LIVING on date of passage of the Act, AUGUST 10, 1988.
3. Must also meet either of the following requirements:
 - (a) Must have been a civilian actually RELOCATED, from a village named in the Act, by the U.S. Government during WW-II (December 7, 1941 through September 2, 1945); OR
 - (b) Have been BORN to a MOTHER [who was actually relocated per section (a) above] WHILE she was subject to such relocation.

The Bureau is presently conducting a review of the last remaining forty-nine claims not yet processed and expects to complete that review by the end of this week. It is anticipated that with the issuance of this payment, the Bureau will be about 99% complete with implementing this part of the Act. The remaining 1% of "unfinished work" would be for any appeals or late claims not yet filed.

The Bureau's completion of this task was delayed last July when Congressionally appropriated funds were depleted. The Bureau reviewed, approved and issued payment to 416 claimants before running out of funds in July. The eighty claims awaiting payment plus, any of the forty-nine being reviewed that are determined approvable, will bring the number of claims approved and paid to about 500. This compares to the initial estimates and projections of 400-450 being eligible and, the 596 claims actually submitted thus far.

Mr. Cesar also commented on how pleased he is that his staff has been able to react so quickly in carrying out the federal government's responsibility in this matter. Notwithstanding the unavoidable delay experienced from lack of funds to disburse, this office has been able to react almost immediately when called upon, something somewhat unique in a federal bureaucracy. The many years of delay the claimants have already had to endure (1945), the advanced age of most of the claimants, and with the holiday season now upon us has compelled us to accord this a high priority. Weather permitting (for mail delivery), we expect all approved claimants to receive payment within the next few days and in any event, before Christmas. Inquiries may be directed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Juneau.

ALEUT WW II CLAIMS
STATUS REPORT @ 7/22/91

Number of Claim forms Received @ 7/22/91	604	
Number of Claims approved and paid @ 7/22	520	
416 pd. in FY 90		\$4,992,000
104 pd. as of 7/22/91 in FY 91		<u>\$1,248,000</u>
Total Pd @ 7/22/91		6,240,000

Approved and Paid through 7/22/91	520	
Disapproved claims through 7/22/91	55	
Duplicate claims received	4	
Pending Claims awaiting information	<u>25</u>	
Total Claims @7/22	604	

FUNDS AVAILABLE FY 1991	\$1,500,000	
less claims pd @ 7/22	<u>1,248,000</u>	

Funds left @ 7/22 \$ 252,000 = available for 21 claims