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Hon. Richard Cohen  
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State House  
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September 7, 1979

Dear Mr. Cohen,

After discussing your recent meeting with our attorney and the attorney for the large landholders, we have decided that we would be willing, in the interest of resolving the land claims, to the following terms of settlement for our existing reservations and lands to be acquired in a settlement:

1. All State of Maine civil and criminal laws of general application would be adopted by our tribes and would apply on our lands in the manner that such laws apply to Maine municipalities, so long as these laws do not discriminate, either as written or as applied, against members of our tribes, or vest in the State or the state courts the power to alienate our lands.

2. Our tribes will control hunting, fishing, and trapping on our lands. In so doing we will agree to impose adequate conservation safeguards so that our practices do not substantially diminish fish or game stocks on adjacent lands or waters. Such an agreement would require a satisfactory provision for transportation of fish and game.

3. Our lands will be treated as federal Indian reservations for purposes of taxation.

4. Federal criminal statutes, such as the Major Crimes Act and the General Crimes Act, will apply on our lands, and our tribes will have the right, if they so choose, to establish courts in accordance with the recent decision by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in State v. Dana to hear minor Indian vs. Indian offenses, and Indian civil matters arising on our lands, including those which fall under the Indian Child Welfare Act.

This proposal, which accords with our understanding of the Hathaway Proposal, meets the concerns which we have heard voiced,

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and represents our best faith effort to meet you half way.  
But beyond this we cannot go. We must have your response  
by September 14, 1979.

Sincerely,

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