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TO: Nancie Hatch, Director, American Indian Programs
FROM: Jim Carter, Advisor, Nishnawbe News
SUBJECT: Nishnawbe News
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Regarding our conversation last week during which you informed me of the possibility of the imminent closing of the Nishnawbe News, I would like to make some further observations.

It is unfortunate that the newspaper, now in its 11th year, will probably be closed for lack of \$1,507 direct funding and in-kind office space support amounting to \$2,101.

As you know, we are in the midst of an important effort to establish an endowment fund for the paper. A close-down now would come at a very inopportune time.

I have seen copies of a newspaper established by the Original band of Ojibwas at Sault Ste. Marie to serve Indian people of that area. It is a good effort, especially in view of the fact that several of its key staffers were former Northern students trained on the Nishnawbe News. However, to anyone who understands the Indian community, it would be readily apparent that a Sault Band paper does not serve Indians in the L'Anse reservation area or Hannahville, other outlying areas of Michigan or the Great Lakes. It would suffice to note as an example that the Sault Evening News does not serve the area covered by the L'Anse Sentinel. Indian people are as diverse in their communities as are non-Indians. Although they have some common interests and concerns, their daily lives are influenced by local events and issues, reflected in the various papers and other forms of communication. Localized Indian papers have long existed throughout the state and nation. The Nishnawbe News is and has always been a regional culture, feature and news publication.

If there is absolutely no opportunity to continue publication, at least one more issue would have to be printed so that subscribers can be notified of the demise of the paper.

I have seen many difficulties arise and be overcome since we established the paper with direct assistance of President Jamrich in 1971. I would hope the present problems, as serious as they are, could be solved and this very worthwhile project continued.

cc: President John X. Jamrich
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