

December 11, 1972

Mr. Paul A. Melchior  
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Minneapolis Area Office  
831 Second Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Mr. Melchior:

In response to your letter of November 7, 1972 reference code (807.0 Education Pending), we wish to explain reasons for requesting assistance for the students you had in question. These students were:

1. Rosemary Gemmill
2. Cheryl King
3. Robert Van Alstine
4. Michael Wright
5. Ross Gemmill
6. Richard Laughing

Information provided by Mr. Robert Pecotte, our Financial Aids Director, showed the first four above named students to be recipients of "summer" '72 supplementary grants to be used for work on the Nishnawbe News publication. It is my understanding at this time that these same students have not been awarded B.I.A. grants for Fall 1972. Mr. Ross Gemmill, a full time enrolled N.M.U. student, has worked on the newspaper staff and was mistakenly included in our original request. Mr. Richard Laughing (Mohawk) also a member of the newspaper staff is receiving B.I.A. assistance processed through the Agency Office in Salamanca, New York. All students listed in this letter were enrolled for Fall Semester at N.M.U. We trust this information will be of assistance to your office.

At this time I would like to express our thanks for your past assistance to the students affiliated with the Nishnawbe News. We are continuing to seek funding as recently we were denied support from two promising sources. Your offers to give assistance to our newspaper project later in the year should your agency be in a position to do so is most appreciated.

Mr. Paul A. Melchior

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Best wishes for the holidays.

Sincerely,

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cc: Robert Pecotte  
James Carter ✓