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2885 Snover Road
Mayville, Michigan,
July 1, 1974

COMMISSION ON
INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. James Hillman, Director,
Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs,
Room 454, Hollister Building,
Lansing, Michigan 48902

Dear Mr. Hillman:

For several years we have been operating a Community
Rummage store each week, and we gather enough good useable clothing
to send to C. R. O. P. 18,000 pounds twice a year. Due to the gas
situation C. R. O. P. no longer desire to come this far west. We still
have good used clothing brought in. We now need another outlet.

We have no method of transportation. Is there a need
for this clothing in Northern Michigan? Would there be a way to get
boxes of clothing to the area three or four times a year?

I shall await your reply with much interest, for the
boxes are piling up.

Sincerely,

B Phelps

Mrs. Willard Phelps,
2885 Snover Road,
Mayville, Michigan 48744

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CC: TO ALL GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS
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Office of Research
& Development

July 18, 1974

Freight Agent
Chessie System
406 Saginaw Professional Bldg
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

Dear Sir:

The people of Mayville, Michigan have collected approximately 10 tons of clothing plus other household items for possible shipment to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, Cannon Ball, North Dakota. The Organization of North American Indian Students of this University is coordinating the shipment to the North Dakota Ogala-Sioux Indians at Standing Rock.

Could the Chessie System provide a box car on a siding in Mayville for this purpose? Perhaps arrangements could be made for its spotting on a Friday so that it could be loaded over a weekend without demurrage charges.

Could you please inform us as to the cost of shipping the car to McLaughlin, South Dakota on the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad--the nearest rail point to Cannon Ball, N.D.? Also, it would be helpful to know the approximate shipping time from Mayville to McLaughlin so that arrangements for unloading could be made at the point of destination.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Carter
Assistant Director

JLC:hr

cc: Mr. Robert Bailey
Miss Marlene Gauthier
Mrs. Willard Phelps
2885 Snover Road
Mayville, Mich.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN 49855

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

August 19, 1974

Mrs. Dorothy McNaughton, Agent
Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Co.
Vassar, MI 48768

Dear Mrs. McNaughton:

We have been informed by your Saginaw office that our inquiry on freight rates from Mayville to McLaughlin, S.D., has been referred to you.

As our project will be getting underway with the return of students to campus next week, a reply at your earliest convenience would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

James Carter
Assistant Director

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CC: Mrs. Willard Phelps
2885 Snover Rd.
Mayville, MI 48744

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Mayville, Michigan
August 15, 1974

Dear Mr. Carter:
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Our pile of boxes filled with
good clothes goes higher and higher,
and now we also have a supply
of springs and mattresses.

We are wondering about the
C & O box car and your progress.

We also remember you mentioned
a truck available for moving
some of this. There appears to
be a need at Rapid River, if
we could find a truck to take
a load.

Please advise us if you
have any further information
and how we would contact
the owner or driver of the truck.

Sincerely

Mrs. Willard Phelps
Mayville, Mich 48744

Phone 517 843-6429

Mrs. Willard Phelps
2885 Snover Road
Mayville, Michigan
517/843-6429

Mayville Rum. Store

Douglas Pearson
Rothbury, Mich.
616/861-2234

Indian, has semi.

Henry Fast Horse Standing Rock Res.
Cannon Ball, N.D. (Ft. Yates, hdqts)
(Ry. point, McLaughlin, S. D.)

Mayville, Mich
October 9, 1974

Dear Mr Carter:

My good husband and I are leaving October 24 for an extended vacation in Texas. It would be nice, if before I go I could learn about the project.

There will still be someone here, but your contract would be different:

Nettie M^cMinch

Mayville, Mich

Phone 517 843-6270

We still gather in more material - good clothes, bedding, etc, and are almost breaking at the seams, and do sincerely hope a box car comes our way.

Marquette should be beautiful now - our area is. Fall was good to me and br'it special beauty this year.

Sincerely

Mrs Willard Phelps

Mayville, Mich

Ph. 517 843-6429

373-0654

NISHNAWBE NEWS

214 Kaye Hall, Marquette, Michigan 49855 Ph. 227-2241

December 20, 1974

Mr. Gary Short
Short Freight Lines
459 South River Road
Bay City, MI 48706

Dear Mr. Short:

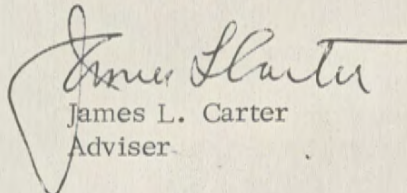
We wish to extend to you and your employees a heartfelt "thanks" for the role Short Freight Lines played in helping transport clothing from Mayville to the Potawatomi Reservation at Hannahville.

The shipment, coming at the outset of winter and not long before the Christmas season, is doubly appreciated. You can be assured it will be put to good use.

Gestures of good will, such as the one made by your company, truly represents the spirit in this great country of ours. It's too bad we read and hear more about the problems we have than the many good things done by so many every day.

Best wishes for the Holiday Season and the New Year.

Sincerely yours,



James L. Carter
Adviser

JLC:hr

NISHNAWBE NEWS

140 University Center, Marquette, Mich. 49855 Ph. 906/227-2241



December 20, 1974

Mr. Clare Maiers
Maiers Trucking Co.
875 East Huron St.
Vassar, MI 48768

Dear Mr. Maiers:

We wish to extend to you and your employees a heartfelt "thanks" for the role Maiers Trucking Co. played in helping transport clothing from Mayville to the Potawatomi Reservation at Hannahville.

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James L. Carter
Adviser

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December 20, 1974

Mr. Jack Winters
Clairmont Transfer Co.
P. O. Box 717
Escanaba, MI 49829

Dear Mr. Winters:

We wish to extend to you and your employees a heartfelt "thanks" for the role Clairmont Transfer Co. played in helping transport clothing from Mayville to the Potawatomi Reservation at Hannahville.

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Sincerely yours,

James L. Carter
Adviser

JLC:hr

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN 49855

December 20, 1974

Mrs. Nettie McNinch
P. O. Box 172
Mayville, MI 48744

Dear Mrs. McNinch:

Thank you for your letter regarding the clothing shipment to Hannahville Reservation.

We advised the trucking company of the stop at the residence of Mr. Eli Petonquot in Rapid River. We regret to hear that a stop was not made there.

However, if Mr. Petonquot wishes to distribute some of the clothing in his area, it is up to him to contact the officials at Hannahville to arrange for this. Our part was to arrange for the transportation, and we did the best we could. Rapid River is not far from Hannahville, and we are sure Mr. Petonquot can take care of this matter quite easily.

Again, thank you for your generous gesture of good will in gathering and packaging the clothing for the Potawatomi people. I am sure that the shipment coming at the outset of winter is doubly appreciated.

Best wishes for the Holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Carter
Assistant Director
Research & Development

JLC:hr



Celebrating seventy-five years of educational service.

Maxwell Misch

Nov 30 1974,

Mr. Carter,

was so glad to have the clothing
go up north to the Indians
some too Honnabell. But I was
so disappointed that my good
Indian friends at Pappad River
Jedent get a things
and I hope Chief Petongut
can get have some of the
things as I no they would
see a lot of Pappad would
have warm things to wear
But I have heard that
Honnabell wastes a lot and
lets it spoil, not good giving
out I wish you would see
Pappad River would get
part of the clothing
his phone 1-906-474-6754.
Please see what you could
do. Write me when
Maxwell Misch



Mr. Carter

Marquette

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Mr. & Mrs. Willard Phelps
2885 Snover Road W.
Mayville, Michigan 48744



Mr. James L Carter
Assist Dir., R & D
N. Mich. University
Marquette, Mich
49855

Mayville, Mich 48744
October 22, 1974

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am sorry trouble has been met for we were looking forward to loading a box car with clothes, springs & mattresses, and bedding.

However, if you feel at a later date your group can send a box car, do get in touch, for at the moment we do not have an outlet, and we do send a few boxes in a station wagon, but not many, and we do keep getting more clothing in. So we hope you keep trying and finally come up with something.

There is a truck here that would take a load to upper penn. for approx \$200⁰⁰. We do not know where in that area clothes are needed and would be wisely handled. Not do we have the \$200⁰⁰. Does this help your group?

Please keep in touch if anything comes up.

Sincerely
Nettie McRunch
P.O. Box 172
Mayville, Mich
Ph 517 843-6220

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SK-TW 3-3505
Rich Prairie.

Mrs. Phelps has gone to Texas for a while

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140 University Center, Marquette, Mich. 49855 Ph. 906/227-2241



November 13, 1974

Mr. Jack Winters
Clairmont Transfer Company
P. O. Box 717
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

Dear Mr. Winters:

The Potawatomi people at Hannahville are happy to know the clothing being sent by the Mayville group will reach them through the donated services of Clairmont.

We are also pleased to report that similar cooperation has been pledged by Short Freight Lines, Bay City and Maiers trucking of Vassar.

The spokesman for the Mayville group tells us that the 25,000 pounds of clothing is well packed in boxes and ready for shipment anytime. We have notified Maiers, and they will send a truck over as soon as one is available. I assume you will get a shipping order (or whatever it is called) from Maiers notifying you that the shipment is heading your way.

Mrs. Sally Halfaday, Hannahville tribal chairman, asks that the clothing be delivered to the Community Center in Wilson. She can be reached at 466-2379, or word can be forwarded by Miss Bonnie Meshigaud at 466-9923. Someone will be on hand to receive the shipment. A full-time office staff is maintained at the center.

There will also be an intermediate stop at the residence of Mr. Eli Petonquot in Rapid River (phone 474-6754), who will arrange for distribution of clothing in that area.

Thank you for your cooperation. The Potawatomis extend their thanks for this fine gesture of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Carter, Advisor

JLC:hr
cc: Mrs. Sally Halfaday, Route 1, Wilson
The Newspaper Serving Great Lakes Indians

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140 University Center, Marquette, Mich. 49855 Ph. 906/227-2241



November 13, 1974

Mr. Clare Maiers
Maiers Trucking Company
875 East Huron Street
Vassar, Michigan 48768

Dear Mr. Maiers:

The Potawatomi people at the Hamahville Reservation were happy to know the clothing being sent by the Mayville group will reach them through the donated services of the Maiers Trucking Company.

We are also pleased to report that similar cooperation has been pledged by Short Freight Lines and Clairmont Transfer Company.

Mrs. Nettie McNinch of Mayville tells us that the 25,000 pounds of clothing is well packed in boxes and ready for delivery at any time. Can you phone her at 843-6220 when a truck is ready for loading?

Mrs. Sally Halfaday, Hamahville tribal chairman, asks that the clothing be delivered to the Community Center in Wilson. We are forwarding her phone number to Clairmont so that she can be notified when to expect the truck on the reservation. There will also be a stop at the Eli Petonquot residence in nearby Rapid River -- a second distribution point.

Thank you for your cooperation. The Potawatomis extend their thanks for this fine gesture of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Carter, Advisor

JLC:hr

cc: Mrs. Nettie McNinch

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November 13, 1974

Mr. Gary Short
Short Freight Lines
459 South River Road
Bay City, Michigan 48706

Dear Mr. Short:

The Potawatomi people at the Hannahville Reservation were happy to know the clothing being sent by the Mayville group will reach them through the donated services of the Short Freight Lines.

We are also pleased to report that similar cooperation has been pledged by Maiers trucking of Vassar and Clairmont Transfer Co., Escanaba.

Mrs. Nettie McNinch of Mayville tells us that the 25,000 pounds of clothing is well packed in boxes and ready for delivery at any time. We are asking the Maiers people to notify her when a truck is available.

Mrs. Sally Halfaday, Hannahville tribal chairman, asks that the clothing be delivered to the Community Center in Wilson. We are forwarding her phone number to Clairmont so that she can be notified when to expect the truck on the reservation.

Thank you for your cooperation. The Potawatomis extend their thanks for this fine gesture of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Carter, Advisor
Phone 906/227-2300

JLC:hr

October 17, 1974

Mrs. Willard Phelps
2885 Snover Road
Mayville, MI 48744

Dear Mrs. Phelps:

Thank you for your letter of October 9 regarding the clothing your group has collected in Mayville. We regret the delay in replying to you.

Our American Indian student organization here has examined every means at its disposal to get the clothing, or part of it, transported to those areas where it might be needed. The group has also attempted to raise money to finance transportation.

However, we must report that they have had a number of difficulties, and that adequate money has not been raised. Cost of shipping a box car from Mayville to the Standing Rock Reservation in North and South Dakota would be over \$1,100. Also, there has been no success in getting a truck for transportation within Michigan. With money being as tight as it is, this may account for some of the problems.

At any rate, there seems to be little progress on this end, and I don't feel that we can ask you to hold the many tons of clothing you now have on hand, any longer.

My only suggestion is that a contact be made with Mr. James Hillman, director of the Michigan Indian Commission, Lansing (517/373-0654). He may have some further suggestions or be in a position to offer assistance in getting the clothing to needy persons.

If we were closer to your area, I'm sure something could be worked out, but a distance of over 400 miles doesn't help matters, as you know.

Thank you for your very commendable efforts and your patience with us.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Carter
Assistant Director, R&D