



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

November 14, 2001

Memorandum

To: Special Trustee for American Indians
Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

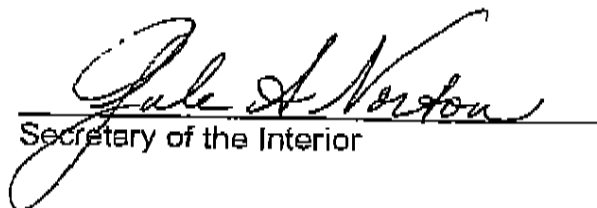
From: Secretary

Subject: Trust Organization

I have read your November 14, 2001 memorandum including your views on the organization of trust asset management responsibilities. I enthusiastically support and concur in your recommendations.

The Department's refinement of the proposed organization and management structure will greatly benefit from the counsel provided by affected and interested parties. Please ensure that we consult with Congress, the Tribes, Department of the Interior personnel and their unions as well as other interested parties prior to implementing a broad reorganization of Indian trust asset management functions. We must tap into the broad knowledge and experience available from these groups in order to fashion the best organizational structure possible.

It is my understanding that these consultations have already begun, and will continue, consistent with my often-stated policy of communication, consultation, and cooperation with the public we serve.


Secretary of the Interior