BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE)) OF MICHIGAN, et al.,) Plaintiffs,)) Docket No. 57) v.)) THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Defendant.)

FINAL AWARD

An interlocutory order was entered herein on May 16, 1973, 30 Ind. C1. Comm. 295, 336, awarding plaintiffs \$8,143,333, less such offsets to which defendant may be entitled under the provisions of the Indian Claims Commission Act. On July 13, 1973, the defendant filed its amended answer herein requesting, inter alia, allowance of offsets in the sum of \$26,571.20 against the interlocutory award. On July 23, 1973, the plaintiffs filed their reply to defendant's amended answer in which they admit that defendant is entitled to an offset in the sum of \$25,725.00 expended for the purchase of land for the benefit of the Saginaw, Swan Creek and Black River Bands of Chippewa Indians; deny that defendant is entitled to other claimed offsets amounting to \$846.20; and pray that the offsets allowed be limited to the sum of \$25,725.00 and that a final award be entered herein in the amount of \$8,117,608.00. Plaintiffs also filed a motion for entry of final award on July 23, 1973, requesting that the Commission allow offsets to the defendant in the amount of \$25,725.00, and that a final award be entered in favor of the plaintiffs for and on behalf of the Saginaw, Swan Creek and Black River groups or bands of Chippewa Indians in the amount of \$8,117,608.00. The said motion concludes with the statement that: "Attorney for Defendant has authorized Plaintiffs' Attorneys to state that Defendant has no objection to the granting of the foregoing motion."

HAVING CONSIDERED the said amended answer, the plaintiffs' reply thereto, the plaintiffs' motion for entry of final award, of July 23, 1973, the interposing of no objection to that motion by the defendant, and being fully advised in the matter, the Commission concludes as a matter of law that the defendant's aforementioned claimed offset in the amount of \$25,725.00 is properly allowable under the Indian Claims Commission Act, and that a final award should be entered as requested by the plaintiffs, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that defendant be allowed the aforesaid sum of \$25,725.00 as an offset against the aforementioned interlocutory award, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that as a final award the plaintiffs have and recover from the defendant for and on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and the Saginaw, Swan Creek and Black River groups or bands of Chippewa Indians the sum of \$8,117,608.00 in full satisfaction of all claims presented in Docket No. 57.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this day of August 1973.

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Margaret HC Pierce, Commissioner

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