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June 11, 1975

Office of Native American Programs
U. S. Office of Education
Department of HEW
400 Maryland Avenue S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20202

Gentlemen:

This is a letter of proposal to your department for consideration of funding assistance for an extension program of accredited college liberal arts courses which George Fox College has developed in the Eskimo community of Kotzebue in Northwest Alaska, inside the Arctic Circle. I enclose copies of some initial brochures and of the director's annual reports to our Board of Trustees. These will give you an overview of our program.

Our involvement in the Kobuk basin area of Northwest Alaska is at the invitation of church and community leaders among the native people who were concerned to provide opportunities for higher education in the local community. The Friends (Quakers) were instrumental in developing the first mission school for Eskimo children in 1897 and have been actively involved in the welfare of the native people for almost a century. Since George Fox College is the Quaker college of the Pacific Northwest our identity and choice was logical. The Friends Church in Alaska is totally indigenous with all native leadership in all the village churches around the Arctic Circle.

While some courses in religion have been programmed to serve the needs of the church, most of the curriculum during the past three years has been in liberal arts and vocational studies. A strong emphasis has been given to the field of business and economics to meet the needs of a people who are making the transition from subsistence living by hunting and fishing to a moneyed economy. The academic format used has been short-term concentrated courses utilizing qualified personnel from our college faculty going up to Kotzebue for mini-terms of teaching. It is accredited through the college membership in the Northwest Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

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Our initial program began three years ago with a small grant from Title III for education for minority groups. We have been able to continue the extension center by piecing together moneys from some interested individuals, church groups, and modest foundation aid, together with our institutional assistance. But as a private liberal arts institution, George Fox College has not budget funds available for this educational outreach to the Alaskan natives.

Hence we have been searching for funding to make possible the continuation of this college extension program among the Eskimos at Kotzebue, a native village of 2,000 inside the Arctic Circle. Our program is already set up and functional. We have facilities adequate and available for the classes. We have qualified personnel who have proven their effectiveness in this type of educational venture. The response of the native people in the past three years indicates that it is meeting a need in the native community.

While there is economic development in Alaska with the oil discovery and pipeline construction, the natives are still living on a poverty level and would be unable to afford the cost of higher education. Our program is designed to meet the people at the point of their need and to be sensitive to the native concerns and desires in educational programming. Our personnel identify with the people and approach the task of education in the native village with dedication and mission.

Our basic annual budget needs for the Kotzebue Extension Center are itemized as follows:

Administrative supervision, curriculum planning and record keeping	\$5,000
Instructional salaries and stipends	6,500
Transportation (air fare) for instructional personnel	2,400
Per diem field maintenance for instructional personnel	1,500
Printing, mailing, and promotion	800
Total budget for center	<u>\$16,200</u>
Less anticipated student fees	<u>2,450</u>
Annual budget needs	\$13,750

This proposal is for a two-year funding to help establish the program, \$27,500.

Thank you for giving this letter your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

David C. Le Shana
President

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MINIMAL PROGRAM FOR THE KOTZEBUE CENTER 1974-1975

RATIONALE: In lieu of major funding for a full schedule of extension classes at Kotzebue, the following is a suggested skeletal program of courses which could be implemented on a limited budget to keep the program alive.

FOUR-WEEK TERM: Oct 14 - Nov 8. Harold Wilhite, professor

Courses:	BUS 285 PRING OF ACCOUNTING	3 hrs	BUDGET:	
	BUS 285 TAX COMPUTING	2 hrs	Air fare	\$400
			Maintenance	200
			Tchg stipend	1000
				<u>\$1,600</u>

TWO-WEEK TERM: Nov 11 - 22 (Pastors' Short Course) Roy Clark

Courses:	Sp 285 COMMUNICATION (Homil)	2 hrs	BUDGET:	
	Rel 285 BASIC CHR. BELIEF (Hebr)	2hr	Air fare	\$400
			Maintenance	100
				<u>\$500</u>

TWO-WEEK TERM: Dec 2 - 13. Paul Mills, professor

Courses:	Rel 285 PROPHECY	2 hrs	BUDGET:	
	Hst 285 PALESTINE & WORLD HISTORY	2 hrs	Air fare	\$400
			Maintenance	100
			Tchg Stipend	500
				<u>\$1,000</u>

AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAMMED COURSES:

REL 101 LIT OF BIBLE	3 hrs	No cost:
MUS 285 FUND OF MUSIC	2 hrs	Equipment and courses already on hand.

SUMMARY:

1. Total of 18 hrs offered
2. Student fees set at \$15 per hr for credit, and \$10 for audit. (25% increase over last year)
3. Teaching stipend \$250 per week
4. Maintenance allowance \$50 per week.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

Travel	\$1,200
Maintenance	400
Instructional	1,500
Total	<u>\$3,100</u>

Less estimated student fees 600

EXCLUDED:

1. Contingency
2. Institutional overhead
3. Director's salary
4. Instructional materials

TOTAL FUNDING NEEDED \$2,500

Roy P. Clark
Extension Director