

August 29, 2005

Re: Tribal Justice Gatherings

Dear Tribal Leader:

Enclosed please find copies/ Please follow the link below to copies of a draft Executive Summary and Report pertaining to Tribal Justice Systems in Contemporary America. These reports are the result of the input from hundreds of tribal leaders who gathered together in Alaska in April of 2005 and in Washington DC in May of 2005 on justice issues in their communities. We promised at those gatherings to share with the participants the reports from the gatherings and to solicit input from tribal leaders on the publication prior to it being finalized.

Although we attempted to be as specific as possible regarding the comments and recommendations we acknowledge that some comments may have been mistakenly recorded or taken out of context. Please share with us your comments and concerns about this report, as well as any success stories from your communities that can be used to highlight for policy makers the innovative criminal justice models being successfully used in Indian country. Your comments can be sent by e-mail to BJ Jones at jones@law.und.edu and to Carolyn Wilson at cwilson@judges.org, or by fax to BJ Jones at 701-777-2217 or by regular mail to BJ Jones at PO Box 9003, Grand Forks, ND 58202. These drafts are also available on-line at www.tribalresourcecenter.org and comments can also be sent to the Tribal Justice Resource Center at that address.

Readers are invited to make comments to this document for review by the editors and contributors. All submissions and comments must be received by September 16, 2005 and will be accepted only if no rights are reserved by the author of the comment. Attribution of the comment to the author is solely under the discretion of the editor. Do not submit comments unless you agree to these terms.

Thank you for your input and comments.

Sincerely yours

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