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An American Indian planning committee has set three goals for a White House Pre-conference dealing with library services on reservations, Dr. William Demmert, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Indian Education announced today.

Goals for the session to be held next October in Denver are to raise awareness among Indian people of the value of libraries, to help develop a consensus on a long-range plan to improve library services on reservations and to provide an organized Indian contribution to the subsequent White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

The planning committee is composed of thirteen American Indians who have demonstrated concern for Indian library and information services and who represent a cross section of Indian people.

Staff support for the groups is provided through the BIA's Office of Indian Education and the Interior Department's Office of Library and Information Services.

Members of the Committee are: Maxine Edmo (Shoshone-Bannock), Ft. Hall Education Council, Ft. Hall, Idaho; Anthony D. Genia (Ottawa/Choctaw), Minnesota Indian Consortium for Higher Education, Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota; David Gipp (Sioux), Educational and Technical Center, United Tribes of North Dakota, Bismarck, North Dakota; Joseph Hardy (Navajo}, Navajo Small Business Development Corporation, Ft. Defiance, Arizona.

Calvin Issac (Choctaw), Chairman, Choctaw Tribe, Philadelphia, Mississippi; Dr. Cheryl Metoyer (Cherokee), School of Library and Information Science, University of California at Los Angeles; David Risling (Hoopa), Deganawidah-Quetzcoa:tl University Davis, California; Joseph "Bud" Sahmaunt (Kiowa), Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Lotsee Smith (Comanche), College of Education, University of New Mexico.

Pete Soto (Cocopah), Phoenix Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Minerva C. White (Mohawk), Native American Special Services, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York; Marilyn Youngbird (Arikara), Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs, Denver, Colorado: and Virginia H. Mathews (Osage), Chairman of the Pre-Conference, Director of Gaylord Professional Publications, Syracuse, New York.