

TASK FORCE TEN: TERMINATED AND NONFEDERAL
RECOGNIZED INDIANS.

FINAL REPORT TO THE AMERICAN INDIAN POLICY
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SPECIFIC FINDINGS

1. TERMINATED MIXED-BLOODS OF THE UINTAH BAND OF UTES.

The task force, through a hearing held in salt lake city, Utah and Washington D.C.; and correspondence received by numerous individuals, has compiled a massive backlog of information relative to the termination process of mixed-blood uintah Utes.

For the most part, the termination process effecting the mixed-blood portion of the uintah Utes was a highly complex and extensively detailed set of operations, which would have required several teams of federal attorneys and social scientists, a number of years of study and investigation to comprehend the intricate legal and social processes involved. This of course, has not been possible within the restraining financial and time limitations of the task force's life span. Further, the task force is reluctant to recommend any specific legislative action to the commission.

However, the Task Force is quite aware of the high stakes involved: A tribe ravaged and divided by termination, a "recognized" Ute tribe subjugated to an impending "termination," and to further aggravate matters, a reservation rich in vital natural resources, such as Natural Gas, Minerals and Water.

The Task Force recommends further and immediate investigation into the situation on the Uintah-Ouray Reservation, involving BIA mismanagement of the trust assets, and non-ethical and illegal BIA administrative actions throughout each phase of the termination process.

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F. Congress should direct the general accounting office to immediately proceed with full and complete investigation of trust mismanagement of assets of all terminated tribes, in particular the Klamath tribe of Oregon and the terminated Ute Indians of Utah.