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**Statement of Secretary Bruce Babbitt
on the Status of
Indian Gaming Negotiations for Arizona**

In an effort to find a basis for mutual agreement on Indian gaming, I have met separately during the past week with Arizona tribal leaders and Governor Fife Symington.

These discussions have been wide-ranging and constructive and will continue. To aid the process, I have asked the parties to consider the following three principles:

1. Class III Gaming by Tribes would be limited to machines only, as long as the State of Arizona did not sanction any additional form of Class III gaming.
2. Any compromise proposal should be available to all recognized Indian tribes in Arizona
3. Restrictions would be placed on the specific number and location of machines, provided that all tribes would have a minimum quota of 250 machines, with larger tribes entitled to additional allocations.

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