

e. **Discussions Among the Tribal Opponents in Anticipation of the April 28, 1995 Meeting**

Coordination between the Minnesota and Wisconsin tribes opposed to the Hudson application continued throughout the spring. In late March, Lewis Taylor sent a memo to Stanley Crooks inviting MIGA members to an “informal meeting” on March 31 in Eau Claire, hosted by the St. Croix and Ho-Chunk tribes of Wisconsin.²²⁰ The purpose of the meeting, according to Taylor’s memo, was “to develop strategies on ‘killing’ the Hudson project.”²²¹ Although the Minnesota tribal leaders did not attend this meeting, the memo reflects the avowed common goal of the Minnesota and Wisconsin tribes at this time.

On April 6, the Ho-Chunk Nation issued a press release formally opposing the Hudson casino proposal. Echoing MIGA’s view, the press release stated that the Ho-Chunk “oppose the casino because it could cause the uncontrolled expansion of gambling,” leading to the approval of other off-reservation casinos, to the ultimate detriment of “all of Indian gaming.” At this time, Ducheneaux was exchanging information on the Hudson matter with Cindi Broydrick, a lobbyist for the Oneida tribe in Wisconsin. McCarthy was circulating information to MIGA members regarding the recent break-up of the Wisconsin Indian Gaming Association. Kitto, representing the St. Croix, also was giving MIGA regular updates on the activities of the Wisconsin tribes.

During the week of April 18, 1995, the National Indian Gaming Association held its annual conference in Green Bay. The conference was held at the Oneida tribe’s Radisson Hotel,

²²⁰Letter from Lewis Taylor to Stanley Crooks, undated.

²²¹*Id.*