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He is also of the opinion that McCain has not been an honest broker in the area of Indian gaming. He feels if McCain were truly trying to protect tribes from any erosion to Cabazon he would simply not have any hearings on any bills impacting IGRA. Collier believes McCain's agreement to discuss this issue provides an avenue for change.

(Note: After thinking about Collier's ideas, I vigorously disagree with each of them. I will write a separate memo on this matter at your request.)

Jody Raskind, Small Business Administration

We discussed the SBA's Microloan Program. This program was expanded last year to allow Indian tribal governments to participate for the first time. The SBA will begin to accept applicants to the program within the next few months and I will keep you abreast of their progress. During our meeting we learned about the fundamentals of the program and that Oneida would in fact be eligible to participate in the program.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.