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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Foley, as men of the world, we're going to be very frank and direct with each other. At least I'm going to be frank and direct. And I'm going to load the question by the way that I ask it. It is not your expectation that the group that gets this money will be headquartered on a reservation, is it?

SENATOR FOLEY: Senator, the amendment that we adopted last week speaks of a competitive solicitation. I don't know today who will compete for those dollars. I know we said on the record a week or so ago that it was your speculation that I already knew who was going to win the money. And I don't. I honestly don't know who's going to win the money. I don't even know who's going to bid for the money.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let me correct, if I left a misapprehension. I said you have a group in mind.

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes, you did say that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And that group is not located on an Indian reservation, is it?

SENATOR FOLEY: I don't have a group in mind, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then let me ask again the original question. Is it your expectation--I'm not talking about what you know--is it your expectation...let me phrase it like I did. It is not your expectation that this group would be headquartered on a reservation, is it?

SENATOR FOLEY: Senator, I don't know. I honestly don't know who will bid and who will win.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Foley, if that group is not headquartered on an Indian reservation, how is this dissemination to occur so that it will reach the population that Senator Howard has concerns for?

SENATOR FOLEY: That's a good question, Senator. That's a fair question. Because...and Senator Howard and I talked about this.