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NAVAJO JUDGMENT FUND PLAN IS PUBLISHED

A plan for the use of approximately \$500,000 awarded to the Navajo

Tribe by the Indian Claims Commission was published in the Federal Register,

December 23, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

The award represents additional payment for certain reserves of helium-bearing gas.

According to the plan, approved by Congress and made effective

November 17, 1975, the funds will be used for scholarship grants and other
educational purposes as designated by the Navajo Tribal Council.

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