



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES

Chief of Staff

Washington, D.C. 20201

TO: CAROL RASCO

FROM: KEVIN THURM *K. Thurm*

SUBJ: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FTE APPEAL

Per your conversation with the Secretary, attached please find a copy of our appeal letter to Director Panetta concerning FTE numbers for IHS. As I am sure the Secretary told you, we have negotiated a \$125M budget amendment with OMB to restore some of the IHS dollar cut. The FTE waiver is needed in addition to the \$125M. We have pressed a number slightly below 1,000 (800 to 900).

Thanks for your assistance; if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

MAR 23 1994

The Honorable Leon E. Panetta  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Panetta:

I am writing to request your reconsideration of a waiver from personnel reductions in both FY 1994 and FY 1995 for the Indian Health Service (IHS). It has become clear that this Agency will not be able to achieve a reduction of 1,114 FTE without impacting negatively on its ability to provide health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Our proposal is to hold the staffing constant through FY 1995 at the FY 1993 level of 15,441 in order to allow time for negotiations of a longer term strategy with Tribes.

Within this constant FTE level, IHS will need to staff five new and expanded health care facilities, respond to an average annual population growth of 2.5 percent, and continue to strive to bring the level of health care delivered to American Indians and Alaska Natives up to national standards.

We are working to improve the management of the Indian Health Service, especially the administrative resources and structures. Specifically, we are reviewing ways to streamline operations at Headquarters and Area Offices. In addition, IHS continues to increase Tribal involvement in the management of their own health care delivery systems. However, this is a deliberative process which requires the full planning and consultation with Tribes to be successful. The leadership of the Public Health Service, and the IHS, are holding nation-wide meetings with the Tribes on the subject of health care reform. In the course of these meetings, the leadership is also engaging Tribes about increasing their involvement in the provision of health care under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act. We expect positive responses from the Tribes but the time frame will extend beyond FY 1995.

Reaction in Congress to our FY 1995 budget proposal calling for the FTE reductions has been unfavorable and is causing a negative distraction on the debate over the larger issue of health care reform. You were successful last year in gaining Congressional approval to remove the FTE restrictions in appropriations.

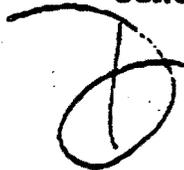
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**I believe that the FTE reductions proposed for FY 1994 and FY 1995 are not consistent with what the Congress intended for the IHS and may lead to renewal of these restrictions...**

**This Administration has affirmed, in our plans to reform the health care system, the special relationship existing between Tribes and the Federal Government concerning the delivery of health care to this special population. Accordingly, I plan to testify about our plans for the IHS, in both the short and the long term, before the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. This is something which no other Secretary of this Department has done in recent times, reflecting my commitment to the health of Indian Peoples.**

**I believe that this waiver is necessary in the short term in order to achieve broader Administration objectives such as Executive Branch control over agency FTE levels and the enactment of the President's health care plan.**

**Sincerely,**



**Donna E. Shalala**

## HHS Full Time Equivalents

	FY 1993			FY 1994	Percent Change From		FY 1995	Percent Change From	
	FY 1992	Baseline *	Actual		FY 1992	Baseline		FY 1992	Baseline
FDA.....	9,133	9,212	9,123	9,370 1/	2.6%	-1.7%	9,693 1/	6.1%	-5.2%
HRSA.....	2,664	2,690	2,678	2,591	-2.7%	-3.7%	2,502	-6.1%	-7.0%
IHS.....	14,677	15,426	15,441	14,787	0.7%	-4.1%	14,327	-2.4%	-7.1%
CDC.....	6,738	6,900	6,984	6,645	-1.4%	-3.7%	6,502	-3.5%	-5.8%
NIH.....	17,326	17,448	17,105	16,804	-3.0%	-3.7%	16,393	-5.4%	-6.0%
SAMHSA.....	687	776	732	748	6.9%	-3.6%	703	2.3%	-5.4%
AHCPR.....	255	287	274	277	6.6%	-3.5%	271	6.3%	-5.6%
OASH.....	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,185</u>	<u>1,119</u>	<u>1,141</u>	<u>6.2%</u>	<u>-3.7%</u>	<u>1,177</u>	<u>9.8%</u>	<u>-0.7%</u>
Subtotal, PHS.....	52,554	53,924	53,456	52,363	-0.4%	-2.9%	51,688	-1.9%	-4.4%
HCFA.....	4,151	4,276	4,241	4,186	0.6%	-2.1%	4,129	-0.6%	-3.4%
SSA.....	66,226	65,408	64,819	64,930 2/	-2.0%	-0.7%	65,232 2/	-1.5%	-0.3%
ACF.....	1,940	1,968	2,007	1,968	1.4%	0.0%	1,983	2.2%	0.8%
AsA.....	184	190	187	189	2.7%	-0.6%	190	3.3%	0.0%
OS.....	<u>4,408</u>	<u>4,187</u>	<u>4,324</u>	<u>4,069</u>	<u>-7.7%</u>	<u>-2.8%</u>	<u>4,054</u>	<u>-8.0%</u>	<u>-3.2%</u>
Total, HHS.....	129,463	128,953	129,034	127,705	-1.4%	-1.7%	127,158	-1.8%	-2.2%

1/ Includes an additional 500 FTE provided to FDA in FY 1994, and an additional 1,000 FTE in FY 1995, as a waiver from the original Streamlining proposal.

2/ Includes an additional 500 FTE provided to SSA in FY 1994, and an additional 1,400 in FY 1995, as a waiver from the original Streamlining proposal.

\* This is the baseline upon which the Streamlining proposal was built.

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# NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN LISTENING CONFERENCE



## PROGRAM

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1994**

**7:00 am - 10:00 pm** Conference Registration-Albuquerque Convention Center  
Albuquerque Convention Center

**6:00 - 9:00 pm** Opening Reception-Albuquerque Zoo  
Sponsored by: City of Albuquerque  
Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO)

The reception is open to all Conference participants, tribal delegations, local organizations and political leaders.

**7:30 pm** Reception Program Begins

**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1994**

**7:00 am** Registration Continues  
Albuquerque Convention Center

**8:00 am** POSTING OF COLORS

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PRAYER

OPENING REMARKS  
Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

INTRODUCTION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller, Cherokee Nation

WELCOME ADDRESS:  
Attorney General Reno

**INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR**  
President, Peterson Zah, Navajo Nation

**WELCOME ADDRESS:**  
Secretary Babbitt

**9:10 am - 12:00 pm** **SESSION 1:**  
**TRIBAL & FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE USE AND MANAGEMENT**  
**OF TRIBAL LAND, WATER, AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Moderator**  
Caleb Shields

**Panel**  
Bob Hendricks  
Pearl Copoeman-Baller

**9:10-10:00** *Tribal Presentations/Dialogue: Tribal and Federal Responsibility for the Use and Management of Tribal Land, Water and Natural Resources*

The Attorney General and the Secretary will listen as a small group of diverse leaders present, from the Tribes' points of view, the major concerns, proposals, and issues arising under this general topic. These participants will be seated with Attorney General Reno and Secretary Babbitt on a stage at the front of the convention floor. The Attorney General and the Secretary may ask questions for clarification of issues or respond to the presentations.

**10:00-11:00** *Table Caucuses*

Conference participants will "caucus" at their tables following the tribal presentations. All participants will discuss, with senior Department decision-makers, their independent views on the given substantive issue. Each table will have a note taker to capture comments generated from the table as part of the Conference's official record.

**11:00-12:00** *Participant Comments*

With the assistance of a Conference Moderator, tribal leaders will be called upon by the Moderator present comments generated through table caucuses to Attorney General Reno and Secretary Babbitt.

**12:00 - 1:00 pm      BOX LUNCH**

Box lunches will be provided for all federal and tribal participants who are asked to stay on the premises for lunch.

**1:00 - 3:15 pm      SESSION 2:  
STATUS OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND TRIBAL COURTS**

**Moderator**  
Gregg Bourland

**Panel**  
Wallace Coffey  
Willie Kasayuli

**1:00-1:45      *Tribal Presentations/Dialogue: Status of Tribal Governments and Tribal Courts***

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**1:45-2:30      *Table Caucuses***

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**2:30-3:10      *Participant Comments***

With the assistance of a Conference Moderator, tribal leaders will present comments generated through the table caucuses to Attorney General Reno and Secretary Babbitt.

**3:10-3:15      *Table Rotation***

A preselected number of tribal leaders will come to the caucus tables of either the Secretary or the Attorney General.

3:15 - 5:30 pm

**SESSION 3:**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION**

**Moderator**  
Peterson Zah

**Panel**  
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**3:15-4:00** *Tribal Presentations/Dialogue: Native American Free Exercise of Religion*

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**4:00-4:45** *Table Caucuses*

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**4:45-5:30** *Participant Comments*

With the assistance of a Conference Moderator, tribal leaders will present comments generated through the table caucuses to Attorney General Reno and Secretary Babbitt.

5:30 - 6:00 pm

**WRAP UP & ADJOURN FOR THE DAY**

**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1994**

*Secretary Cisneros is scheduled to join Attorney General Reno and Secretary Babbitt*

**8:00 - 12:00 am**

**SESSION 4: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND YOUTH AND FAMILY JUSTICE AND INTERVENTION ISSUES**

**8:00-9:00**

*Tribal Presentations/Dialogue: Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement, and Youth and Family Intervention Issues*

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**Moderator**  
Judy Knight-Frank

**Panel**  
Sylvester Listo  
Bill Anocatubby

**9:00-10:30**

*Table Caucuses (on both issues)*

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**10:30-11:30**

*Participant Comments*

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**11:30 - 12:30 pm**

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**12:30 - 3:00 pm**     **SESSION 5:**  
**GAMING**

**Moderator**  
**Rick Hill**

**Panel**  
**Danny Tucker**  
**Billy Cypress**

**12:30-1:15**     ***Tribal Presentations: Gaming***

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**1:15-2:00**     ***Table Caucuses***

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**2:00-2:45**     ***Participant Comments***

With the assistance of a Conference Moderator, tribal leaders will present comments generated through the table caucuses to Attorney General Reno and Secretary Babbitt.

**2:45-3:00 pm**     **CLOSING REMARKS BY:     SECRETARY BABBITT**  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO**

**3:00 pm**     **ADJOURN CONFERENCE**



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Memorandum of \_\_\_\_\_, 1994

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN FINANCE AUTHORITY WORKING GROUP *file*

Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

The National Commission on Indian, Alaska Native, and Hawaiian Housing has proposed the creation of a Native American Finance Authority. The proposed Authority would finance housing for Indians, Alaska Natives, and Hawaiians.

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish a working group, the principal task of which shall be to consider what legislative and administrative actions are needed to ~~implement~~ that recommendation.

In addition to the foregoing task, the working group shall also address the following question: should the Native American Finance Authority <sup>an authority such as the proposed</sup> assume a role in economic development? *accomplish the purposes of*

In order to carry out these objectives, I hereby direct the following: *be established to finance housing and*

1. Establishment.

There is hereby established the Native American Finance Authority Working Group ("Group").

2. Leadership and Membership.

(a) The Group shall be chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(b) The members of the Group shall include one representative to be selected by each of the following heads of an Executive department or agency:

- (1) Secretary of the Treasury;
- (2) Attorney General;
- (3) Secretary of Agriculture;
- (4) Secretary of Interior;
- (5) Secretary of Veterans Affairs;
- (6) Director, Office of Management and Budget;
- (7) Chair, Council of Economic Advisers; and

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- (8) President, Government National Mortgage Corporation.

Departments and agencies shall cooperate with the Group and provide such assistance, information, and advice to the Group as the Group may request, to the extent permitted by law.

(c) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall appoint the following public representatives not later than seven days following the date of this memorandum:

- (1) Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians;
  - (2) Chair, Federal National Mortgage Corporation;
  - (3) Chair, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation;
  - (4) Chair, National American Indian Housing Council;
  - (5) two members of Tribal governments;
  - (6) Chair, National American Indian Housing Council;
- and
- (7) three former members of the National Commission on Indian, Alaska Native, and Hawaiian Housing.

Each public representative may participate in person or through a designee. Each public representative who accepts an appointment shall provide his or her services on a voluntary and uncompensated basis, under section 7(k)(1), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(k)(1)).

### 3. Meetings.

The Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing (or in the absence of the Assistant Secretary, such representative as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall designate) may convene meetings of the Group. The initial meeting of the Group shall be not later than 14 days following the date of this memorandum.

### 4. Objectives.

The Group shall consider what legislative and administrative actions are needed to implement the recommendation to create the Native American Finance Authority.

The Group shall also address the question, should the Native American Finance Agency also assume a role in economic development?

*improve the access of Native America communities  
to capital finance for housing and economic  
development, including how best to accomplish  
the purposes of*

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No later than 60 days after the date of this memorandum, the Group shall report to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development on its accomplishments and recommendations. The report may be in the form of proposed legislation or recommendations, or in any other suitable form or forms. The report may be submitted to the Secretary in parts, during the 60-day period.

**5. Administration.**

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall provide staff and administrative support and services for the Group.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington,

1994.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
OFFICE OF DOMESTIC POLICY

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CAROL H. RASCO  
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL RASCO

FROM:

BRIAN BURKE<sup>BB</sup>

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SUBJECT:

Superfund Tribal Provisions

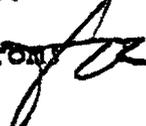
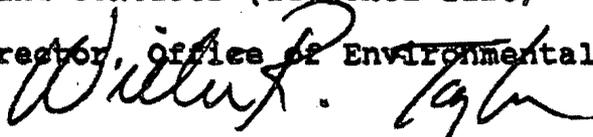
You may recall that the administration's Superfund Bill previously contained a provision to amend section 101(21) of the Superfund law to include "Indian Tribes" within the definition of "person" under the Superfund law. The practical effect of this amendment would have been that Tribal governments and perhaps individual Indian Tribes could have become liable for millions of dollars in response costs and natural resource damages resulting from hazardous substance releases on tribal lands. With your assistance, that provision was removed from the administration's bill and all other tribal provisions were reviewed.

For strategic/tactical purposes (avoiding committee jurisdictional disputes), the tribal provisions were not sent to the Hill as part of the administration Bill. However, we intend to offer the Tribal provisions as floor amendments if Superfund moves out of Representative Swift's subcommittee. In that regard, I have attached for your review the most recent legislative language concerning the Tribal provisions. As the attached DOI memorandum and distribution list reflects, this language has been forwarded to a representative group of the Tribal "Superfund guys" for their comments.

May 9, 1994

FAX

To: Indian Tribal Leaders and Contacts (attached list)

From:  Jonathan P. Deason, Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance 

Subject: Review of Draft Indian Issues that Concern CERCLA Reauthorization

Your review and comment is appreciated on the attached document that articulates the Department of the Interior's ideas that concern Indian issues in the reauthorization of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). These ideas and concepts incorporate the issues and concerns that were raised in the series of outreach meetings, held last fall, with Native Americans.

The White House Domestic Policy Council (WH-DPC) will be considering these issues for potential inclusion in the CERCLA reauthorization bill. Your input and views are invaluable in providing, to the WH-DPC, a fuller understanding and consideration of the Indian issues in the CERCLA reauthorization bill and its impact on the Indian tribes. However, due to the short time frame imposed by the CERCLA reauthorization legislative process, we are requesting your comments back by May 13, 1994. You are requested to fax your comments to the attention of Ms. Connie Kurtz, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, FAX 202/208-6970.

Thank you for your input and cooperation.

Attachments

May 9, 1994

**CERCLA Reauthorization Concerns For Indian Issues**

**Issue: Provide tribes rebuttable presumption of correctness as a trustee under natural resource damage assessment regulations.**

- Amend Sec. 9607(f)(2)(C) by deleting the word "or" that is before the word "State"; add a comma after the word "Federal"; and insert the phrase "or Indian tribe" after the word "State."

**Issue: Tribal compensation for cultural resources damages.**

- Section 101 is amended by inserting a new section 101(47).  
"(47). The term "Indian Cultural Resources" means archeological, historical, and burial sites belonging to, managed by, held in trust by, or controlled by a federally-recognized Indian tribe, or if such resources are subject to a trust restriction on alienation, any member of an Indian tribe."
- Section 107(a)(4) is amended by adding the following new subsection 107(a)(4)(E) following subsection (D):  
"(E) damages for clear and definitive injury to, destruction of or loss of Indian cultural resources, including the reasonable costs of assessing such injury, destruction, or loss resulting from such a release."
- Section 107 is amended by adding a new subsection (o) following subsection (n):  
"(o) INDIAN CULTURAL RESOURCES LIABILITY.--In the case of clear and definitive injury to destruction of, or loss of cultural sites under subparagraph (E) of subsection (a) liability shall be to the Indian tribe for cultural resources belonging to, managed by, or controlled by, such tribe or held in trust for the benefit of such tribe, or belonging to a member of such tribe if such resources are subject to a trust restriction on alienation."

**Issue: Tribes as equivalent to states.**

- Amend Sec. 127 by inserting the term "or Indian tribe" after the word "State" wherever "State" appears throughout this section.

**Issue: Tribal Program Authorization**

- If Sec. 127 is amended by inserting the term "or Indian tribe" after and wherever the word "State" appears, the issue of tribal resources for remediation of response sites will be concurrently addressed.

If Sec. 127 is not included in the reauthorized CERCLA or if Sec. 127 is not amended by inserting the term "or Indian tribe" after the word "State", then DOI will need to develop language pertaining to Indian tribes.

**Issue: Indian sites inventory.**

- Delete existing Sec. 126(c) STUDY and replace with the following:
- "(c) INVENTORY OF SITES ON INDIAN COUNTRY.--The Administrator in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall augment the current inventory required under SARA Sec. 126(c) of hazardous waste sites in Indian Country as defined in 18 USC 1151 with an extended inventory that consolidates the data from other existing sources held by Federal and tribal governments, identifies data gaps, performs investigations to address the information gaps, and completes a comprehensive inventory of hazardous waste sites in Indian Country. Use of the Fund to conduct the extended inventory shall be authorized. This inventory shall be used in conjunction with Sec. 127 to assist Indian tribes in identifying NPL sites in Indian Country.

## TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FAX COVER SHEET

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POTUS speech

THE SOUTH LAWN

APRIL 29, 1994

Thank you very, very much. Chief Wilma Mankiller and to all the other distinguished leaders here today. Let me first welcome you here on behalf of the First Lady and Vice President and Mrs. Gore. All of us are honored by your presence.

I also wanted to especially thank those who have spoken and participated to this point and those who will participate in the remainder of this program. I have listened carefully and learned a lot.

This is, as all of you know, a time of great challenge and transition for our beloved country and for the world. As I travel across this country and talk to the people about the problems that all Americans share, whether it's crime or health care or the economy, I find a concern that goes deeper even in these specific matters.

There is a great yearning in this nation for people to be able to reestablish a sense of community, a sense of oneness, a sense of cooperation, of shared values and spirit. Americans are searching for the chance to come together in friendship, instead of coming apart in anger and distrust. There is a yearning for us to be able to live together so that all of us can live up to our God-given potential and be respected for who and what we are.

It is in that spirit and with great humility I say to the leaders of the first Americans, the American Indian and Alaska Natives, welcome to the White House. Welcome home.

So much of who we are today comes from who you have been for a long time. Long before others came to these shores there were powerful and sophisticated cultures and societies here—yours. Because of your ancestors, democracy existed here long before the Constitution was drafted and ratified.

Just last week, people all around the world celebrated the 24th annual Earth Day. Yet for thousands of years, you have held nature in awe; celebrating the bond between Earth and the Creator. You have reminded people that all of us should make decisions not just for our children and their grandchildren, but for generation upon generation yet to come.

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I believe in your rich heritage and in our common heritage. What you have done to retain your identity, your dignity and your faith in the face of often immeasurable obstacles is profoundly moving—an example of the enduring strength of the human spirit.

We desperately need this lesson now. We must keep faith with you and with that spirit and with the common heritage so many of us cherish. That is what you came to talk to me about, and what I would like to respond to today.

In every relationship between our people, our first principle must be to respect your right to remain who you are, and to live the way you wish to live. And I believe the best way to do that is to acknowledge the unique government-to-government relationship we have enjoyed over time. Today I reaffirm our commitment to self-determination for tribal governments.

I pledge to fulfill the trust obligations of the federal government. I vow to honor and respect tribal sovereignty based upon our unique historic relationship. And I pledge to continue my efforts to protect your right to fully exercise your faith as you wish.

Let me speak for a moment about religious freedom, something precious to you, something deeply enshrined in our Constitution. For many of you traditional religions and ceremonies are the essence of your culture and your very existence. Last year, I was pleased to sign a law that restored certain constitutional protections for those who want to express their faith in this country.

No agenda for religious freedom will be complete until traditional Native American religious practices have received all the protections they deserve. Legislation is needed to protect Native American religious practices threatened by federal action. The Native American free exercise of religion act is long overdue. And I will continue to work closely with you and members of Congress to make sure the law is constitutional and strong. I want it passed so that I can invite you back here and sign it into law in your presence.

And to make certain that you can obtain the ritual symbols of your religious faith, in a moment I will sign a directive to every executive department and agency of government, not just the Department of Interior, instructing them to cooperate with tribal

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governments to accommodate wherever possible the need for eagle feathers in the practice of Native American religions.

This then is our first principle—respecting your values, your religions, your identity and your sovereignty. This brings us to the second principle that should guide our relationship. We must dramatically improve the federal government's relationships with the tribes and become full partners with the tribal nations.

I don't want there to be any mistake about our commitment to a stronger partnership between our people. Therefore, in a moment, I will also sign an historic government directive that requires every executive department and agency of government to take two simple steps: first, to remove all barriers that prevent them from working directly with tribal governments; and second, to make certain that if they take action affecting tribal trust resources, they consult with tribal governments prior to that decision. It is the entire government, not simply the Department of the Interior, that has a trust responsibility with tribal governments. And it is time the entire government recognized and honored that responsibility.

Part of being better partners is also being better listeners. The Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice have never before joined together to listen to the leaders of the Indian nations. It's time to change that. Next week, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, both Attorney General Reno and Secretary Babbitt and many of their sub-Cabinet officials will meet with you for two days at the first National American Indian Listening Conference. I'm looking forward to hearing their specific ideas from the conference on ways to move our nations forward together.

The same applies to the unprecedented series of 23 meetings that the Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Secretary Cisneros, will have with tribal governments by September—to improve housing and living conditions in tribal communities, and to listen to you about how you can take the lead in doing it.

All governments must work better. We must simply be more responsive to the people we serve and to each other. It's the only way we'll be able to do good things with the resources we have. I

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know that you agree with that. More and more of you are moving to assume fuller control of your governments. Many are moving aggressively to take responsibility for operating your own programs. Each year the Bureau of Indian Affairs is providing more technical services and fewer direct services.

One avenue for greater tribal control is through self-governance contracts. There are about 30 self-compacting tribes today. We're working with Congress to raise that number by 20 tribes every year. We'd like self-governance to become a permanent program. But we must ensure services will still be provided to the smaller tribes that do not choose to participate.

What is the goal of a better and more equal partnership, and more empowered tribes and more efficient government? Ultimately it must be to improve the living conditions of those whom we serve. And that must be our third and final principle.

Together we must position American Indians and Alaska Natives to compete economically as we move toward the 21st century. I invited the leaders of every recognized tribe here today. But I'll be the first to acknowledge that not all have been able to join us because they simply don't have the resources to come. And I know well that many of you have come here at great personal sacrifice to yourselves and the members of your tribes. That only underscores the importance of our work.

Let us dedicate ourselves to making certain that the next time we all meet together, conditions will be different and better and all of our brothers and sisters will be able to join us.

We must do more to create jobs, raise incomes and develop capital for new businesses. I know there are more success stories in Indian country every year, but not nearly enough as the people who bore witness to your conditions here today so eloquently said.

Strengthening tribal economies will require new thinking and the courage to change. It will require investing in the health, the education and the skills of American Indians and Alaska Natives, as we must do for all Americans.

To the extent that some of the building blocks can be put in place here in Washington, we are working to do that. Our empow-

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erment zone legislation, for example, contains at your request special new incentives for investing in reservations. This is only part of the solution. We can continue to enforce the regulations of the Community Reinvestment Act, to make sure local banks invest and lend in Indian communities. We've brought more tribal leaders than ever together with bankers to improve mortgage loans, financial services and to cut regulations. We must make these efforts permanent and more effective. And we know a more comprehensive approach is necessary.

At my direction, the Vice President has established a working group on Indian economic development as part of our Community Enterprise Board. I've asked them to study the recommendations from last year's National Indian Economic Summit and to consult fully with you every step of the way. Our goal is clear—to work with you to enhance economic development in every tribe.

I'd like to emphasize that what I have asked them to do in this issue, I asked them to do on all issues. This great, historic meeting today must be the beginning of our new partnership, not the end of it.

I'd like to make a point about economic development that has to do with gaming. As a former governor, I understand some of the concerns that the governors have raised. But as President, I know that gaming gives you a competitive edge when you've had precious few. And the benefits often extend to surrounding communities in full measure. Some of you are now able to invest more in housing and health care and child care and infrastructure in taking care of your elders. I know that gaming is controversial, even among tribes. As many of you has acknowledged, it's also important that tribal governments continue to diversify their economies. Many of you are working with congressional leaders, governors and Secretary Babbitt to resolve tough issues.

My goal is this: I want the tribes to continue to benefit from gaming; and I want current disputes over the 1988 Gaming Regulatory Act to be worked out. I strongly support the process now underway to achieve that goal. But just as with the national economy, we know we can't solve every problem overnight. The impor-

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tant thing is to create policies that give every tribe the chance to have a strong economy in the long run; to develop the will and the consistency to stick with those policies over time; and to keep working and talking together.

Last year, you were kind enough to invite the First Lady to the Indian Health Summit. You asked her to make certain your treaty rights to health care and your rights under the Indian Health Service be preserved and made a part of our health care proposal. Because we work together, and because of you and your input, only one of the health care plans now before the Congress addresses these issues and ensures that tribal members will receive the same high-quality health care as everyone else. That is our plan, thanks to you.

There has been a great deal of debate this year about the budget of the Indian Health Service. It was mentioned earlier. The fact is that we are operating under the tightest spending limits in memory. In our efforts to bring the deficit down, I have recommended the total elimination of 100 programs and cuts in 200 others. And that is contributing to the country's economic revival. But I believe the health needs of tribal communities and families and children clearly require special attention. Therefore, I have amended next year's budget to restore more than \$120 million in funding for the Indian Health Service.

Finally, as we heard so eloquently today, there is in America, across the lines of race and class and region, a profound concern for our children. Too many are poor, or sick or unsupervised. Too many are likely to use violence or be the victims of violence. Too many are unprepared intellectually for life or work. Yet nothing is so striking in tribal communities as your love of family and extended family and your devotion to your children. Every segment of our society could well take a lesson from you.

But in spite of your best efforts, too many of your children also suffer from poor health and inadequate education. And we are trying hard to address these problems. You mentioned Head Start—our budget calls for continued, substantial increases and expansions of the Head Start program, as well as the Women and Infants and Children program.

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Our education plan, called Goals 2000, for the first time sets world-class education standards for every school and all our children, and gives local communities the grass roots support they need to achieve those goals. Goals 2000 contains millions more next year for BIA-funded schools and schools serving Native Alaskans. And these funds cannot be spent until the education goals of your community are considered.

In the 1980s, our nation fell behind many third world countries in the rate at which we immunized children against communicable diseases. I know the Indian Health Service does a good job of immunizing children. Beginning this year, under the Vaccine For Children program, every Indian child—no matter where he or she lives, and regardless of whether they are fortunate enough to live near an IHS facility—will be eligible for free vaccine.

The Great Law of the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy contained this advice: "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decision on the next seven generations." We are stewards, we are caretakers. That standard will keep us great if we have the vision of your forefathers.

As we look back on the American journey, the test ahead is always whether we are moving in the right direction of more tolerance, wider justice and greater opportunity for all. It is the direction that counts, always the direction. And our choices will set that direction.

Of course, as you well know, our history has not always been a proud one. But our future can be, and that is up to us. Together we can open the greatest era of cooperation, understanding and respect among our people ever. I know that we will. And when we do, the judgment of history will be that the President of the United States and the leaders of the sovereign Indian nations met and kept faith with each other and our common heritage, and together lifted our great nations to a new and better place.

Thank you all.

*(The President signs Presidential Directive.)*

*(The President, The Vice President, Mrs. Clinton, and Mrs. Gore and presented with gifts.)*

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Before we go, I wanted to make a brief announcement to thank you, on behalf of the First Lady, The Vice President, Mrs. Gore and our Cabinet for being here and for giving us a chance to be with you, and for the wonderful gifts we have received.

In keeping with a tradition that goes back to the early days of our republic, I want each of you, in leaving, to receive a miniature replica of the Jefferson Indian Peace Medal.

On the front is a picture of our third President, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, and one of the chief architects of our democracy.

When you receive your medal, you will see on the back two hands clasped—one with a cuff showing three stripes and three buttons, the other wearing a bracelet engraved with an eagle. The hands join with the inscription, "Peace and Friendship."

As we pray and as we leave, let us hope that this is the beginning of true peace, true friendship and true progress.

Thank you.

## SUMMARY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 7, 1994

7th Annual Sovereignty Symposium

Tulsa, Oklahoma

### DOJ INDIAN TASK FORCE

Gerald Torres will chair an American Indian Task Force. The Task Force will coordinate the Department's Indian issues, write a Department policy regarding Indian Sovereignty, develop a process for working with tribal governments and courts, among other things.

### U.S. ATTORNEYS

#### 1. AUSA Liaison Reporting System

Appoint a Special Assistant for tribal relations to communicate between the USA offices and tribes.

#### 2. Attorney General Advocacy Institute Courses

Offer courses on Indian law, culture and history.

#### 3. Tribal Social Service Workers

Contract with skilled, Indian social workers to assist USAs and counsel Indians victims of crimes.

#### 4. Cross Designation of Attorneys

Propose guidelines for use of cross-designated tribal attorneys.

### ADDRESSING CRIME

#### 1. Leverage our Resources

Criminal Division and USAs are coordinating to ensure maximum responsiveness to crime victims in Indian country.

#### 2. Anti-Crime Bill's Effect on Indians

We support amendments in the Conference Committee which provide Indians the opportunity to receive a truly fair share of crime bill benefits. Office of Legislative Affairs will ensure that we review legislation for its affect on Indian people.

#### 3. Operation Safe Trails

We should expand this program involving Navajo tribal police, the Arizona U.S. Attorney's Office and the regional FBI.

#### 4. Comprehensive Community Plans

Funding tribal projects to develop comprehensive community crime prevention plans.

### GAMING ACTION PLAN

Issue a Department gaming action policy.

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## FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

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DATE: 21-Mar-94

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TO: RASCO

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STATE, LOCAL AND TRIBAL

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NOTE TO REGULATORY ADVISORS

FROM: DON ARBUCKLE

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE ON FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE, LOCAL AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

This Wednesday, Sally Katzen will be chairing the Administration's second conference under Executive Order 12866 on the Federal government's regulatory partnership with State, local, and tribal governments. You are cordially (if tardily --we apologize) invited. It will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 1994, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place. If you, or a representative from your staff, would like to attend, please notify Ed Springer (395-3562; fax: 395-7285).

The conference will be a round-table, working session to discuss useful ways for Federal agencies to consult with State, local and tribal governments concerning Federal regulations. In particular, the primary topics for discussion will be consultations under Executive Order 12866 concerning nonstatutory unfunded mandates; and the application of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to intergovernmental contacts. If you have questions about the agenda, please contact Sally (395-4852) or Jeff Hill (395-7340).

Thanks.

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DATE: August 11, 1994  
TO: Carol Rasco  
FROM: Mike Schmidt  
RE: April 29 Follow-Up

Here is the "Readers Digest" version of what the agencies and OMB have been doing to follow-up on the President's April 29 meeting with Tribal Leaders. It is only the highlights -- I have more data in my files.

- **Office of Management and Budget.** Acting OMB Director Rivlin met with Tribal leaders to discuss the FY 96 budget process and to listen to Tribal suggestions on ways to improve consultation between the agencies (and OMB) and Tribal governments as the budget process moves forward. At that meeting, it was announced that OMB will for the first time perform a budget "crosscut" of Indian programs across all agencies to inform and assist the Administration during the FY 96 budget process.
- **Department of Interior.** The Department has formed a new Indian Minerals Steering Committee made up of the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Minerals Management Service, to act as a forum to address Tribal mineral concerns and issues facing the three bureaus. The group has been charged with developing stronger government-to-government relationships with the Tribes and to strengthen partnerships with Tribes through self-determination and self-governance. Secretary Babbitt has also created a top-level Working Group consisting of four Assistant Secretaries and the Chief of Staff to review the issues raised during the National American Indian Listening Conference.
- **Department of Justice.** The Attorney General has created an American Indian Task Force to coordinate the Department's Indian issues, write a Department policy regarding Indian Sovereignty, and develop a process for working with tribal governments and courts. The AG has also detailed an Assistant U.S. Attorney to work full time to establish a consulting process between the Department and the Tribes to manage follow-up projects resulting from the National American Indian Listening Conference.
- **Housing and Urban Development.** Secretary Cisneros established a Departmental Native American Policy, which stresses the need to conduct consultation with Tribal leaders before embarking on major policy initiatives, which will govern all activities between HUD and Tribal governments, as well as the broader Indian community. Secretary Cisneros also became the first HUD Secretary to visit Native Alaskan villages when he travelled above the arctic circle to the villages of Kotzebe, Kiana, and Selawik.
- **Health and Human Services.** Assistant Secretary for Health Phil Lee has held three regional meetings on health care reform to solicit the views and input of Tribal leaders. This process culminated with a national summit meeting in May, where

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Secretary Shalala and the heads of all HHS agencies dealing with Indians met together with Tribal leaders to listen to their concerns. Already as a result of this summit, Public Health Service and the Health Care Financing Administration have held meetings with Tribal leaders to resolve Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement issues.

- **Environmental Protection Agency.** Administrator Browner has established a new national Office of Indian Affairs at EPA. This Office will facilitate and coordinate EPA's Tribal environmental policy and program delivery for all major EPA programs. Administrator Browner also signed an Action Memorandum on July 14 requiring the development of Tribal environmental workplans that will address a number of major environmental problems on Tribal lands.
- **Department of Labor.** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is working with the Job Training Partnership Act Indian community on the development of an automated reporting system to facilitate and improve data communications, and also on a pilot electronic network to permit JIPA Indian grantees to communicate with the Department and with each other.
- **Department of Transportation.** The Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, established four university technology transfer centers to serve tribal governments. These centers provide supporting information and guidance to help tribal governments become more active in the planning and development of transportation facilities on tribal lands.
- **Department of Commerce.** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and National Institute of Standards and Technology are consulting with Tribal groups to ensure that construction of a new facility in Boulder, CO, will have no adverse impact on any area of cultural or religious significance.

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*file: Native Americans*

August 19, 1994

Stanley Yazzle, President and  
Leonard N. Begaye, Executive Director  
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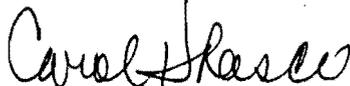
Dear Mr. Yazzle and Mr. Begaye:

The President asked that I respond to your letter on behalf of the Navajo Area School Board Association. We appreciate your kind words of support, and applaud all of the good work that you do for the Navajo Nation. As you know, the President is deeply concerned about the education of all American students. In today's global economy where what you earn depends on what you learn, we cannot afford to leave anyone behind, especially our Native American children who have many unique needs.

The American Indian Listening Conference in May was only a first step in what we hope will be a continuing government-to-government dialogue on important issues that affect Native Americans. Because the Department of Interior and Department of Justice were co-hosting the Conference, it was limited to issues that affect those two agencies. However, your request for an Education Listening Conference has been forwarded to the Department of Education for their consideration and review.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Carol H. Rasco  
Assistant to the President for  
Domestic Policy

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June 7, 1994

The Honorable William Clinton, President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Clinton:

The Navajo Area School Board Association commends the efforts that you have put forth to acknowledge the government-to-government relationships that the United States Government and the Indian Nations have. This was evidenced by the recent White House Indian Leaders meeting and the Listening Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Navajo Area School Board Association believes that the United States Government has a trust responsibility to provide an education to the Navajo and Indian Nations. NASBA believes that education of young Navajo children is a priority along with other critical issues facing our people today. Because of your support of Public Law 103-227, America Goals 2000 we believe that you have a commitment to strengthen Indian education as well as we do

We were disappointed that education was not discussed during the New Mexico Listening Conference, therefore, we are requesting that an "American Indian/Alaskan Native Education Listening Conference" be held in September, 1994 with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Education Secretary Richard Riley, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and the members of the House and Senate Committees on Indian Affairs.

Our Association is prepared to assist you in any way possible to coordinate such a conference.

The Navajo Area School Board Association represents fifty-one (51) bureau-operated schools on the Navajo Reservation educating approximately 15,000 Navajo children. These schools are governed by 258 duly elected school board members from throughout the Navajo Nation.

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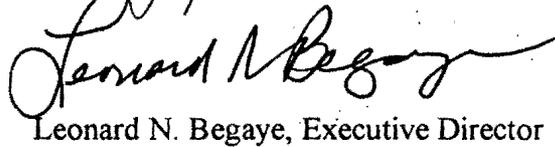
Mr. President, the Navajo Area School Board Association thank you for your attention and consideration of our request. We look forward to an opportunity to share with you and your administration our needs and recommendations on Indian education and to a partnership to improve upon this system for the benefits of our children as well as the Nation.

Thank you.

Sincerely



Stanley Yazzie, President



Leonard N. Begaye, Executive Director

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CAROL H. RASCO

Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

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**DATE: 14 SEPTEMBER 1994**

**TO: CAROL RASCO, ASST. TO PRESIDENT  
ON DOMESTIC POLICY  
ATTN: PAT ROMANI**

**FR.: CHRISTINE RICE  
202-986-4677 tel.  
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**RE: MEETING POSSIBILITY**

# DENNIS J. BANKS OFFICES

12 September, 1994

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are requesting a meeting to discuss the case of Leonard Peltier, a Native American who has been imprisoned for eighteen years for a crime he did not commit, and the possibility of Executive Clemency for him.

The following are those who would attend this discussion:

- Dennis J. Banks, Co-founder of the American Indian Movement
- Lisa Faruolo, Leonard Peltier Defense Committee
- Mrs. Peltier, mother of Leonard Peltier  
(or Eva Booker, aunt of Peltier)
- Christine Rice, Women of All Red Nations
- Alice Lambert-Banks, Mothers of All Colors Caravan

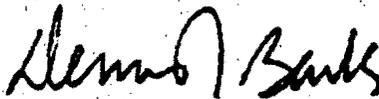
We will be in Washington, DC and available to meet with you October 24th and 25th. You may contact our Washington Coordinator, Christine Rice at 202-986-4677 or fax 202-234-4558 to arrange a date and time.

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*Oct 24*

Respectively,

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Dennis J. Banks  
American Indian Movement

*Oct 25*

*3:00 - LV Summit  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 14, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Carol Rasco *CR*

SUBJECT: Follow-up to the President's April 29 Meeting with Tribal Leaders

As you know, the President is committed to continuing this Administration's efforts to improve its relationship with the leaders of Tribal Nations. He was pleased to read the progress reports on this front that many of you sent to us in August, and we want to thank all of you for the initiatives that your departments have undertaken to follow-up on the President's April 29 Directive reaffirming our special government-to-government relationship with Tribal Nations and our intent to consult with Tribal leaders on programs and policies that affect their Nations.

We would like your assistance in three new steps in our ongoing efforts in following up on the President's historic April 29 meeting. First, in an effort to improve overall coordination of American Indian and Alaska Native policy, the Domestic Policy Council has created a new Working Group on Native American Affairs. Secretary Babbitt, who is chairing this group, recently sent a letter to you asking that you identify the appropriate persons in your agency, at the Assistant Secretary level or higher, who can serve as representatives on this new Working Group. Please make sure that those names are sent in to the Department of Interior as soon as possible. We would like to begin holding regular Working Group meetings beginning in early January.

The second issue involves your agency's participation in the Community Enterprise Board Subcommittee on Indian Economic Development. As you know, this interagency group was formed in March of this year to coordinate existing Federal efforts to foster economic development opportunities in Indian Country, and to work with Tribal leaders to develop new economic development initiatives. The group is co-chaired by Ada Deer, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Bob Nash, Undersecretary for Rural Development. The Subcommittee, which has focused its efforts to this point on a specific Native American Financing proposal, is now eager to re-energize and take a more active role in promoting economic development in Indian Country. Please help support this effort by making sure that a policy-level representative (or representatives) from your agency is

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Carol Rasco

SUBJECT: Follow-up to the President's April 29 Meeting with Tribal Leaders

As you know, the President is committed to continuing this Administration's efforts to improve its relationship with the leaders of Tribal Nations. He was pleased to read the progress reports on this front that many of you sent to us in August, and we want to thank all of you for the initiatives that your departments have undertaken to follow-up on the President's April 29 Directive reaffirming our special government-to-government relationship with Tribal Nations and our intent to consult with Tribal leaders on programs and policies that affect their Nations.

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