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October 14, 1976

NOTE FOR COMMISSIONER THOMPSON

The grant part of this request is, I now realize, a matter for BIA attention. Has Mr. Driving Hawk applied for these grant funds and if so what is the status of the application?

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Special Assistant to the President

From:

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Subject:

Rosebud Sioux request for \$5 million, land

purchase; \$3 million, TLE Certificates

On receipt of your October 14 note, we talked with our Aberdeen Area people and find that there is no record of receipt of the subject request from the Rosebud Sioux. We believe they are referring to efforts in obtaining a loan, rather than a grant. And, since BIA grants under the Indian Financing Act cannot be made for land purchases, it is doubtful that the application would be made to our Bureau. However, if the Tribe is referring to a loan, you were correct in sending their request to the Farmers Home Administration. FmHA has a program for making land purchase loans to tribes to acquire land within their reservations.

In any event, the local BIA people at Rosebud (George Keller, Superintendent), would be glad to help them prepare the necessary applications in applying to FmHA for a loan. You may want to suggest to them that they follow this route to get the matter back on the track.

Attachment:

Your correspondence returned



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