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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Brad Patterson

FROM: Bobbie Kilberg

For your information XX

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Remarks:

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. TED MARRS

FROM: BOBBIE GREENE KILBERG *Bobbie*

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Visit to All Indian Pueblo Council at Taos and to the Navajo Nation at Window Rock

While I am very enthusiastic about a Presidential visit to an Indian reservation, I have a few thoughts that I would like to share with you:

(1) During the Nixon Administration, a lot of attention was focused both on Taos Pueblo and on the Navajo; and the broader Indian community often has criticized Washington for concentrating its attention on the large and/or southwestern tribes. Also, Navajo Chairman, Peter MacDonald, a Republican, publicly has joined Sargent Shriver's Presidential Committee. It should be noted, however, that MacDonald's rejection of the Republican Party, in my opinion, is due to the exceedingly bad treatment which he received from the Republican Party of Arizona and from Vice President Agnew, towards the end of his term. Taking all this into account, consideration might be given to a visit to a smaller, northern tribe, such as Colville, where progressive development is taking place.

(2) The term "Indian Message" is a signal to the Indian community to expect a new statement of policy initiatives in the legislative and executive areas. Two concerns about this: (a) I do not think we could produce such a statement by September 30; and (b) I do not feel that we have achieved our present objectives and believe we should do so before moving out further in new directions. I would prefer the President to make an informal speech in which he honestly assessed both the progress we have made to date and the obstacles we have encountered, and in which he avoided making any new promises. I think the Indian community would respect such a speech and the President's honesty in delivering it.



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(3) Cabinet participation: I think we should include Labor, DOT, HUD, Agriculture, EPA and FEA, in addition to the Cabinet members you mentioned (Interior, HEW and Justice). Both reservation and non-reservation Indian communities are rapidly discovering that programs which affect them are controlled by a wide range of departments and agencies, and we should encourage broader Indian contact by those departments and agencies.

cc: Jim Cannon

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL for
The President

DATE: July 30, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE FROM: Theodore C. Marrs *JCM*

WASHINGTON

THRU: William J. Baroody, Jr.

VIA: Warren S. Rustand

MEETING: Address the Taos Pueblo Council and the All Indian Pueblo Council at the San Geronimo Fiestas in Taos Pueblo, New Mexico.

A concurrent visit to the Navajo Indian reservation at Window Rock, Arizona.

DATE: September 30, 1975.

PURPOSE: To allow the President to visit the Taos Pueblo Council and the All Indian Pueblo Council representing approximately 40,000 Pueblo Indians of New Mexico - and to visit with the leadership of the Navajo Nation representing approximately 140,000 members of the Navajo Tribe - to present an "Indian Message" stating policy now being developed.

FORMAT: - location: Taos Pueblo, New Mexico, and Window Rock, Arizona
- participants: Leadership and members of the Taos Pueblo Council, the All Indian Pueblo Council, and the Navajo Nation.
- expected length of participation: Approximately 30 minutes at each of the visits.

CABINET PARTICIPATION: The Secretary of the Interior, The Secretary of HEW, and The Attorney General will have an interest in this event.

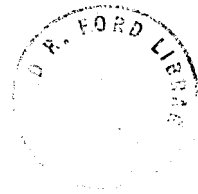
SPEECH MATERIAL: To be provided by Paul Theis' office.

PRESS COVERAGE: Full press coverage.

STAFF: Theodore C. Marrs

RECOMMEND: William J. Baroody, Jr.
James M. Cannon, III
Barbara Kilberg

OPPOSED: None.



PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: None.

BACKGROUND:

The San Geronimo Fiestas in Taos Pueblo, New Mexico, will be commemorating the official feast day of the Taos Pueblo Indians. The Pueblo Indians, numbering approximately 40,000, are considered by many to be the backbone of Indian culture and tradition.

The All Indian Pueblo Council represents a significant and progressive Indian group, having made significant progress during this administration in response to Federal programs. It has been generally supportive of administration policies.

The Navajo tribe is the largest in the United States and has the largest land base. The Navajo Indians are frustrated at this time, because they feel that the initiatives taken by the Navajo Tribal Council have not been recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They want to develop their water rights and their land and mineral resources and feel that the President's Message in 1970 on Indian Self Determination and certain legislation have given them the right to self government, which they feel is being denied by the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In meeting with these groups the President will demonstrate his sincere concern about the welfare of all of the American Indian tribes. The visits will provide two excellent forums for the President to speak concerning his interest in Indian culture, aspirations, and needs for economic independence and self determination.

These visits will be the first of a President of the United States to an Indian reservation and will encourage the entire Indian population of the nation. The visits will also counteract some of the unfavorable publicity recently generated concerning Indian-Federal Government relations.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: TED MARRS
DICK PARSONS
BOBBIE KILBERG

FROM: SUSAN PORTER

Although the attached invitation is for Mrs. Ford, Jack Ford has expressed some interest. May I have your comments on Jack's attending the 19th American Indian Seminar on Scouting to be held in Browning, Montana in August?

Thank you.



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THE BLACKFEET TRIBE

OF THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION

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June 1, 1976

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Mrs. Betty Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Ford:

The Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation is very honored this year to host the 19th American Indian Seminar on Scouting. This Seminar will be held at Browning, Montana from August 8 to August 12, 1976. As you can see from the enclosed brochures, Browning is the geographic center of the Blackfeet Reservation.

The Blackfeet Tribe will be very honored by your presence at this Seminar because of your long-standing interest in Scouting and the Executive position which you now hold in the Scouting organizations. The Blackfeet Tribe has followed your intense interest in the youth of this Country and we feel that it would be very fitting for you to appear and encourage the Indian youth of this Country to develop and foster the many fine ideals taught by Scouting.


The Seminar on Indian Scouting is, of course, an annual affair and is very important to the Indian Scouting leaders throughout the Country. The Blackfeet Tribe has been very fortunate over the past years to have had several of its prominent members totally involved in the fine attributes of scouting. One of these gentlemen, the late Francis X. Guardipee, was honored by the National Scouting Association and by the Blackfeet Tribe for his many years of devoted service to the overall concept of scouting throughout this land. I personally have had a life-long interest in scouting and have had the good fortune to attend the World Jamboree which was held in France. Our Tribal Business Council has encouraged scouting on this Reservation for many years and have, for approximately twenty years, donated a large portion of one of our beautiful mountain lakes to the Boy Scouts of America for their annual festivities.

We will be most happy to provide additional information on airline schedules and accommodations for your stay. Any further information which



your Staff may require will be quickly provided by my office. Again, this Reservation and Indian Scouting Leaders throughout the Country will be very honored by your presence at this Seminar.

With Warmest Regards,



Earl Old Person,
Chairman
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

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August 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM NICHOLSON
VIA: WILLIAM BAROODY
FROM: BRADLEY H. PATTERSON, JR.
SUBJECT: Invitation to the President to
Address the National Indian
Education Association Meeting
in Albuquerque

I am not very high on his accepting this invitation. Education is a field in Indian-Federal relations which has been very prickly, with confrontations in the recent past (some in the courts) between the Indian Education community and the White House.

It is my understanding that the President has been invited to attend the Crow Festival in Montana on August 20, and it is also my understanding that Ted Marrs has long been hoping that President Ford would be the first President in recent history to visit an Indian reservation while in office. (Quite a few thousands of Indian reservation people from many tribes will be there, I am told.)

Commissioner Thompson and I agree that the Crow Festival on August 20 would be the best event for such a visit; if the President is in that part of the country around that time, all the more so.

I would put my eggs in this basket rather than the event in Albuquerque.



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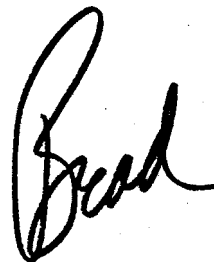
Personal

September 17, 1976

NOTE TO COMMISSIONER THOMPSON

I clipped this from TALKING LEAF.

Are there any others on here
(besides Laguna which we know about) to
which you would recommend that any member
of the First Family try to go?

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beard".

of Events

rodeo. Ignacio, Colorado.

September 12-15 -- Indian Fair, arts and crafts. Whiteriver, Arizona.

September 14-16 -- Annual Stone Lake Jicarilla Apache Fiesta. Dulce, New Mexico.

September 16-19 -- Second annual Men's NIAA National Fastpitch Championships in Gallup, New Mexico. For more information please call or write to (602) 729-2645 or write Tony Davis, P.O. Box 846, Ft. Defiance, Arizona 86504.

September 19 -- Harvest dance and other various dances. St. Joseph's Fiesta. Laguna, Old Laguna Village, New Mexico. For more information write or call Laguna Pueblo Council, P.O. Box 194, Laguna, New Mexico 87026 or (505) 243-3716.

September 24-26 -- Osage Indian Day Celebration, tribal dances. Hominy, Oklahoma.

September 26 -- Annual Indian Day Picnic at Sycamore Grove Park, 4702 Figueroa St. in Highland Park, California near the Southwest Museum. Hours are 9 a.m. to sunset. For more information call the Indian Center at 747-9521.

September 23-26 -- Colorado River Indian Tribes will have the Irataba Society's Fourth Annual National Indian Day Celebration, Parker, Arizona. For more information call Veronica Murdock, Bus. (213) 669-9211 or home (213) 669-2048.

September 24-26 -- Citizens workshop for rural and reservation Indians of California sponsored by Native American Training Assoc. in cooperation with National Committee for Citizens in

Education. At Lode Star Ranch, near Wilseyville, Calif., in the Sierra Foothills southeast of Sacramento. For information, call Greg Villegas collect at 916-446-1201 or write 4200 14th St., Sacramento, Calif. 95817.

September 26-28 -- Shoshone-Bannock "Indian Day," war dances, Indian games, all Indian rodeo, at Fort Hall, Idaho.

September 25-26 -- San Geronimo Eve, Vespers at San Jerome Chapel and Sundown dance. For more information write or call Taos Pueblo Council, P.O. Box 1848, Taos, New Mexico 87571 or (505) 758-4156.

September 30 -- Fiesta of San Geronimo, Trade Fair, Relay races, pole climbing by Koshares, dances. For more information write or call Taos Pueblo Council, P.O. Box 1848, Taos, New Mexico 87571 or (505) 758-4156.

October 1-7 -- Feast of St. Francis by the Papago tribe at Sells, Papago Reservation, Arizona.

October 1 -- 1st weekend, Chief Joseph Memorial Dance. Harlem, Montana.

October 2 -- Little Big Horn Pow Wow at Eagle Rock Recreation Center, 1100 Eagle Vista Drive, 7:30 p.m. to 11 a.m.

October 4 -- Elk and other dances, annual fiesta at Santa Fe, New Mexico. For more information write or call the Nambe Pueblo Council, Route 1, Box 125, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 or (505) 455-7692.

October 8-10 -- Howard Chatt's American Indian & Western Relic Show, Great Western Exhibit Center, Los Angeles, California. For more information call (213) 777-7072 or (213) 766-8202.

--Compiled by Hope Montoya



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 4, 1976

NOTE TO SUE PORTER

Two questions:

1. Do you have any further information about the possibility of a member of the First Family coming by the National Congress of American Indians conference in Salt Lake City on October 20?

(The President signed the Indian Health Bill; it will be a happy time there, in general.)

2. Would any member of the First Family be free here at the White House on October 27, 28 or 29 (27th AM preferred) to say hello at the first meeting of the newly appointed members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (see release)?



Brad