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November 1, 1976

Dear Miss Goodenough:

This is in response to your letter to the President concerning the problems of American Indians.

I assure you that the President is very seriously concerned with the welfare of the Native Americans, and has been very actively involved in efforts to improve their situation. In November, 1975 he met with Chief Fools Crow and eight other traditional chiefs of the Oglala Sioux Tribe from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The nine chiefs met for approximately four hours with White House Staff members and representatives of the Justice Department and the American Arbitration Association, in a review and discussion of the economic and social conditions on Pine Ridge.

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Of course there is more to be done, but at last we are moving in the right direction, with the President's firm support.

Thank you again for writing the President and for letting him know of your own convictions.

Cordially,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Karen Goodenough
15315 Country Ridge
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

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November 1, 1976

Dear Mr. Tipton:

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Mr. Charles A. Tipton
135 North Bend Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21229

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 1, 1976

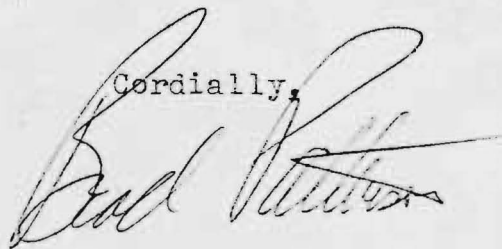
Dear Mr. Socoby,

As I mentioned during our telephone conversation, I did look into the ONAP/BIA transfer and find that there was a careful agreement between the two agencies, and that there were some good reasons for the switch.

Enclosed is a copy of the interagency agreement.

I hope this answers some of the questions you had.

Cordially,



Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.



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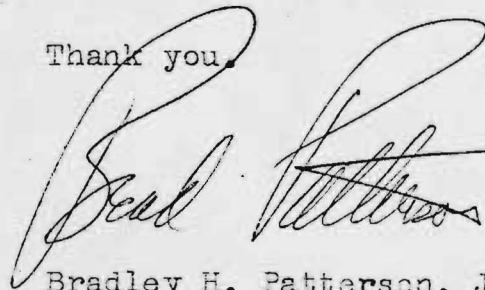
November 2, 1976

NOTE FOR THE AREA DIRECTOR
MUSKOGEE AREA

I have acknowledged Mrs. Rich's
letter by telephone.

Kindly send her a follow-up
communication (with a copy to me). I did
not know whether rolls such as the Cherokee
and Choctaw could be opened up, once
closed.

Thank you.



Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.





Newly Rich 738 S 2nd St
405-924-5820 Durant, Okla. 74701
October 21, 1976

Dear Mr. Ford, ^{self}

^{neighbor}

It has been for my mind for many moons to write and ask you to open up the Cherokee and Choctaw rolls. As a welfare you dont want to help us Indians down here. They will not let me have Food Stamps because I am in the house with my son. I am under a doctors care my doctor is Robert Engles here in Durant. He is at Durant Clinic. My son put in 22 years in the Air Force. They discharged him because of Cancer. They operated on him. They wont let him draw his social security. He draws a little pension from the government. I draw a social security check from my dead husband. Food is so high that we cant hardly buy anything with what money we draw.

What is the matter, why cant you do something about the high food prices.

One old lady told me she couldnt afford to buy any meat on what she is drawing from the welfare.

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I dont know what her name is
 I was talking to her in the grocery
 store. I asked her why she was buying
 Cat food. She said she was going to
 eat it because it had meat in
 it. That's why I'm asking you to
 open up Cherokee and Choctaw rolls
 so that we can get some land
 and move on it so that we can
 raise our own food because it is
 so high that we can't buy it. There
 is a lot of land laying out that
 the Indians here in Oklahoma should
 have. It belongs to us but we can't
 get it because we haven't enrolled it.
 I'd appreciate it if you would open
 up rolls so we can enroll and get
 on it. So that we can get on the
 Cherokee and Choctaw rolls so that
 we won't have to be beggars at the
 welfare office. We don't like to be
 turned down for food.

I will close thanking you very
 much for your time.

Sincerely yours,
 Mary E. Lick

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1976

Note to Ted Krenzke

This gent is obviously
an adherent of ~~the~~ Bruce Townsend faction
of the Delawares.

Would you kindly send him
a follow-up response (with a copy to me)?

I acknowledged his letter
with a phone call yesterday but could not
(and would not) get into the substance
of his complaint, since you are handling it
directly.

Thank you, Ted.



919-967-3773

109 Cathy Road
Carrboro, N.C. 27510
Oct. 10, 1976

Mr. Gerald Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

BP
I am a fellow at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, and a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. I am writing to you about a matter which is of great concern to not only my own tribe, but to all Indian people. The matter of which I speak is the way in which the BIA interferes with the affairs of Indian people.

Specifically, the BIA has seldom truly worked for Indians. Rather, it has passively or actively fomented factionalism within and between tribes, resulting not in progress, but rather in damage to tribes, their governments, and their people. I cite as an example the Muskogee, Okla., office of the BIA, which has chronically sided with one faction of my tribe against another, fanning the flames of an internal "civil war". In addition, that office recently very nearly succeeded in disenfranchising the voting rights of the majority of my tribe, by supporting a move to unseat the popularly elected officials of the tribe, without another popular election. It is true that this did not violate the letter of tribal bylaws in itself, as Mr. Butler of the Washington BIA office has deftly pointed out in his letter to me of Sept. 27, 1976. However, there was indeed fraudulent activity leading up to the episode in question, which was supported by the BIA Muskogee office (and Washington office). In addition, the spirit of the bylaws was definitely violated. Most (95%) of the tribe would have been disenfranchised in effect by the BIA's alignment with a few tribal members (who, by coincidence I am sure, have close connections at the Muskogee office). The fact that there is a great deal of money at stake, which could have benefited a few, instead of the entire tribe (as a result of the disenfranchisement), is also a coincidence, I feel certain.

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*Acknowledged
by phone
11/1/76*

100 West Main
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73101

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President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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all Indians, and I feel sure to your administration. I would ask that you do your utmost to insure the total reorganization of that body. Among other necessary changes, which are many, I am listing several below:

1. The BIA should not have the power to directly or indirectly disrupt or usurp tribal governments.
2. BIA officials should answer to the people they serve, not lord over them.
3. The BIA should not be allowed to (in effect) disenfranchise the majority of a tribe.
4. The BIA at all levels should be reviewed frequently to be sure that family ties, monetary gain, or other such forces ~~is~~ ^{ARE} not influencing policy or actions.
5. There should be strict limits placed on any BIA activity which has the effect of supporting one faction of a tribe against another, or one tribe against another.
6. Accountability in tribal government (a very important issue in itself) should not be a part of the BIA's mandate. Perhaps this vital function should be served by a federal agency, but not the BIA as currently constructed.

There is much to be done to right the wrongs of history. But more importantly there is much to be done to right current wrongs. The BIA was originally formed to be sure that the Indian stayed "in his place". Although the words of BIA policy may have been changed to include such phrases as "self determination", in actuality the BIA's mission (as measured by actions) has not changed in one hundred years.

I hope that you will use your influence to help remove this embarrassing and destructive aspect of your administration. The BIA is in name, policy, actions, and personnel, a glaring symbol of one of the darkest periods in our nation's history. Nothing less than a total razing and rebuilding will produce an edifice which will truly potentiate Indians. Anything less will merely perpetuate an agency, a system, and a philosophy which hastens the slow, cruel destruction of the Indian people.

Respectfully yours,

James W. Thompson
James W. Thompson, M.D.

cc: Mr. Kleppe, Secretary of the Interior



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 5, 1976

Dear Mr. Big Bow --

These are sent with the
President's best regards and appreciation.



Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.



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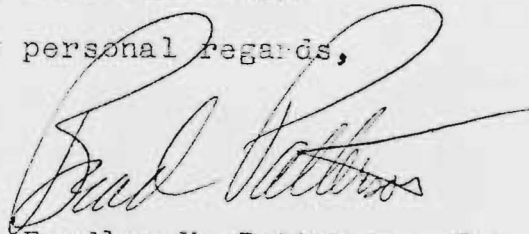
November 5, 1976

Dear Governor Garcia,

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 14 and to apologize for the delay in responding.

I checked into that ONAP/BIA fund transfer, and find that the two agencies have worked this out very carefully so that the funds will really be used carefully and more effectively. ONAP's acting head, Mr. Mastrapasqua, recently wrote to LaDonna Harris explaining the rationale of this transfer, and I think the letter also answers your own inquiry. I enclose a copy.

With best personal regards,



Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.



November 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: JAMES M. CANNON

FROM: BRADLEY H. PATTERSON, JR.
GEORGE W. HUMPHREYS

SUBJECT: Governor Longley's Inquiry re the
Passamaquoddy/Penobscot Case

Governor Longley of Maine met with you recently and asked you to look into this matter; you told him you would do so.

The Passamaquoddy Indian Tribal Council won a Federal Court decision from Judge Gignoux at the beginning of 1975 declaring that the United States has a trust responsibility to the Tribe and declaring that the Tribe is in fact covered by the terms of the 1790 Nonintercourse Act (25 USC 177) which forbids the conveyance of Indian land without the consent of the United States. This decision was affirmed by the First Circuit Court of Appeals on December 23, 1975.

The chain of effects from that decision is:

- The land conveyances in the treaties of 1794 and 1818 between Maine (then Massachusetts) and the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Indians respectively, wherein the Indians gave up some 2,000,000 and 10,000,000 acres respectively of their aboriginal lands may well be void, since the United States was not a party to these treaties nor were they ever ratified by the Senate.
- This in turn puts a cloud over the ownerships and titles in those 12,000,000 acres -- which amounts to 60% of the State of Maine.



- Because of this cloud, bond attorneys have advised clients not to buy State of Maine construction bonds, and a \$27 million sale of same has been held up.
- Tax anticipation bonds (from real estate taxes) for the operating expenses of Maine towns and counties will probably suffer the same fate as of next January. This will hurt some of those communities.
- The Federal Government, now as Trustee for the Indians, has in the Circuit Court's words "the duty to investigate and take such action as may be warranted in the circumstances." This may well mean pursuing or expanding (to other property-owning defendants) two protective lawsuits filed some time ago against Maine on behalf of the tribes by Justice at the insistence of the Court.
- Judge Gignoux has set back a November 15 deadline to January 15, 1977 for the Federal Government to come into his court and tell him what they are going to do to discharge their trusteeship obligation. Much research must be done to put any expanded suits in final form before a July, 1977 expiration of the Statute of Limitations for all Indian claims for trespass damages.

The State Attorney General continues to call the Indians' claim "preposterous," "frivolous" and "without merit"; the Maine Congressional delegation introduced a bill to repeal the Nonintercourse Act and has more recently washed its hands of the matter claiming that it is a problem for the Courts.

The Indians have long been ready to talk about a comprehensive settlement package but the State has shown little interest.

Actions Now Being Taken:

Solicitor Austin of Interior is sending a letter to the Maine Deputy Attorney General, transmitting documents showing the strength of the case and inviting his input and comment.



Secretary Kleppe is responding to a letter he has received from Governor Longley, will refer to Mr. Austin's invitation to the State Deputy Attorney General, and will also refer to the Governor's visit with you -- by saying that "The President has asked me to look into this matter." We and Mr. Buchen believe that this discharges your obligation to Governor Longley and keeps the matter at the proper arm's length from the White House.

The Future:

After receiving input from both the Indians and the State, Interior will send its Litigation Report to Justice -- i.e., the formal request for definitive or expanded lawsuits.

The Litigation Report will then be made available to the Indians and the State and further comments will be invited.

These comments may point to a possible overall settlement, such as a "Maine Native Claims Settlement Act" by the Congress (as an alternative to months if not years of claims litigation.)

Justice will inform Judge Gignoux of the steps taken so far.

Mr. Carter, then as President, will have to make the final judgment about what kind of lawsuits or a legislative package to support.



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bcc: Mr. Buchen

November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Murphy:

It is a pleasure for me to respond to your invitation of November 1 concerning the candidacy of Mr. Frederick D. McClure for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Mr. McClure was selected as a White House Summer Intern (one of 37 out of 1100 applicants) and worked in my office during the summer of 1975; I got to know him well.

Fred's professional competence was outstanding; the assignments he was given were completed with excellence and dispatch.

Then some unusual requests came his way. One day the President was about to meet with the group of the Presidential Scholars, very talented High School graduates especially selected from around the country. Remarks had been drafted for the President by one of the professional speech-writers here; they were considered inadequate. Fred was called in and with minutes ticking away produced a superb draft which the President delivered without changing a word. Fred knew precisely what the proper combination was of serious substantive and inspirational content for America's leading young people in these times. He was then often called on again under similar circumstances and prepared some 6-8 speeches for the President during that summer, all against demanding deadlines and after earlier drafts of others had been judged to fall short of what was needed. One of these speeches was to a Future Farmers of America group itself -- with which of course Fred has been closely associated.

Through the strength and the very pleasing nature of his personality, Fred became, in fact, the informal leader of the White House intern group that summer. His leadership role was combined with an earnest personal concern for individual interns; he counselled several of them on occasion, since some were young people in a big city far from home. Fred organized the interns' softball team -- which played against similar teams from other agencies and Congressional offices.



To those above him -- senior and busy people at the White House -- Fred was businesslike, professional and a top-performer. To those among his peers he was a leader but friendly, energetic, and keenly sympathetic.

I have consulted with several colleagues here about your inquiry, and I can report to you that all of those who knew and worked with Fred consider him to be one of America's most outstanding and talented young people, and a potential leader of great numbers of his fellow-citizens.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.
Assistant Director
Presidential Personnel Office



Mr. Ewell E. Murphy, Jr.
Secretary of the Committee on Selection
for Texas
Rhodes Scholarships
3000 One Shell Plaza
Houston, Texas 77002

BHP:pp

November 17, 1976

Dear Ms. Bowen:

Thank you for your letter of October 22, 1976, to the President. We are proud of the changes which have been made in the past six years on behalf of Indian people.

The Navajo situation of which you speak is an unusual and difficult set of circumstances. The Hopis, whose reservation is surrounded by the Navajo area, won a court case some years back and the Congress then passed a special law mandating division of lands with the Hopis and requiring livestock reduction to preserve the land from heavy overgrazing. The Executive Branch of course must carry out the instructions of the Congress and of the Courts. There is a special Commission which was set up in the law and which is charged with overseeing the resolution of this tangled issue.

Mediation and arbitration were given every chance, but the dispute couldn't be settled by these means, so the Congress specified the terms of settlement.

If you should desire more details about this long and complicated case, please let me know, and I will put you in touch with the experts in the Department of Interior who are working with it.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Ms. Alice S. Bowen
19025 Woodbine
Detroit, Michigan 48219



P.S. I tried to reach you on the telephone but couldn't find your number.

November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Greenfeather:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 11 about the Community Health Representative problem which you discussed. I tried to call you on the phone but could not find your number.

I am sending your letter directly to Dr. Emery Johnson who is Director of the Indian Health Service and am asking him to make sure you have an answer directly from his office.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. James I. Greenfeather
Chief, Eastern Shawnee Tribe
of Oklahoma
27 "F" S.E.
Miami, Oklahoma 74354



cc Dr. Emery Johnson
Director, Indian Health Service
Parklawn Bldg., Rockville

HEW
w/cc incoming
for further response
w/cc to B.H.Patterson, Jr.
White House

November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Hart:

Thank you for your letter to the President, and I apologize for the delay in responding.

The President recently issued the attached statement about his policies for Indian people, and I believe it is responsive to the questions set forth by your Board of Directors.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Lawrence Hart
President
Oklahoma Indian Rights Association
555 East Constitution
Norman, Oklahoma 73037

Enclosure



November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Harquail:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter about Indian policy. I apologize for the delay in responding; in fact I tried to telephone you the other day but could not find your number.

The President issued a statement about his policies with respect to Indian affairs, and I enclose a copy. We have really made many, many changes in the past six years and are proud of the new support and benefits which Indian people can now enjoy.

Please let me know if you have any other questions which I can help answer. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Alexander Harquail
R.R. #1 Box 83
Kerhonkson, New York 12446

Enclosure



November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Casler:

Thank you for your letter to the President dated October 28, 1976, about the Havasupai Indians.

It is my impression that this matter has been resolved amicably, but I am asking the proper officials of the Department of Interior to recheck and to respond to you directly.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Lawrence Casler
65 Woodland Road
Pittsford, New York 14534



cc to Ted Krenzke
~~Acting~~ Commission
Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Department of Interior
w/cc incoming for further response w/cc to
Bradley H. Patterson, Jr. (White House)

November 17, 1976

Dear Friends:

This is in response to your recent communication concerning the Cushman Hospital in Tacoma, Washington.

On October 30, 1976, Deputy Under Secretary Dennis Ickes from the Department of the Interior and Regional Director Bernard Kelly of HEW in Seattle, Washington, joined in an agreement with the Puyallup Tribe and the State of Washington to return the facility known as Cushman Hospital to the Puyallup Tribe. The means by which this will be accomplished will be attendant upon the outcome of a legal review of the deeds of conveyance from the Tribe to the United States and from the United States to the State of Washington. Nonetheless, the United States is committed to seeking the return of the facility in trust to the United States on behalf of the Puyallup Tribe. In addition, arrangements were made to have the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare review the land at the hospital to determine if any such lands have been utilized by the State of Washington as required by the terms of the deed of conveyance in 1961. A review of the land use by HEW was performed on October 29 and 30 and the decision was made by HEW to seek the reversion of six to eight acres of the hospital facility area in the immediate future. These agreements and arrangements have been entered into in writing by the State, Tribe and Federal agencies. I am confident that with appropriate follow-through by the relevant agencies and the Tribe that this matter will be amicably resolved and the rights of the Tribe preserved.

Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Doug Barnes
Mr. John Foe
Mr. Chris Billey
Mr. Dick Snedigar
831 32nd Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122

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Mr. Robert I. Wooten
Chairman
Samish Indian Tribe
of Washington
Post Office Box 217
Anacortes, Washington 98221

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November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is in response to your recent communication concerning the Cushman Hospital in Tacoma, Washington.

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Hank Adams
Executive Administrator
Survival of American
Indians Association
Post Office Box 719
Tacoma, Washington 98401

BHP:plr
BHP-5



November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Peters:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Calvin J. Peters
Chairman
Squaxin Island Tribe
Route 1, Box 257
Shelton, Washington 98584

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BHP-5



November 17, 1976

Dear Miss Saint Claire:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Betty Saint Claire
1530 Northeast 62
Seattle, Washington 98115

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November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Lerner
and Mr. Wood:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Jonathan Lerner
Mr. David Wood
57 Hayes Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Laurie Morton
2411 Boylston Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98102

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November 17, 1976

Dear Miss Schacher:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Susan Schacher
424 Belmont, East
Seattle, Washington 98102

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BHP-5



November 17, 1976

Dear Miss White:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Meg White
1125 Broadway, East
Seattle, Washington 98102

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November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Stern:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Robby Stern
524 30th Avenue, South
Seattle, Washington 98144

BHP:plr
BHP-5



November 17, 1976

Dear Miss Roman:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Linda Roman
1403 36th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122

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November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Armour:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. William Armour
10600 Southwest
Seattle, Washington 98146

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November 17, 1976

Dear Miss Hatch:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Marcel Hatch
1310 15th Avenue, South
Seattle, Washington 98144

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November 17, 1976

Dear Miss Cecotti
and Miss Saadat:

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Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Deanna Cecotti
Miss Kathleen Saadat
3018 Northeast 8th
Portland, Oregon 97212

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November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Fickeisen:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Frank Fickeisen
5436 153rd Street, SE.
Bellvue, Washington 98006

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November 17, 1976

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Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.



Miss Kathleen King
738 North 94th
Seattle, Washington 98103

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November 17, 1976

Dear Miss Myers
and Mr. Granatir:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Susan Myers
Mr. Joseph Granatir
216 32nd Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122

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November 17, 1976

Dear Miss Carey:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Marilyn Carey
1525 32nd Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122

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Dear Miss Scott:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Constance Scott
2809 Northwest 65th Street
Seattle, Washington 98117

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November 17, 1976

Dear Miss Hoddersen
and Miss Durham:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Guerry Hoddersen
Miss Susan Durham
2326 Castro Street
San Francisco, California 94131

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Stephen Durham
36 East Sola
Santa Barbara, California 93101

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November 17, 1976

Dear Miss Whitish:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Rachel Whitish
Chairwoman
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe
Tokeland, Washington 98590

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November 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Wilson:

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Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Roy I. Wilson
Tribal Chairman
Cowlitz Indian Tribe
2815 Dale Lane, East
Tacoma, Washington 98424

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November 17, 1976

Dear Miss Colquet:

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Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Mary Colquet
Business Manager
Cowlitz Indian Tribe
2815 Dale Lane, East
Tacoma, Washington 98424

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BHP-5

November 17, 1976

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Native American
Solidarity Committee
RSO 383
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts 01003

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Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Liberation League
Tacoma Branch Young Workers
1236 South Adam
Tacoma, Washington 98405

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BHP-5



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Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Miss Gail Sullivan
8 Lee Street
Somerville, Massachusetts 02145

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Boston Native American
Solidarity Committee
8 Lee Street
Somerville, Massachusetts 02145

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1976

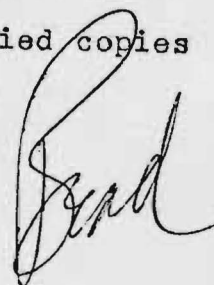
NOTE TO GREG AUSTIN

You will note Phil Buchen's memorandum to me covering the attached original copy of the Cherokee Constitution.

My quick, oral advice to Phil was that this document does not have to be signed by the President and that Mr. Swimmer was doing a little bit of PR in presenting it to him at Lawton last month.

If I am correct in my advice, will you then take care of the rest of the proper procedure -- which I think should include replacing "President of the United States" with "Secretary of the Interior" on the last page and then having it signed? Will you also make sure this original copy gets to the Archives or wherever appropriate, with certified copies to those who need them?

Thanks.



December 2, 1976

Dear Mr. Gwitch and Mr. Downwind:

I am responding on behalf of the President to your recent letter about the Native American Awareness Week Proclamation. There is more behind the story than meets the eye. The President normally signs such proclamations only when the Congress itself passes a Resolution authorizing them. In this case, the Congress didn't act finally until October 1, and that gave the President only a week to do the necessary staff work here and to sign the Proclamation.

I am sorry, too, that there wasn't more time. As for "not doing anything for Indians" the record of the last 6 1/2 years is quite the opposite.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Mee Gwitch and
Mr. Patt Downwind
St. Paul American Indian Center
1001 Payne Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

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December 2, 1976

Dear Mr. Ketzler:

In response to your letter to the President, I can assure you that your information is incorrect. The funds to support P.L. 93-638 are \$31 million and are being employed now for the objectives of that Act.

I hope you will convey this correction to the people to whom you sent copies of your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Alfred R. Ketzler, President
Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.
Doyon Building
First and Hall Streets
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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December 2, 1976

Dear Calvin:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of the 22nd and for the enclosed material about housing regulations.

I will check into this with HUD and either they or I will get back to you.

It's a pleasure to hear from you and with this official note go my cordial personal regards.

Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Calvin J. Peters, Chairman
Squaxin Island Tribe
Route 1, Box 257
Shelton, Washington 98584

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file to Assistant Secretary Connie Newman with request for further directorresponse to Mr. Peters with a copy to Brad



December 2, 1976

Dear Red:

Thank you for your note about your trip and giving us your observations about the U.S. Embassy building in Bucharest.

I will indeed pass it on to State and will ask them to respond directly to you since my guess is they would like to see all our Embassies as symbolizing the best about America. I have visited the Embassies in New Delhi and Athens, for instance, and they are outstanding.

Cordially,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Harlow J. Heneman
8132 Sanderling Road
Siesta Key
Sarasota, Florida 33581



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file to Romanian Affairs Desk with request for further direct response with a copy to Brad Patterson
(Mr. Heneman is a retired Department of State officer)

December 2, 1976

Dear Chairman Gotchie:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of November 16 about Johnson O'Malley funds for Deer River.

I am going to ask the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs to look into the matter right away and to get back to you with a direct response -- since the questions you raise are within his jurisdiction. I will ask him to let me know, also, what his answer is to you.

Sincerely,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Leo A. Gotchie, Chairman
Indian Parents for Better Education
Box 337
Deer River, Minnesota 56636



^{BUP:lab} /request for further direct response to
Chairman Gotchie with copy to Brad Patterson
file to Ted Krenzke

December 2, 1976

Dear Ms. Brown Thrush:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of November 19 about the ONAP-BIA fund transfer.

I checked into this a while back and found that ONAP and BIA have very carefully made an agreement which I believe will ensure that those funds will be properly and effectively used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Since you are concerned about this, I enclose a copy of ONAP's letter to Mrs. Harris, which in turn includes a copy of the interagency agreement.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Ms. Sachem Brown Thrush
33-39 Union Street
Flushing, New York 11354

Enclosure

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December 2, 1976

Dear Mel:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of November 15 about the Indian Health Bill.

I know that the two of us, and many other good friends of Indian progress, share a real pleasure that the President signed that bill; I know also that NCAI and several other Indian organizations had a major role in its passage.

Mel, it has been an honor for me to have worked closely with you and Chuck and the NCAI team over the past seven years. Wherever the future takes me, I shall remember those years and our association, with tremendous satisfaction.

Cordially,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Mel Tonasket, President
National Congress of American
Indians
Suite 700, 1430 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

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December 3, 1976

Dear Chairman Drennan:

Thank you for your letters of the 16th to the President and to me about the American Indian Policy Review Commission.

I quite agree with you that tribes like Colorado River should have an opportunity to comment on the AIPRC work, but your letter should be directed not to the White House but to the Commission itself, since the Commission is wholly an independent body, created by Congress with no Executive Branch role. Actually, Ernie Stevens, the Commission's Executive Director, is, I believe, planning to arrange for tribal input and I suggest you write him directly to be sure that he knows of your interest.

Cordially,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Anthony Drennan, Sr., Chairman
Colorado River Indian Tribes
Route 1, Box 23-B
Parker, Arizona 85344



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December 3, 1976

Dear Mr. Edgewater:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of November 8th to him about the Pasture Canyon issue.

As I understand it, this is a matter within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and I am passing your letter on to BIA's Acting Deputy Commissioner so that he will have the full benefit of your views.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Dillon Edgewater
President, Tuba City Chapter
P.O. Box 152
Tuba City, Arizona 86045



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File to Ted Krenzke

December 3, 1976

Dear Mrs. Scribner:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter to him about American Indians. Many people in the country share your interest and concern.

What I am pleased to tell you is that in the last seven years federal policy and programs for the benefit of Indian people have taken a great change for the better. I enclose a recent statement by the President which summarizes some of these changes.

As Dr. Nelson undoubtedly knows, the President has also signed the new Indian Health Care Improvement Act, and I enclose a copy of his signing statement.

Thank you for giving us your views.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mrs. Helen Mary Scribner
Route 6, Box 374
Decatur, Illinois

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December 3, 1976

Dear Mr. Lambrix:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter to him about the problems at Pine Ridge. We very much share your concern about law enforcement there, but believe that things are looking up with the election of a new Tribal Chairman and a Tribal Council which is representative of the different groups of Indian people among the Oglala.

If, as your letter indicates, you are interested in working in law enforcement in that area, I suggest you write directly to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Pine Ridge, since he along with the Tribal Chairman of the Oglala will have a good deal to say about the hiring of law enforcement personnel.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. David J. Lambrix
367-60-6454
3902 CES IDEF
Offutt A.F.B., Nebraska 68113

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December 3, 1976

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your note of the 23rd
about the Walton and Bel Bay cases.

I have not been following those very
closely but I'll ask Solicitor Austin
right away what is going on and what
the issues are.

Cordially,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Samuel M. Cagey
Lummi Indian Tribal Enterprises
P.O. Box 309
Marietta, Washington 98268



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bcc: Solicitor Greg Austin

December 3, 1976

Dear Mr. Moser:

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter to the President. A form letter is never a very good kind of reply and I don't blame you for objecting to it, although it does mean a bit leaner a bureaucracy...

Courts, Congress and the Executive Branch have for a long time recognized that the Indian tribes are wards of the United States and that the federal government is the trustee for their land and natural resources rights. A trustee has the duty to stand up for the interests of those it protects. Cases like US v Washington and Apache County and tax matters are in the courts all the time and their recent decisions are, as I indicated, consistent with a long chain of earlier decisions -- and legislation -- which define the rights of Indian people.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Byron D. Moser
1235 Marine Drive
Bellingham, Washington 98225

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December 6, 1976

Dear Messrs. Kahrahrhah and Claymore:

Thank you for your letter to the President of December 1.

Since the ONAP appointment is an appointment within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, I am forwarding your letter promptly to Secretary Mathews so that he will have the benefit of your views.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson

Mr. Bernard Kahrahrhah, Director
Mr. James Claymore, Chairman
The University of North Dakota
Box 225
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58202

file to Assistant Secretary Stan Thomas



BHP:lab

December 6, 1976

Dear Chairman McKenzie:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of November 25 about the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant and Chinook lands.

I have not been aware of this particular issue but am making an inquiry with the Solicitor's Office of the Department of Interior and will ask that office to respond to you promptly and also to let me know of their response.

I assume that if you believe you have a clear legal title to the lands in question that you have considered the option of going to court to protect your rights.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Karleen F. McKenzie
5621 Altamont
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601



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file to Greg Austin for further direct response with a copy of letter to BHP

December 6, 1976

Dear Sir:

I want to thank several members of your staff, and especially Officer Rick McClane, for the very gracious help and assistance they rendered to my wife, Mrs. Shirley Patterson, a participant at the Federal Executive Institute, when she ran into car trouble a few weeks ago in Charlottesville. She was in a parking garage, I think, on November 15th and the starter just gave out. Officer McClane rendered her a great deal of help, quite beyond the call of duty, and we both wanted you to know how much we appreciated his extra measure of courtesy and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

The Chief of Police
Charlottesville, Virginia



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December 6, 1976

Dear Dan:

Thank you for your note. Few things are more pleasant than hearing from respected friends and fellow professionals from years in the recent past.

After leaving Len I helped the First Lady for a bit and then have been in the Presidential Personnel Office with Bill Walker and Doug Bennett. But last August 26 the President put me back in the Indian business as his coordinator for programs and policies affecting American Indians. For nearly seven years, this has been an area of public policy of great fascination to me but we have really gotten some things accomplished in that time span and Lena and I are proud of them.

The future is uncertain right now; my profession and my love is government but it may be a while longer before I can find out what personnel commitments some of the career agencies in this vicinity are willing to make.

I'll drop you a line when things sift down enough for me to know myself--meanwhile if you should get close to town I'd greatly enjoy a lunch together.

Cordially,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Daniel M. Luevano
Western Center on Law and Poverty, Inc.
1709 West 8th Street
Los Angeles, California 90017

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1976

NOTE TO RAY TANNER

You should handle this directly. The last time I dealt with something which had Mr. Newlin's name in it was that Spokane Center...

I would only offer you the same advice again: be sure you (a) get the input of the urban Indian leaders in the Los Angeles area and (b) be sure you have a good calculation of the jobs created and otherwise the economic effect -- before you act.

The decision is all yours with no "push" or other influence from here.

Enclosure: Indian World
Proposal



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INDIAN WORLD

A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Land of the Living Spirit

December 3, 1976

BP
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On January 10, 1974 we sent a letter to President Ford requesting help for the Indian World Program. We received a letter back from Mr. Bradley H. Patterson, Jr. suggesting that we contact the Economic Development Administration for further assistance.

We were told that an integrated grant decision could not be made unless we had a land site. We have been struggling and searching for a site for months and at last think we have an opportunity to obtain one of the County Parks if we can show the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County that we have adequate financial support to develop the program.

San Diego County has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country and Indian World can help this dire situation by providing at least 3,000 jobs for Indians while concurrently bringing revenue thru sales and land lease to the county and the state.

Anything your office can do to help push thru our request for an integrated grant decision will be appreciated by our people.

Sincerely yours,

Beatrice Monroe
Executive Director

December 10, 1976

Dear Sister Gillgannon:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of December 1 about coal gasification plants planned for the Navajo area.

We consider that the most responsible spokesmen for the rights and concerns of Indian Tribes are the elected Tribal Councils of those same tribes. I have checked and have been told that in the two cases where gasification plants are being proposed for the Navajo area the Tribal Council has indeed been consulted and is very much in the middle of the action process. The Tribal Council must approve any leases and of course also reviews the necessary Environmental Impact Statements.

You may wish to communicate your own concern to the Navajo Tribal Council at Window Rock, and I in turn will send a copy of your letter to the Office of the Secretary of the Interior so that he will know of your views.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Sister Mary McAuley Gillgannon
1801 South 72 Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68124

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file to Loren Rivard, Dept. of Interior



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1976

NOTE TO ART QUERN

These are the master files on this particular subject which will be pending on January 3 after I shall have departed the White House.

Ed Preston is a good contact in OMB on this matter.

Ray Jacobson, the Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission is of course familiar with the matter and it was he who suggested the January 1 deadline; I think the Commission has to prepare something for the Congress by that date also -- on the same subject.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 28 '76

NOTE TO BEN REIFEL -

Per conversation.

Since this is entirely
within Interior as an action
matter, I think you should
review it. I missed the dis-
cussion of it at NTCA.

Read



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1976

Dear Erin,

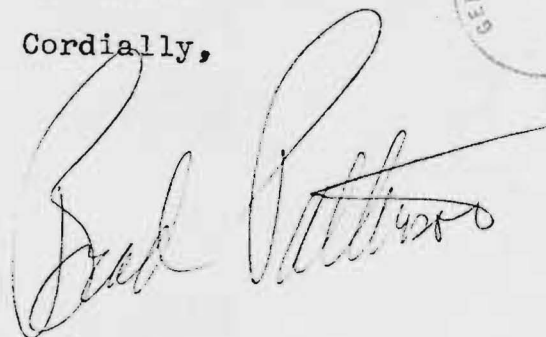
Thank you for your mailgram about the Pit River problem. I also received a note from Bill Youpee and a package of information from him including the NTCA Resolution.

I have already talked with Ben about this, and am going to send him the material first so that he can review it personally. He is not immediately familiar with the case right now, but I know he will give it his personal attention and if necessary engage the attention of others in Interior.

It was a pleasure meeting with you and the NTCA Board the other day; all of you will always be valued friends of mine.

Cordially,

cc: Bill Youpee



A large, handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Gerald R. Ford, is written over the typed name 'Cordially,'.

