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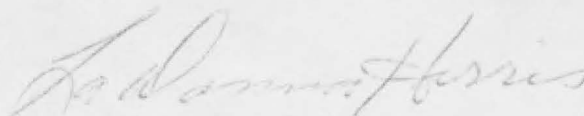
The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
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North Building, Room 5246
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed is a comment on the proposed rules of the
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Treatment Program by
the Makah Tribal Council.

We support their position and urge that their recommendations
be incorporated into the regulations.

With warm regards,



LaDonna Harris
President



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
MAKACH TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORITY
MAKACH COMPANY

September 20, 1974

Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Acting Director, Office of Child Development
P.O. Box 1182
Washington D.C. 20013

SEP 30 1974

Subject: Proposed rules of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
and Treatment Program.

Upon reviewing the proposed rules released Wednesday, August 28, 1974, it the
recommendation of the Makach Tribal Council that changes in:

Subpart A-General

1340.1-1 (a) The basic purpose of this program is to assist States and localities,
and non-profit private organizations in carrying out their responsibilities
for the protection of children and for the amelioration of their environment,

be changes to:

1340.1-1 (a) The basic purpose of this program is to assist States and localities,
Indian reservations and recognized Tribes, and non-profit private organizations
in carrying out their responsibilities for the protection of children and for the
amelioration of their environment,

It is the wish that this recommendation of wording be included throughout
the rules to include the "Indian reservations and recognized Tribes".

Thank you for your considerations.

Eugene O. Parker

Mr. Eugene O. Parker, Chairman

Henry Wachendorf

Mr. Henry Wachendorf, Vice-Chairman



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TO: NORM ROSS

FROM: GEOFF SHEPARD

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COMMENT _____

Important:

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Indians



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable William B. Saxbe
Attorney General
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

Date: December 2, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☒ Direct reply.
☒ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 72 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Please offer to setup a meeting to discuss Ms. Harris' concerns, and please include Norman Ross, of the Domestic Council, in the meeting.

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President

From: LaDonna Harris, President, Americans for Indian Opportunity, Washington, D. C.

Date: November 4, 1974

Subject: Re: injustices and violation of rights of Native Americans.

By direction of the President:

Geoffrey C. Shepard, Associate Director
Domestic Council

(Copy to remain with correspondence)





AMERICANS for INDIAN OPPORTUNITY

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November 4, 1974

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

Dear Mr. President:

There are more and more reports coming to our office of injustice and violation of rights of Native Americans. Our conversations with other national Indian organizations reveal that their offices are receiving similar reports and requests for assistance. Surveillance by federal officers is a major problem and source of harrassment and embarrassment to members of the Indian community.

The federal law enforcement agencies, for the most part, have been insensitive to the special problems of the Indian community. Our people are telling us that even when the problems have been recognized, they are usually dealt with in an insensitive manner. For instance, there are no Indians in the Indian Rights Division of the Justice Department. I would venture a guess that there are no Indian Federal Bureau of Investigation agents. There are no Indians on the staff of the Justice Department's Community Relations Division. It appears that these agencies hire Indians only when they want paid informers, and that is often handled so poorly that it backfires on the government as well as the Indian Community.

We believe the problems involved are of such magnitude that it is imperative that they be brought to your attention and to the attention of the Attorney General and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am, therefore, requesting that your office arrange a meeting between Americans for Indian Opportunity and other representatives of the national Indian community with the Attorney General and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The purpose of this meeting would be to try to determine how federal law enforcement agencies can better use their energies and resources to achieve justice for



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November 4, 1974
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Native Americans. Perhaps by working together we can find ways to serve the Indian community and at the same time, help the government to avoid further embarrassment in its dealings with Native Americans.

I cannot overemphasize the urgency of this matter in view of recent decisions relating to the administration of justice in both the Indian and non-Indian community. I trust that I shall hear from your office shortly.

Respectfully,

La Donna Harris
LaDonna Harris
President

LDH:bt

cc: The Honorable James Abourezk
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