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June 19, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR HARRISON LOESCH

SUBJECT: 1976: Re-run of Little Big Horn

I note that plans are being made by one Mike Reynolds to have a celebration of some kind of the Centennial of the Custer battle - in 1976. This may be somewhat far in advance, but the consequences of an unsophisticated treatment of that occasion could be portentous. On the other hand it could also be an unusually good time to recapitulate the whole new direction in Indian policy since 1876 -- and 1970...

I hope you will ask both Louis and the Park Service to keep a close watch on what is being planned and what groups are being involved in it. If any Feds are participating (Park Service, BIA, Army) we want to ask ourselves: what do we want the commemoration to amount to?

Would appreciate your reactions.

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

bcc: Eugene Sleevi, DOD
David Hansen





United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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JUL 5 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR BRADLEY PATTERSON

SUBJECT: 1976: Re-run of Little Big Horn

In accordance with your memorandum of June 19, I have asked the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Park Service to keep on top of this and inform me of any plans being made by both Federal and non-Federal participants in the celebration of the Custer battle - in 1976.

I will be writing you further as plans are formulated and coordinated by the various Federal agencies that will be involved.

Harrison Loesch
Assistant Secretary --
Public Land Management



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR KEN COLE

You may be interested in the attached.

Ken
Leonard Garment

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Great idea! How?
or is it How!





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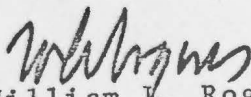
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MEMORANDUM FOR BRAD PATTERSON

SUBJECT: 1976: Re-run of Little Big Horn

We referred your memorandum on this subject to the Park Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. For reasons you will understand, we have never heard from the Indian Bureau.

Enclosed is the Park Service reply which I think puts the matter to rest.


William L. Rogers

Enclosure





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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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AUG 21 1972

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ASSISTANT
SECRETARY
P.L.M.

Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretary - Public Land Management
Through: Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks *JB*

From: Acting Director, National Park Service

Subject: 1976: Re-run of Little Big Horn

This is in response to your memorandum transmitting a communication from Bradley Patterson of the White House. Mr. Patterson expressed concern about reports that plans were being made for a re-enactment of the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1976.

You may recall that in his report to the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, the Secretary of the Interior declared that it is a firm policy to "avoid large-scale, complex re-enactments, especially of battles. None will be permitted at areas of the National Park System." We fully intend to adhere to this policy in all National Park System areas, including those not associated with the War for Independence.

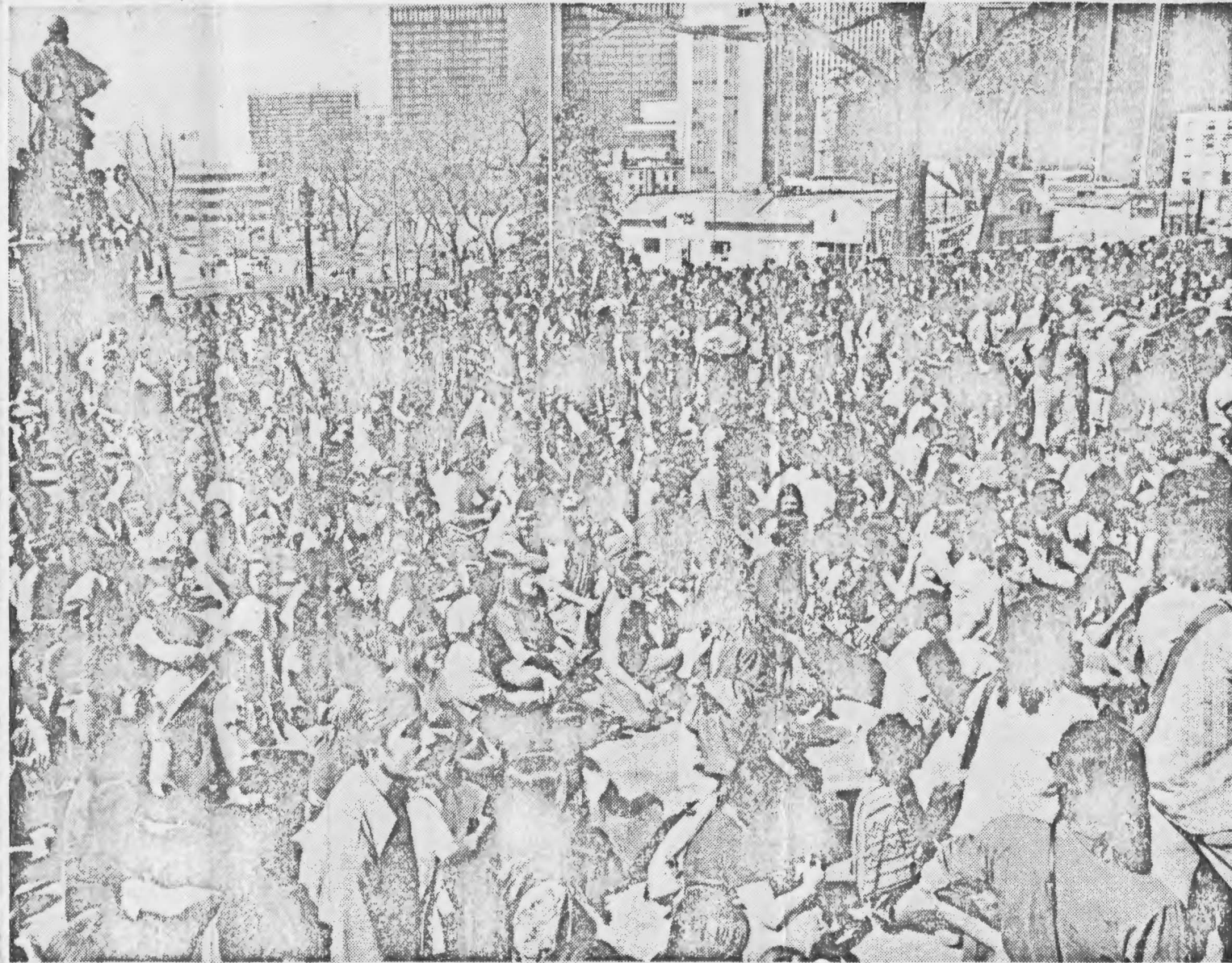
While we believe that appropriate commemorative ceremonies can be a valuable means of reacquainting Americans with events of the past, it is our experience that massive re-enactments are frequently detrimental to that goal. Accordingly, the National Park Service will not permit a re-enactment of the Battle of the Little Bighorn on lands under its administration nor associate itself with re-enactment elsewhere.

Raymond H. Freeman



National Parks Centennial 1872-1972





NEWS PHOTOS BY MEL SCHIELTZ

Last St. Patrick's Day police-Chicano shoot-out and the plight of minority groups across

the nation were the themes Sunday at a four-hour rally at the State Capitol. A "Sec-

ond American Revolution" was forecast by Russell Means, top right, American Indian

Movement leader, and by William Kunstler, a widely known activist attorney.

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1,500 attend Chicano rally at Capitol

By JEFF ROSEN and CECIL JONES

The fourth, Mario Vasquez, 21, of 1547 1-2,
Downing St. was convicted of three counts of

1,500 attend Chicano rally at State Capitol

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MARYLAND PISCATAWAYS FILE TO INCORPORATE

Members of the Piscataway Tribe, once the most powerful tribe in the state of Maryland, filed corporate charter papers in Baltimore, Md., June 25. William Tayac, a hereditary chief of the tribe, his father Chief Phillip Tayac, and Avery Lewis were named directors of the group. Tayac said incorporation papers will serve as a vehicle for getting all American Indians in Maryland to join together to protect their common heritage and culture. The group also intends to lay claim to about 700 acres of land in Maryland not far from the nation's capital which is currently under the National Park Service to be turned into a reservation.

CHANGES AMONG THE AREA DIRECTORS

Francis E. Briscoe (Caddo), 56, has been named Area Director of the Portland Area Office on July 18, filling a vacancy which had lasted for over a year following the retirement of former Area Director Dale M. Baldwin June 30, 1973. Briscoe has been with the BIA since 1949 in various capacities. And in Albuquerque, N.M., Frank Pence was recently named Acting Area Director following the retirement of Walter Olson, who had held that post since February of 1966. Three BIA Area Offices--Muskogee and Anadarko, Okla., and Albuquerque--are thus awaiting permanent appointees.

OMAHA CENTER FILES DISCRIMINATION CHARGE

Seeking to obtain portions of surplus property at Fort Omaha in the city of Omaha, Nebr., the Omaha Indian Center has now filed a complaint with Herbert Wheelless, chief of the Complaints Division in the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, D.C., alleging discrimination in the administration of federal and state programs on the part of the General Services Administration (GSA), administrator of surplus properties, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). Indians in Omaha are now in final competition for the land with a local community college.

INDIAN BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR NAMED

Wayne Chattin (Blackfeet) has been named to the staff position of Director of Native American Projects for the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), and as such is the only American Indian on the inside in the planning for America's bicentennial celebration in 1976. Chattin's mandate is to enhance the participation of American Indians in planning part in the celebration, and to assist tribes in planning, in seeking funds and other resources to underscore that role. His new address: Wayne Chattin, Director, Native American Projects, American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, 1515 Cleveland Place, Denver, Colo. 80202. Telephone: (303) 837-4876.

INTERIOR INDIAN PREFERENCE TASK FORCE SET

Following the recent Supreme Court decision on Indian preference, Michael J. Reid, chief of Interior's Office of Personnel Management, has been named to head a task force of Interior, HEW, IHS and BIA personnel staff to assess the impact of recent Bickar and Freeman decision on the BIA's policy of Indian preference. HEW and Interior interpretations are presently at variance, said Reid, and one job of the task force will be to establish uniformity there. Working groups will be developed to weigh changes in regulations, possible further legislation, and procedural changes necessary.

September 6, 1974

Dear Mr. Begay:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of August 29 and for your good wishes. He certainly intends to be as forthcoming and progressive as was the previous Administration in working for interests of the Indian people, not as welfare, as you say, but as obligation and opportunity.

We shall continue to depend on the skills and resources of the United Southwestern Tribes, Inc. and their constituent members to help us identify the priority issues which need attention.

I am particularly interested in your having raised the matter of the Bicentennial. May I make this suggestion: that you and your USET colleagues get in touch directly and promptly with Mr. Wayne Chattin, a Blackfoot Indian who has recently joined the staff of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration and is located in Denver with the specific responsibility of working with Indian groups and leaders on plans for the Bicentennial. Mr. Chattin's telephone number is (303) 234-4291 and I very much hope you can get in contact soon.

Cordially,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

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August 29, 1974

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Mr. President:

On behalf of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc, I would like to extend to you my congratulations on your ascension to the highest office of our country. The Indian tribes in the Southeast are confident that your administration will maintain a high priority on those issues and concerns that affect all Native Americans throughout the United States. The past administration had been somewhat indicative to me as being open and willing to hear the concerns of Native Americans and to act positively in the resolution of several key issues. To mention a few I recall the settlement of the sacred Blue Lake to the Pueblos and restoration of traditional lands to the Yakima Tribe of Washington,

I believe strongly that the commitment of the federal government to assist in the development of Native American communities through special administrative and legislative actions is a positive indication that this country does indeed honor its treaties and obligations with its first Americans. In that respect, I do not regard such special programs of assistance to Native Americans as welfare but as obligations on the part of our government and an opportunity for Indian tribes to increase their participation as citizens in our society. Our organization, therefore, stands as a resource to your administration to assist in every way possible in implementing those goals and objectives as may be defined by our member tribes.

In conclusion may I request of your office that Native Americans be included as a matter of priority in the planning and implementation of all festivities and recognition as may be necessary in commemorating a successful bi-centennial celebration for this country and for the rest of the world to observe,

Sincerely yours,


Eugene A. Begay
Eugene A. Begay
Executive Director

Bicentennial News

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AMERICAN INDIANS AND THE BICENTENNIAL

Washington, D.C.--The Navajo Nation of Arizona is making a major effort to improve communications and the exchange of information among the almost 800,000 American Indians in the United States.

In Denver, there are plans to build a complex for Indian people and families from reservations who seek to make a life in that city's urban community.

The Smithsonian Institution is preparing a 20 volume set summarizing the prehistory history and changing cultures of all Indian groups north of Mexico, which will become the standard reference on North American Indian history and anthropology.

From ambitious, multi-million dollar projects of the Navajo Nation to the display of Indian arts and crafts by the Candelaria Indian Council in Oxnard, California, the descendants of the original American settlers are taking full part in the nation's Bicentennial.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) has to date officially designated seven Indian communities as Bicentennial Communities, entitling them to use the national Bicentennial symbol in their projects and programs.

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In addition to the Navajo Nation of Arizona, the Bicentennial Communities are: The St. Francis Sioux Indian Mission in South Dakota, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the Li-Si-We-Nwi Community and the Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and the Chitimacha Reservation in Louisiana.

The Navajo Nation of Arizona has one of the most significant Bicentennial programs of any of the over 1,500 communities in the country which have been officially recognized.

In addition to the effort to improve communications among Indians, a Navajo Irrigation Project will provide water for cultivating 110,000 acres of otherwise arid land. Other projects include a \$2.5 million Navajo Heritage Center, a trade center where arts and crafts of all tribes can be shown and sold, a Navajo Land Outdoor Theater, and an amphitheater in Canyon de Chelly National Monument on the reservation.

The St. Francis Sioux Mission in South Dakota will commemorate the history of the mission by honoring Christian Sioux leaders, as well as the founding Jesuits and Franciscan Sisters. Projects include a published history, a pageant, a pow wow and an Indian feast.

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma is planning a museum and library to house priceless objects of the cultural heritage of their ancestors, written materials and recordings of the language, legends and folk tales of Seminole history.

The 110th annual Winnebago Pow Wow will highlight the deeds of Little Priest, a 19th century patriot. Other Bicentennial efforts by the 2,800 members of the Winnebago Tribe include a conversation and ecology program to preserve and improve timberland areas of the reservation and expansion of a library into a full-fledged learning center.



Other examples illustrate the widespread efforts by and for native Americans as part of the nation's Bicentennial.

Thief River Falls, Minnesota, will unveil a statue of a major Indian landowner in conjunction with a Pow Wow staged by the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

Tuolumne County, California, will reconstruct an assembly house of the California Miwok Indians.

A 44- foot steel sculpture of a Plains Indian will mark the historic camp ground of the Wichita Tribe in Wichita, Kansas. The surrounding area will be made into a park with bike trails.

The Phoenix Symphony will perform for Indian audiences throughout the State during 1975, featuring music with Indian themes.

In North Dakota, a Plains Indian studies curriculum is being developed for use in all primary and secondary schools.

In New York City, there will be an exhibit reviewing the American Indian from 1876 to 1976.

Across the land, Americans will discover more than 2,000 years of cultural heritage and traditions as they commemorate 200 years of independence during the Bicentennial.

Europeans will also have an opportunity to learn of the cultural heritage of the American Indian. The ARBA recently designated as an official Bicentennial project, "Two Thousand Years of American Indian Art," a major exhibit comprised of 600 to 700 art objects to be presented in cooperation with the Arts Council of Great Britain in September and October 1976 at the Hayward Gallery in London.

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