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e July 23, 1981

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Sacramento, California 95815

*Ind. Nat'l Tribal
Chairman Assoc.*

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Morton C. Blackwell
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Special Assistant to the President

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White House Conres. Manual*

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Date

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Dear /////
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Sincerely,

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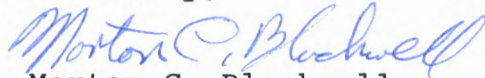
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President

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

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Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on May 5, , 19 81

for Morton C. Blackwell of Office of Public Liaison
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

~~BAGLEY, Annette~~
~~HANOVER, Thomas~~
~~ENGLAND, Barbara~~
~~RISLING, Dale~~
~~TAYLOR, Banning~~
~~GARFIELD, Alec~~
~~ANDRADE, Ron~~

MEETING LOCATION

Building OEOB

Room No. 134

Time of Meeting 2 P.M.

Requested by Morton C. Blackwell

Room No. 134 Telephone 2657

Date of request May 4, 1981

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APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742

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OF CALL

TO:

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☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY— ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Miss Bagley

OF (Organization)

Natl Congress of American Indian

☐ PLEASE CALL ☐ PHONE NO. *546-1168* ☐ FTS
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☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE *Following attending 2 PM*

Tues. 5/8 Meeting

Thomas Hanover

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Banning Taylor

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- seeking meeting.

Alice Garfield

~~Ron Andrade~~

Ron Andrade

you can call her if
you so desire

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✓ Dale Risling - yes

✓ Alec Garfield - no

✓ Banning Taylor - yes

Paul Chavez - no

Tony Pinto - no

Frances Shaw - no

Charlotte Osborne - no

John Sheedy - no - staff

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20245

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Mr. Alec Garfield
President, California Tribal
Chairmen's Association
1540 River Park Drive
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Sacramento, California 95815

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Dear Mr. Garfield:

Your letter of December 23, 1981, to President Reagan regarding your request that tribal governments be provided the opportunity to participate in the budget-making process has been forwarded to this office for a response.

As you know the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 1982 appropriation has been passed by Congress. Funding was provided at the conference level less 4 percent across the board and allowed no shifts in priorities. Tribal governments have been provided opportunities to participate in the Bureau's budget-making process. In fact, this Administration is committed to more local control of Federal expenditures as part of the President's Economic Recovery Program.

Consistent with the President's program, the Bureau is initiating the Consolidated Tribal Governmental Program as a pilot or (prototype) project this fiscal year. The CTGP will allow tribal governments to cluster a number of similar programs or service areas under a single contract. The Tribes will determine their own needs and priorities and plan and implement programs to meet their particular needs and priorities under CTGP. The Tribal governments may for example, concentrate funds in high need or priority areas and reduce expenditures in areas of less need under CTGP.

Your suggested language will be studied and considered for inclusion in future budget submissions.

We hope this satisfies your concern relative to tribal governments' participation in the Bureau's budget-making process.

Sincerely,

/s/ Theodore C. Kronzko

Acting

Deputy Assistant Secretary
Indian Affairs

(Operations)

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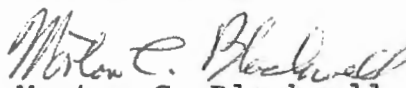
November 6, 1981

Dear Mr. Garfield:

Thank you for the invitation to speak before your Annual Dinner meeting on December 2nd in Sacramento. This certainly sounds like an interesting meeting, and I would like very much to attend. However, the budget cuts leave the Office of Public Liaison with a very low travel budget, and I am unable to obtain the funds to travel to California at this time.

I stand ready to assist you in the future. Again, thank you for the invitation.

Cordially,


Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to
the President

Mr. Alec Garfield
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California Tribal Chairmen's Association
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CALIFORNIA Tribal Chairmen's Association

August 31, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

*Graciously
declined
- low travel
budget*

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

In behalf of the California Tribal Chairmen's Association (CTCA), a tribal organization formed under the authority of P.L. 93-638, The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, I wish to extend an invitation for you to speak before our Annual Dinner Meeting (on Wednesday, December 2, 1981, 7:00 p.m. at the Holidome, 5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento, California.

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We are aware that it is most difficult for you to schedule personal speaking engagements and are submitting this invitation well in advance in hopes of receiving your personal confirmation.

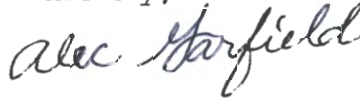
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Alec Garfield
President

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 9, 1981

Dear Mr. Garfield:

Thank you for your letter of August 31 inviting me to speak at your Annual Dinner Meeting on December 2, 1981. Because my office does not have jurisdiction over Indian affairs, I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison.

Kind personal regards.

Cordially,

R. S. Williamson

Richard S. Williamson
Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Alec Garfield, President
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cc: Mr. Morton Blackwell 



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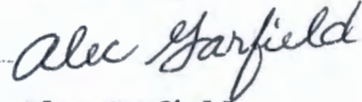
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cc: Mr. Richard Williamson
Assistant to the President
on Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Morton Blackwell ✓
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Franklyn C. Nofziger
Assistant to the President
for Political Affairs

AG/jh

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1981

Dear Mr. Risling:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 22 requesting that I meet with delegates of the California Tribal Chairmen's Association. Mr. Morton Blackwell in the Office of Public Liaison is The White House contact for Indian issues and I have forwarded your request to him.

Cordially,

Richard S. Williamson
Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Dale Risling
President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association
1540 River Park Drive
Suite 214
Sacramento, California 95815

cc: Morton Blackwell (w/incoming) ✓



CALIFORNIA Tribal Chairmen's Association

April 22, 1981

Mr. Richard Williamson
President's Assistant for
Intergovernmental Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

ATTN: Lisa Degrandi

Dear Mr. Williamson:

On May 6-7, 1981, the National Tribal Chairmen's Association is sponsoring a National Tribal Government's Conference in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of presenting to the Reagan Administration positions on a variety of issues that affect federally recognized tribal governments throughout the nation.

The primary focus of the meeting will be to stress the need for formal access to the Executive Branch, as well as work towards a commitment from the President on an American Indian Policy. Additionally, certain specific issues such as the federal trust responsibility, our government-to-government relationship with the federal government, block grants and tribal programs will be discussed.

California Tribal Chairmen's Association, a statewide organization representing thirty-four (34) federally recognized tribal governments, is working with NITCA to coordinate efforts for a meeting with you and other Administration officials. We wish to stress that, because of our legally recognized relationship with the federal government, tribal governments are seeking to establish and increase their relations with other units of state and local government. We also have contacted Mr. Edwin Meese, Ms. Elizabeth Dole and Mr. Morton Blackwell to meet with over 100 tribal leaders on this and similar topics.

We cannot understate the need of tribal governments for access to the Executive Branch to discuss this significant issue regarding our government-to-government relationship. Over 176 tribes met in December, 1980, at a National Issues Forum and reiterated this need. Resolutions were forwarded to the Transition Team in December in anticipation of initiating a working relationship with the Reagan Administration.

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Mr. Richard Williamson

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April 22, 1981

Therefore, in behalf of NTCA and CTCA's membership, we request an appointment with you on May 6 or 7, 1981 to meet with delegates at the conference, held at the National Education Association Auditorium, 1201 16th Street, N. W. We would appreciate an address on the topic of your office's role in interfacing with units of state and local government, so that tribal representatives may have an opportunity to voice their concerns with regard to their working relationship with federal and state governments.

We look forward to a positive response from your office. Please contact Mr. Kenneth Black or Elmer Sevilla, NTCA, (202) 343-9484 or CTCA, Carole Richard (916) 920-3325.

Sincerely,

Dale Risling
Dale Risling
President, CTCA

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cc: Elmer Sevilla, NTCA
Edwin Thomas, Jr.
Assistant to Edwin Meese
Charlotte Ellis, Administrative Assistant
to Elizabeth Dole
James Baker,
Assistant, Chief of Staff

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JUL 14 1981

Mr. Dale Risling
President
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Association - Suite 214
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Sacramento, California 95815

Dear Mr. Risling:

Mr. Edwin Meese, Counselor to the President, asked me to reply to your letter of June 10, 1981. Since your letter you attended a meeting on June 24, 1981 at the White House as a member of the American Indian Leadership Council where the concerns you mentioned in your letter were addressed. As a member of the American Indian Leadership Council, an Indian-formed and -controlled organization, I assume you are representing the California Tribal Chairmen's Association as a member. The expansion of the size of the American Indian Leadership Council is of course an internal decision of the Council. You may wish to express your suggestions to your Chairman, Peter MacDonald.

As Mr. Morton Blackwell of the White House's Office of Public Liaison indicated at the June 24 meeting, he is willing to arrange meetings with other groups of elected Indian leaders.

The National Tribal Government's proposed American Indian/Federal Policy statement dated May 1981 mentioned in your letter has been received. I can assure you that all material and suggestions of which I am aware, particularly that from recognized Indian groups, will be given serious consideration.

Please let me know if I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

/S/ Kenneth Smith

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

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Mr. Dale Risling
President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association
1540 River Park Drive, Suite 214
Sacramento, California 95815

Dear Mr. Risling:

I am responding to your letter of June 10 to Mr. Richard Williamson in which you expressed the position of the California Tribal Chairmen's Association that tribal governments be equally eligible as States to receive and distribute block grant funds.

The Department is sensitive to the special relationship the recognized tribal governments has with the Federal government. In addition, we understand the unique problems that this relationship presents in funding block grants to States with no provisions for tribal governments. As a result, we have met, and will continue to meet, with representatives of tribal governments to review and evaluate funding options which reflect these special problems.

I appreciate your advising the Department of the Association's concerns. Please be assured that we will continue to seek an acceptable solution to the Federal government's commitment to the tribal governments, and feel free to contact me directly as we work toward implementation of the block grant funding.

Sincerely,

Signed

Robert J. Rubin, M.D.,
Assistant Secretary for
Planning and Evaluation

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 23, 1981

California Tribal Chairman's Association
1540 River Park Drive
Suite 214
Sacramento, California 95815

Dear Mr. Garfield:

I am responding to your letter to Mr. Edwin Meese III regarding the American Indian Leaders Advisory Council.

I am pleased to report to you that we had a major briefing of tribal leadership on June 24 which was arranged at the request of the AILAC. We are preparing a printing of the presentation made at that time. You will receive a copy as soon as it is available.

I look forward to continuing and expanding communication between Indian leaders and the government.

Cordially,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President



CALIFORNIA Tribal Chairmen's Association

June 10, 1981

Mr. Edwin Meese III
Counselor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Meese:

California Tribal Chairmen's Association is a statewide organization representing thirty-eight (38) federally recognized tribes in California.

Tribal governments throughout the State believe that a mechanism for access to The Executive Branch must be established. The elected leadership of tribes throughout California and the nation have been working with Administration staff to create a forum by which they can maintain their government to government relationship with the Federal Government. An American Indian Leadership Council of regional leaders from federally recognized tribes has formed, which we believe to be an excellent vehicle for tribal access to the President.

President Reagan keenly recognized the need for access between tribal governments and the Federal Government, as expressed in statements in his 20-Point Indian Issues Response published during the Reagan-Bush Campaign. We look towards the President for his support of the American Indian Leadership Council, as the mechanism through which access can be achieved.

Over 176 tribes through the nation called for access to the Executive Branch through a twelve member council, composed of regional tribal representatives to advise the President, at the National Issues Forum, in December, 1980. Their recommendations were forwarded to Mr. Richard Richards on the Transition Team; we enclose another copy for your review. Although no response was forthcoming, an American Indian Leadership Council, led by Chairman Peter McDonald, the Navajo Nation, formed to advise the President on tribal affairs.

Tribal leaders again called on administration officials for access in May, 1981, and recommended that an American Indian policy statement be adopted by the President. We enclose that statement for your review and endorsement by President Reagan.

Representing Land Based Indians of California

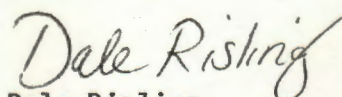
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CTCA member tribes, along with other intertribal organizations, wish to join with the American Indian Leadership Council to meet with the President on tribal affairs. We are looking toward the American Indian Leadership Council to expand its representation to include three additional chairmen, so that every geographic area and the needs of all tribal governments - small and large - will be served.

Tribal governments in California have made every effort to work with the Administration in this endeavor. In the spirit of tribal solidarity, we have joined with the elected leadership throughout the nation to establish a meaningful and harmonious relationship with the council and the Executive Branch of Government.

We anxiously await the opportunity for tribal leadership of all the United States to meet with you and thereby maintain the honor and integrity of the Federal Government's relationship with Indian people.

Sincerely,



Dale Risling
President

CC: Mr. Richard Williamson
Assistant to The President
on Intergovernmental Affairs

✓ Mr. Morton Blackwell
Deputy Assistant to The President
for Public Liaison

Enclosure

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CALIFORNIA
Tribal Chairmen's
Association

December 31, 1980

Dear Tribal Chairperson:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of California Tribal Chairmen's Association, we wish to extend our appreciation to you for participation in the National Issues Forum, held in San Diego, California, December 15 - 17, 1980.

We enclose the packet of resolutions passed by the general body on December 17, 1980, and delivered to the Transition Team for President-Elect Reagan. Additionally, several resolutions and other materials are included, which were also directed to the Transition Team, on the general body's motion.

Through your participation and input, the meeting was most successful in providing a forum for tribal leaders to express solidarity on common issues and communicate to the new Administration mutual concerns for tribes over the next four years.

We will look forward to the new Administration's response and work with the national organizations to relay it to you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Vallo England
Executive Director

Enclosure

BVE/jj

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*California
Tribal Chairmen's
Association*

December 18, 1980

President-Elect Ronald Reagan
Office of the President-Elect
1726 M St. N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear President-Elect Reagan:

On December 15-17, 1980, in San Diego, California, the California Tribal Chairmen's Association and the All Indian Pueblo Council of New Mexico, provided a National Issues Forum for Tribal Leaders of all Federally-recognized tribes. The purpose of this forum was to prepare our recommendations to the new Administration over all matters concerning our tribes, thereby ensuring orderly transition of tribal affairs.

The elected leaders of the 176 tribes who met in San Diego, approved the attached resolutions, which we submit for your Administration's review and implementation. These resolutions address major areas of concern to tribal governments. The first and second resolution involve the necessity for a National American Indian Policy and the need for tribal access to the Executive Branch of Government. The third and fourth resolution request the President to address tribal governments in his Inaugural Address and Message to Congress. The final resolution calls for a water policy that respects the rights of Indian people.

Additionally, elected tribal leaders voted unanimously to request that you accept the attached materials and resolutions submitted by various participants for your consideration.

We trust you will consider these resolutions and respond in a positive manner.

Sincerely,

Alec Garfield

ALEC GARFIELD
President, California Tribal Chairmen's Association

cc. Mr. Delfin Lovato
All Indian Pueblo Council

Representing Tribal Based Indians of California
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President Elect Reagan

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cc: Mr. Edwin Meese, Transition Team
Mr. Richard Richards, Department of Interior, Transition Team
Senator Robert Dole
Senator Henry Jackson
Senator Paul Laxalt
Senator William Cohen
Senator James McClure
Senator Mark Hatfield

For Adoption by President-Elect Reagan of
a National American Indian Policy

- WHEREAS: One hundred seventy-six (176) Federally recognized tribes met at a National Issues Forum in San Diego, California, December 15-17, 1980, sponsored by the California Tribal Chairmen's Association and All Indian Pueblo Council; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of this National Issues Forum was to make recommendations to the Reagan Administration for orderly transition of tribal affairs; and
- WHEREAS: President-Elect Reagan previously announced his positions and policies as they relate to Federally recognized Indian tribes, in his questionnaire response to Federally recognized tribes presented through the Reagan-Bush Campaign on September 27, 1980; and
- WHEREAS: The positions stated by President-Elect Reagan represent a policy that supports Indian tribal governments, tribal sovereignty and Indian self-determination and
- WHEREAS: There presently exists no Federal American Indian Policy followed by the Executive Branch of government; and
- WHEREAS: The positions stated in President-Elect Reagan's questionnaire-response to Federally recognized tribes, presented through the Reagan-Bush Campaign on September 26, 1980, would meet the need for a National American Indian Policy, by addressing areas of concern shared by elected tribal leaders of Federally recognized tribes,
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the positions stated by President-Elect Reagan, attached hereto and incorporated herein, be affirmatively adopted as a National American Indian Policy of the Reagan Administration,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transition Team carry forth these recommendations to the Reagan Administration for confirmation, endorsement and implementation as the Presidents' National American Indian Policy.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by a meeting of Federally recognized tribes at a National Issues

Forum held on December 15-17, 1980, and that said resolution was adopted by unanimous acclamation.



Alec Garfield, President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Date 12-18-80

RESOLUTION

For Access by Federally Recognized Tribes to the Executive Branch

- WHEREAS: One hundred seventy six (176) Federally recognized tribes met at a National Issues Forum in San Diego, California, December 15-17, 1980, sponsored by the California Tribal Chairmen's Association and All Indian Pueblo Council; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of this National Issues Forum was to make recommendations to the Reagan Administration for orderly transition of tribal affairs; and
- WHEREAS: A major issue of concern to tribal leaders present at the forum involved the direction President-Elect Reagan should follow in the Executive Branch, with regard to tribal Indian affairs, and more specifically, direct access by Federally recognized tribes to the Executive Branch of the Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS: President-Elect Reagan has stated that he believes deeply in the rule of law and that he supports and respects adherence to treaties, court decisions, and laws passed by Congress which clearly recognize the Indian tribes' right to self government; and
- WHEREAS: There presently exists no persons within the White House that provide and ensure a means of direct access to the President to affect and influence the affairs of Federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS: There currently is a failure and/or refusal of various Federal agencies to cooperate with each other and coordinate their efforts on behalf of Federally recognized Indian tribes; and
- WHEREAS: Such access to the Executive Branch, as determined by the Federally recognized tribes of these United States, is essential towards maintaining the government-to-government relationship between the Federal Government and tribal governments, and;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 176 Federally recognized tribes present at the National Issues Forum support and sanction a direct means of access for Federally recognized tribes to the President; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these Federally recognized tribes hereby request and urge President-Elect Reagan to establish a White House Coordinator or Advisor on Indian Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the alternative; that President Elect Reagan appoint a Deputy Assistant to the President on Indian Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointed advisor be a member of an Indian tribe and that such individual have a high degree of expertise in "Indian affairs," from both the tribal government and federal agency points of view;

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by a meeting of Federally recognized tribes at a National Issues Forum held on December 15-17, 1980, and that said resolution was adopted by unanimous acclamation.



Alec Garfield, President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Date 12-18-80

a National American Indian Policy

- WHEREAS: One hundred seventy-six (176) Federally recognized tribes met at a National Issues Forum in San Diego, California, December 15-17, 1980, sponsored by the California Tribal Chairmen's Association and All Indian Pueblo Council; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of this National Issues Forum was to make recommendations to the Reagan Administration for orderly transition of tribal affairs; and
- WHEREAS: President-Elect Reagan previously announced his positions and policies as they relate to Federally recognized Indian tribes, in his questionnaire response to Federally recognized tribes presented through the Reagan-Bush Campaign on September 27, 1980; and
- WHEREAS: The positions stated by President-Elect Reagan represent a policy that supports Indian tribal governments, tribal sovereignty and Indian self-determination and
- WHEREAS: There presently exists no Federal American Indian Policy followed by the Executive Branch of government; and
- WHEREAS: The positions stated in President-Elect Reagan's questionnaire-response to Federally recognized tribes, presented through the Reagan-Bush Campaign on September 26, 1980, would meet the need for a National American Indian Policy, by addressing areas of concern shared by elected tribal leaders of Federally recognized tribes,
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the positions stated by President-Elect Reagan, attached hereto and incorporated herein, be affirmatively adopted as a National American Indian Policy of the Reagan Administration,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transition Team carry forth these recommendations to the Reagan Administration for confirmation, endorsement and implementation as the Presidents' National American Indian Policy.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by a meeting of Federally recognized tribes at a National Issues

RESOLUTION

FOR PROTECTION BY THE PRESIDENT
OF TRIBAL WATER RESOURCES

- WHEREAS: Indian Nations have entered into treaties with the United States of America, and
- WHEREAS: The Indian Nations retained various rights within their treaties, and
- WHEREAS: The solemn promises have time and again been broken by the trustee, the United States of America, and
- WHEREAS: Water Rights is the prime resource pursued by the Non-Indians, who urges the trustee to violate Indian treaty rights, and
- WHEREAS: President Carter has a Water Policy that denies the development of a permanent tribal homeland with this valuable Water resources, and
- WHEREAS: The Water Resource Council has promulgated principles and standards for President Carter's Water Policy that are designed to divest the Indian Nations of their valuable water resources, and
- WHEREAS: Even after a Court decision has recognized the Indian Nations' Right to develop their water resources for any purpose, the United States Department of Interior plans to publish a new Federal Regulation to further erode Indian Water Rights, and
- THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that tribal leaders in special session at San Diego, California, at a National Issues Forum held on December 16, 1980, re-emphasized and reiterated their Treaty Rights, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tribal leaders in discussion at the National Issues Forum for Tribal Solidarity object and rejects President Carter's Water Policy and Principles and Standards of the Water Resources Council, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any new regulations must be reviewed by the Indian Tribal leadership before being published in the Federal Register, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Reagan Administration recognize, support and protect the Indian water resources as per treaty language and Court decisions, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Reagan Administration urge the amendment or repeal of the McCarran amendment and recognize that Indian Nations can and will play, develop and administer their own Water resources for the development of a Permanent Tribal Homeland.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by a meeting of Federally recognized tribes at a National Issues Forum held on December 15-17, 1980, and that said resolution was adopted by unanimous acclamation.

Alec Garfield
Alec Garfield, President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Date 12-18-80

To Address Federally Recognized Tribes in
the President's Inaugural Address;

- WHEREAS: One hundred seventy-six (176) Federally recognized tribes met at a National Issues Forum in San Diego, California, December 15-17, 1980, sponsored by the California Tribal Chairmen's Association and All Indian Pueblo Council; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of this National Issues Forum was to make recommendations to the Reagan Administration for orderly transition of tribal affairs,
- WHEREAS: The 176 tribes represented at the National Issues Forum recognize their unique status as Federally recognized tribes and their government-to-government relationship with the Federal Government;
- WHEREAS: These tribes further recognize the need for the Executive Branch of Government to continue to honor that government-to-government relationship and their unique status as Federally recognized tribes;
- WHEREAS: An appropriate mechanism to recognize that relationship is by a statement in the President's Inaugural Address;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that those tribes present at the National Issues Forum, representing 176 Federally recognized Indian tribes, hereby request and sanction that President-Elect Reagan pledge, by a statement addressed to Federally recognized tribes in his Inaugural Address, his commitment to support tribal sovereignty of Federally recognized tribes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that President-Elect Ronald Reagan make the following statement regarding Federally recognized Indian tribes in his Inaugural Address;

"This administration recognizes its responsibility to and the special relationships between the United States government and American Indian Tribes and Alaskan Natives. I pledge to continue to support their sovereignty and the self-determination of Federally recognized tribal governments."

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by a meeting of Federally recognized tribes at a National Issues

adopted by unanimous acclamation.

Alec Garfield
Alec Garfield, President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Date 12-18-80

RESOLUTION

To Address Federally Recognized Tribes in
the President's First Message to Congress

- WHEREAS: One hundred seventy-six (176) Federally recognized tribes met at a National Issues Forum in San Diego, California, December 15-17, 1980, sponsored by the California Tribal Chairmen's Association and All Indian Pueblo Council; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of this National Issues Forum was to make recommendations to the Reagan Administration for orderly transition of tribal affairs; and
- WHEREAS: The 176 tribes represented at the National Issues Forum recognize their unique status as Federally recognized tribes and their government-to-government relationship with the Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS: These tribes further recognize the need for the Executive Branch of Government to continue to honor that government-to-government relationship and unique status as Federally recognized tribes;
- WHEREAS: An appropriate mechanism to recognize that relationship is by a statement in the President's First Message to Congress; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that these tribes present at the National Issues Forum, representing 176 Federally recognized Indian tribes, hereby request and sanction that President-Elect Reagan pledge, by a statement addressed to Federally recognized tribes in his First Message to Congress, his commitment to support tribal sovereignty of Federally recognized tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that President-Elect Ronald Reagan make the following statement regarding Federally recognized Indian tribes in his First Message to Congress; and

"This administration recognizes its responsibility to and the special relationship between the United States government and American Indian Tribes and Alaskan Natives. I pledge to continue the support of their sovereignty and the self-determination of the Federally recognized tribal governments."

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by a meeting of Federally recognized tribes at a National Issues

Forum held on December 15-17, 1980, and that said resolution was adopted by unanimous acclamation.

Alec Garfield
Alec Garfield, President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Date 12-18-80

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS PASSED
DURING THE NATIONAL ISSUES FORUM
AND SUPPLEMENTARY
MATERIALS SUBMITTED BY
PARTICIPANTS

RESOLUTION

For the Creation of a Twelve Member Commission on Tribal Affairs

- WHEREAS: One hundred seventy six (176) Federally recognized tribes met at a National Issues Forum in San Diego, California, December 15-17, 1980, sponsored by the California Tribal Chairmen's Association and All Indian Pueblo Council; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of this National Issues Forum was to make recommendations to the Reagan Administration for orderly transition of tribal affairs; and
- WHEREAS: A major issue of concern to tribal leaders present at the forum involved the direction President-Elect Reagan should follow in the Executive Branch, with regard to tribal Indian affairs, and more specifically, direct access by Federally recognized tribes to the Executive Branch of the Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS: President-Elect Reagan has stated that he believes deeply in the rule of law and that he supports and respects adherence to treaties, court decisions, and laws passed by Congress which clearly recognize the Indian tribes' right to self government; and
- WHEREAS: There presently exists no mechanism within the Office of the President that advises the President and provides input to him on the tribal affairs of Federally recognized tribes;
- WHEREAS: The three most critical areas of tribal Indian affairs which tribal leaders agree should be addressed to President-Elect Reagan involve budget, policy, and legislation as they affect the American Indian; and
- WHEREAS: Such a mechanism for access to the Executive Branch, as determined by the Federally recognized tribes of these United States, is essential towards maintaining the government-to-government relationship between the Federal Government and tribal governments, and;
- WHEREAS: Tribal leaders recognize and agree that a body of members representing the twelve geographic areas set forth by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, would provide adequate input to the President on tribal affairs in the areas of budget, policy, and legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 176 Federally recognized tribes present at the National Issues Forum support and sanction the establishment of a twelve member Commission of Tribal Affairs, to provide input to the President's Office on budget, policy and legislative matters affecting Federally recognized tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the twelve (12) area members to the Commission represent the twelve (12) geographic areas within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission meet on a quarterly basis, four times per year, to advise the President on the three aforementioned topics.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by a meeting of Federally recognized tribes at a National Issues Forum held on December 15-17, 1980, and that said resolution was adopted by unanimous acclamation.

Alec Garfield

Alec Garfield, President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Date: 12-18-80

RESOLUTION

In Support of the American Indian's Right to
Religious Freedom

- WHEREAS: One hundred seventy-six (176) Federally recognized tribes met at a National Issues Forum in San Diego, California, December 15-17, 1980, sponsored by the California Tribal Chairmen's Association and All Indian Pueblo Council; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of this National Issues Forum was to make recommendations to the Reagan Administration for orderly transition of tribal affairs; and
- WHEREAS: A major concern of those tribes present at the National Issues Forum involves their religious freedom and the right to pursue religious practices; and
- WHEREAS: The right to one's religious freedom for all Americans is guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and
- WHEREAS: The Native American Church of North America requires the use of peyote as a sacrament and uses it in its ceremonies as practiced by members under the authority of the church; and
- WHEREAS: Federal laws have upheld the rights of members of the Native American Church to use peyote in religious practices; and
- WHEREAS: Certain state laws are nonetheless in conflict with federal laws and their enforcement has resulted in prosecution of Indian people;
- WHEREAS: Such prosecutions strongly interfere with the Indians' right and in particular, the Prairie Band of Potawatomi's rights, to religious practices and guarantee of religious freedom under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution
- WHEREAS: The American Indian Religious Freedom Act exists to further ensure the rights of all Indian people to pursue religious practices as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Federally recognized tribes present at the National Issues Forum join with the Prairie Band of Potawatomi tribes in support of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act and support the rights of all Indian people to

pursue their religious freedom as guaranteed by the
First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by a meeting of Federally recognized tribes at a National Issues Forum held on December 15-17, 1980 and that said resolution was adopted by unanimous acclamation.

Alec Garfield

Alec Garfield, President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Date 12/18/80

RESOLUTION

TO URGE SUPPORT BY THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OF THE
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (PL 95-608)

- WHEREAS: One hundred seventy-six (176) Federally recognized tribes met at a National Issues Forum in San Diego, California, December 15-17, 1980, sponsored by the California Tribal Chairmen's Association and the All Indian Pueblo Council; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of this National Issues Forum was to make recommendations to the Reagan Administration for orderly transition of tribal affairs; and
- WHEREAS: Congress, through statutes, treaties, and the general course of dealing with Indian tribes has assumed the responsibility for the protection and preservation of Indian tribes and their resources; and
- WHEREAS: There is no resource more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian tribes than their children; and
- WHEREAS: The United States has a direct interest, as trustee, in protecting Indian children who are members of or are eligible for membership in an Indian tribe; and
- WHEREAS: Congress, in passing the "Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978" has declared that it is the policy of this nation to protect the best interests of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families; and
- WHEREAS: Adequate funding is needed to meet the goals of the "Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that those tribes present request that the administration of President-Elect Reagan adopt and actively support the goals and intent stated within the "Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those tribes present request the Reagan Administration to approve Congressional appropriations to fund the "Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978" for Fiscal Year 1982.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly

considered by a meeting of Federally recognized tribes at a National Issues Forum held on December 15-17, 1980, and that said resolution was adopted by unanimous acclamation.

Alec Garfield
Alec Garfield, President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Date 12/18/80

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The National Issues Forum coordinated by the California Tribal Chairmen's Association and all Indian Pueblo Council, met in San Diego, California on December 15-17, 1980, to discuss issues of mutual concern to Federally recognized tribes;

WHEREAS: The purpose of the forum is to advise and make recommendations to the Reagan Administration for the orderly transition of tribal affairs;

WHEREAS: The Elected tribal leaders attending the forum, recognize the need for legislation amending all block grant programs to include provisions for direct funding to tribes;

WHEREAS: There exists a need for a uniform formula for all federal agencies to abide by to fully fund indirect cost rates of tribes as established by any one authorized agency.

WHEREAS: Legislation to improve the inconsistencies in the formulas presently used for indirect cost rates would improve the situation and not jeopardize other tribal funds to meet indirect costs.

WHEREAS: Such legislation should identify "set aside" funds for the purpose of establishing a uniform indirect cost rate;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved:

That the elected tribal leaders at the National Issues Forum sanction and support legislation to provide direct access by tribes to block grants by direct funding for this purpose;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED:

That such legislation provide for a formula for an indirect cost rate to be applied uniformly by all federal agencies serving Federally recognized Indian tribes.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by a meeting of Federally recognized tribes at a National Issues Forum held on December 15-17, 1980, and that said resolution was adopted by unanimous acclamation.

Alec Garfield
Alec Garfield, President
California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Date December 19, 1980