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RE: Final Memo on Meeting with Tribal Leaders

This is my last attempt at caution and concern for the President. We must always weigh what the consequences are for the President when he meets with any group before he meets with any group before we weigh the benefits and/or the rewards.

Why? Good news handles itself. Negative press destroys the good over a longer period of time. Our job, inside the White House, is supposed to be to take care of and protect the President (and promote his agenda) in a way that helps him and the American people. Period.

We have to make choices based on our best political judgement. Yes, there will always be risks, but that's inevitable. But be assured that when we throw him into the fire, he will get burned. And this meeting is pure Hell.

The DNC and the individual state political parties are very important to us, but our first responsibility is to the President. They also have to be careful of perception, timing, and what's connected to each event they want him at. Doing this separate Tribal Leaders meeting was really unnecessary since they should just have been part of the big event that was scheduled.

We have to remember that this is a hot and volatile issue without resolution (on a state-by-state case) -- and Governors, state legislatures, Attorneys General, U.S. Attorneys, and our own Justice Department have roles.

WE DON'T DO THIS TO OUR PRESIDENT. The consequences are greater than the rewards. Remember what happened two years ago on this same issue and it made the papers (Carol Rasco and others had to do rapid response) when the President spoke, supposedly off the record.

There's too much going on, and I can't and shouldn't put it all in writing, but I hope you're getting the message.

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You need to do one of two things on this meeting:

- 1 - Either trust my gut because I work with, know and understand all the dynamics of Indian Country, or
- 2 - Just take care of the President.

I can only tell you that I don't understand our strategy or rationale for the necessity of this particular meeting, but I do understand theirs (the Tribal Leaders'). We need to research, research, research before we approve the President's presence at any meeting. There are too many legal problems and too great a chance for negative political fallout for this meeting to be worth it.

My concern is that the following questions would be raised in a meeting with the President (even a 30-35 minute meeting):

- 1 - Would the President help Tribes in trying to leverage Governor Wilson to compact with the Tribes.
- 2 - Would the President be receptive to a veto on the Toricelli Legislation. Could tribes count on Administration support if this Legislation comes up.
- 3 - What is the President's reaction to the Carbozon case (Rumsey situation), which is now being overshadowed by the Keno case, which moots the Carbozon case?
- 4 - Does the President agree that if tribes use the same gaming equipment as states use, that theirs shouldn't be classified as illegal?
- 5 - How does the President feel about states' infringement on tribal sovereignty as it relates to gaming?
- 6 - How does the President feel about the auditing (being pushed by the Governor of Arizona) of Indian gaming tribes?
- 7 - What is the President's position on the national lottery?

If the President is going to do this meeting, 3 people need to brief him: Pat Griffin, Carol Rasco, and legal counsel.

Several groups, including the National Indian Gaming Association, are already upset that they weren't invited.



Land of the Nectariniidae, or sunbirds, catches the eye of Donald Ballantyne, 5, and his sister, Rebecca, 3. The Mark Switlik mural is part of *Hoop & Holler*, a Sky Harbor International Airport exhibit that is just an appetizer for those visiting Phoenix for the smorgasbord of NBA All-Star activities.

Mona Reeder/The Arizona Republic

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What's happening at the Jam Session, the clinics, the contests, All-Star Saturday Night and the big game itself?

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Find out where NBA legends will be playing golf, where Wayman Tisdale's jazz band jams and when the All-Stars arrive at Sky Harbor.

★ PEOPLE TO SEE

What do Bill Cosby, Billy Crystal, The Four Tops, Rush Limbaugh, Warren Moon and Kenny Rogers have in common? We'll clue you to the celebrities you might see in the Valley this week.

States will slap China with the largest trade sanctions in U.S. history, imposing 100 percent tariffs on \$1.08 billion worth of Chinese imports, ranging from plastic picture frames to cellular telephones, U.S. trade representative Mickey Kantor said Saturday.

Within an hour of the announcement, China responded with 100 percent tariffs on U.S.-made compact discs, cigarettes, alcoholic beverages and other products "to protect its sovereignty and national dignity," China's official Xinhua News Agency said. Each nation's tariffs, which would double the price of the targeted imports, are to take effect Feb. 26.

U.S. officials said they hope China will avert a trade war by acting before that date on the costly and conten-

software and movie videocassettes.

The United States wants China to close factories that pirate U.S. products and agree on other steps to protect U.S. companies from losing sales to unauthorized versions of their products, U.S. trade officials said. But China's ability to reach an agreement with the United States may be complicated by the fact that aging leader Deng Xiaoping is ailing and perhaps close to death, leaving decision-making to others, who may be more resistant.

"We're drawing the line right here today," Kantor said Saturday.

A senior official of China's trade ministry blamed the Clinton administration for the rising trade tensions.

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Clinton liaison is adored by tribes

By Jeff Barker
Republic Washington Bureau



Loretta Avent / The liaison acknowledges that her relationship with tribes "is beyond what's the norm for me."

WASHINGTON — They give her dolls, rings, shawls, baskets and necklaces. They pray she won't leave them.

To Native Americans, Loretta Avent is a goddess. She takes them places they have never been.

Avent, 52, is a deputy assistant to President Clinton. In her two years at the White House, the Phoenix native has forged an extraordinary relationship with Indian Country.

Tribal leaders say the effervescent former lobbyist has become, quite simply, the most important federal contact they have ever had.

They say she is helping renew their faith in government, which has been so long a source of frustration and broken promises.

"I'm almost 73 years old, and I will tell you that never in my lifetime have we in Indian Country experienced a

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Border Patrol to beef up

Clinton expected to order 62 more agents for Arizona

By Richard F. Casey
The Arizona Republic

President Clinton will announce today that 62 new Border Patrol agents are being assigned to Nogales to counter an "unprecedented rise" in illegal entries from Mexico, administration officials said Saturday.

The new agents, who will begin arriving this week, represent a boost of about 22 percent in the force of 283 agents who have cover all of Arizona's counties except Yuma, La Paz and Mohave.

The move is intended to counter an "unprecedented rise in illegal entries from Mexico that has occurred since the

Dec. 20 devaluation of that nation's currency.

The administration already had anticipated more illegal immigrants in Arizona, given recent buildups by the Border Patrol in Texas and California, and 87 agents now in training at a federal academy in Georgia already were going to be assigned here.

But the dive in the peso's value, and inflation that has seen prices on many items in Mexico skyrocket, put more pressure on Mexican workers to cross the border and get jobs that would pay them in dollars.

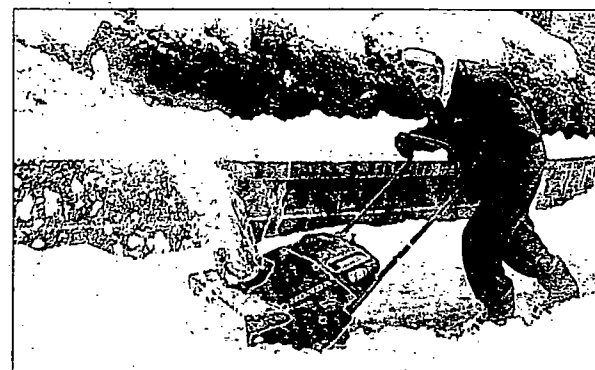
"With the president's action early last week to stabilize the peso, we anticipate that pressure on the Mexican border will subside," one official said Saturday.

On Tuesday, Clinton gave up on trying to coax Congress

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Malcolm Clarke/The Associated Press

Snow blankets East

Pushing a snow blower takes the wonder out of winter wonderland for John O'Donnel of Teaneck, N.J. A storm Saturday dumped a thick layer of snow from West Virginia to New England. **Story, A19.**

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Clinton aide adored by Indians

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person so dedicated to tribal rights," said Sue Shaffer, chairwoman of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians in Roseburg, Ore.

"She's been a guide, mentor, catalyst, grandmother," said Paul Ojibway, an Ojibwa tribal member who is the Los Angeles archbishop's Native American liaison. "Being people who hold people and symbols dear, she gives us the feeling that we are included and don't have to come hat in hand to get noticed."

An African-American born in rural Virginia, Avent acknowledges that her relationship with tribes "is beyond what's the norm for me."

"They feel that I'm chosen. They give me heirlooms. They give me what I call 'heart' gifts," she said.

She tells visitors that her office was occupied 25 years ago by John Dean, former President Nixon's counsel during the Watergate scandal.

"He was a man who had a chance to help this nation, and he didn't," Avent said.

Opened door for Indians

She hopes her legacy will be that she opened the doors of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. to a group that has never quite felt welcome, even though its members are descendants of the first Americans.

Avent's contributions are both symbolic and substantive. She organized a historic meeting in April with Clinton and several hundred tribal leaders. She also invited urban Indians and tribes not federally recognized — two groups that often feel particularly overlooked by the government — to their own White House events.

"Never before has there been this type of accessibility," said Albert Hale, president of the Navajo Nation.

When tribal leaders believed they were being ignored by the Census Bureau in August, they wrote to Avent. They also contacted her when Arizona was resisting Indian gaming and when they wanted Clinton to

grant executive clemency for Leonard Peltier, the American Indian Movement member convicted of killing two FBI agents 20 years ago.

"There's nothing that they do — nothing — that doesn't come to me," Avent said. "The president said he wanted an administration that reflected the country. Until we bring them (Indians) to the table, then it's not the right reflection of America, because America looked like them first."

Avent emphasizes that she does not perform the Indians' work by herself. She merely puts them in touch with people who can help.

"She doesn't do things for us," said Ivan Makil, president of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. "She sets up the meeting, and after that, we're on our own. She makes sure we get an opportunity to get to the table."

In Peltier's case, Avent referred inquiries about clemency to the Justice Department.

From prison, Peltier heard about Avent and wrote her a note on the inside cover of a book about Native Americans' legacy.

"All my sources indicated to me that you are the most powerful influence in the White House speaking for Native American issues," Peltier wrote.

He said he appreciated that someone of her "stature" would read about his case.

Much of Avent's outreach is personal. She fields as many 60 calls a day from Indians and continues dispensing advice long after the workday has ended.

"Tribes have gotten so used to being ignored for so long that they could not believe someone is so kind to them," said Buntz Angoue, a Washington-based reporter for *Indian Country Today* newspaper.

Avent invites tribal leaders to White House dinners and receptions and, when she can, to the president's box at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

"Thank you a million times over for taking me as your guest to the White House last night," began a recent letter to Avent from Suzan Shown Harjo, president of the Washington-based Morning Star Institute, which promotes Indian cultural rights.

"My parents will be so thrilled that I was able to tell the president and first lady how very much they are admired, and what they hope to offer for those of us Indian people who are the poor and mostly forgotten and left-out folks that the Democrats stand for."

Credits dad for her values

Avent credits her work values to her father, who reared her alone after a divorce. He is a former elevator operator in one of the U.S. House office buildings.

A longtime resident of the nation's capital, Avent lobbied for the National Association of Counties, U.S. Conference of Mayors and other groups. She also ran a political consulting firm whose clients included the Clinton-Gore campaign.

She moved to Phoenix in 1988, mostly at the insistence of her husband, who said the laid-back lifestyle and weather would add years

to their lives.

Avent's husband, Jacques Avent, a Phoenix deputy city manager, said his wife has been reaching out to "underdogs" most of her life.

"She does the underdog causes; those are the ones that turn her on," he said.

In Phoenix, she helped coordinate the Harmony Alliance, which works at bringing disparate groups together.

Avent and her husband have known the Clintons for 20 years.

As a deputy assistant to the president for intergovernmental affairs, she is a liaison to Indians and local elected officials around the nation.

She admits being torn between her commitment to Indians and her sadness at being away from her husband.

"I can't be just a holiday spouse, nor do I want to be. I was only going to do this a year," she said.

But her job has become part of her. Returning recently to her birthplace in South Hill, Va., Avent found herself thinking of her Indian friends.

"I was looking at where I grew up," she said. "I was born in the same house my father was. It made me understand what Indian people mean when they talk about Mother Earth."

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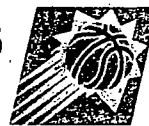
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Commissioner David Stern on rise of NBA



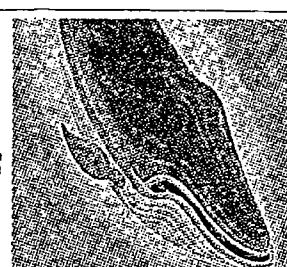
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Some people in Paulden have linked helicopters seen in the area to a sinister New World Order. But UFO researcher Lyle Vann says he's heard that the copters have been used to terrorize researchers such as him.



David Petkiewicz/The Arizona Republic

Patriots vow to fight off 'one-world government'

Militias see threat in Arizona

By David Fritze
The Arizona Republic

ST. JOHNS — From this remote, untidy city on eastern Arizona's high desert plains, William Cooper beams his anger to the world.

Five nights a week, at 10 p.m., Cooper, one of the most widely known prophets of the growing "patriot movement," rails at the federal government and talks of doomsday omens on his shortwave radio broadcast.

A "New World Order" is building like a thunderhead.

Foreign troops under the control of the United Nations are training secretly on American soil. Black helicopters are shadowing patriots to spy on them.

The military, the FBI, the president, the National Guard — almost anyone in uniform, it seems — are plotting to rob Americans of their civil rights and their guns.

The key to fending off the impending assault, Cooper

SUSPICIONS:

Northern Arizona residents suspect sinister plots are associated with helicopter sightings, A8

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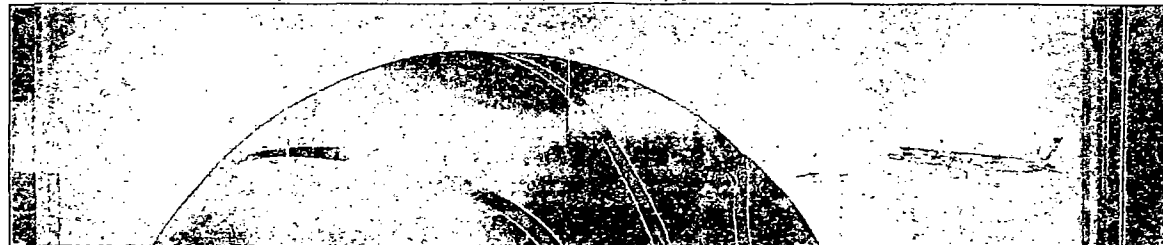
1995 NBA ALL-STAR GAME

The birth of a spectacle

Twenty years ago, when the National Basketball Association first brought its All-Star Game to Phoenix, the game didn't even sell out Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

But this is 1995, and it's not just a game anymore — it's a celebrity-studded extravaganza that includes slam-dunk and long-distance-shooting contests and a fan-friendly attraction called Jam Session.

Today, a special section previews All-Star Weekend, which visits a revitalized downtown Phoenix and its crown jewel, America West Arena.



PHOTOCOPY PRESERVATION

U.S. slaps China with trade sanction

Pirated American goods at issue

By Martha M. Hamilton
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States will slap China with the largest trade sanctions in U.S. history, imposing 100 percent tariffs on \$1.08 billion worth of Chinese imports, ranging from plastic picture

tious issue of the making and marketing of pirated products, including compact discs, personal-computer software and movie videocassettes.

The United States wants China to close factories that pirate U.S. products and agree on other steps to protect U.S. companies from losing

1 kind act on top of another can create a better society

Maria Hidalgo of Mesa commits herself to be kind to at least five different people a day and to always say "Hi" and "Thank you."

Al Tattelman of Tempe tries to live by the Golden Rule.

Tracy Lugo of Phoenix volunteers at shelters for battered women and the homeless.

Carolyn Johnson of Phoenix makes it a point to tell children, through actions and words, how important they are.

Frank Sheridan and Sonia Duvall of Phoenix, who are engaged, sometimes bring Rice Krispie treats on the 19th Avenue bus they ride for the driver and other passengers — "a senseless act of kindness," Sheridan says.

They're among hundreds of local people who filled out cards asking what ordinary citizens can do to make the Valley a better place to live. The cards were passed out by Phoenix Rising, a new organization working to increase citizen involvement.

As I read through those cards last week, I



STEVE WILSON

Republic Columnist

was struck by more than the benevolent spirit. These people also seemed to reflect a growing awareness that any large social change starts with small individual acts and is largely beyond the reach of government policy.

I don't think a congressional "Contract With America" matters a fraction as much as the unwritten social contracts we each live by. Politicians from Bill Clinton to Newt

Gingrich are tuned into this trend. Both have evoked Alexis de Tocqueville's words about the importance of volunteer associations in a democratic society. Each is speaking out for more community-minded citizenship.

But Washington can't make it happen. The work starts here, and it asks many of us to reconsider basic values.

Our values — once based mainly on religious and moral beliefs — are increasingly shaped by economics, expediency, and ego.

We often assess things by the answer we give to one question: What's in it for me?

Whether something is right or wrong, whether it's fair or unfair can be rationalized to suit our immediate self-interest.

Individualism — a dominant and worthy ethic in Arizona — is sometimes used as an excuse for rejecting any responsibility for the common good. For many people with bright minds and economic means, prosperity buys an eager retreat from public life into guard-gated privacy.

For others, a focus on personal growth and

satisfaction crowds out attention to others' needs, including family members.

One result is the paradox of the planet's richest nation leading the world in many categories of social dysfunction.

Writing in Friday's *Wall Street Journal*, Don Eberly said federal policy can't solve our biggest problems.

"The mistake of the Democratic majority was believing it could create the good society by merely building government up; the danger for the Republican majority may be believing it can re-create the good society by merely tearing government down."

Eberly, who founded an organization working to strengthen the American family, cites rising illegitimacy as an example of a social ill government can't cure. The reasons nearly a third of all American children are now born out of wedlock run deeper, down to personal values and moral obligations.

Down also to the diminished place of shame in modern society.

A *Newsweek* cover story argues

persuasively that shamelessness has become a defining American characteristic — from cheating on taxes to cheating on spouses to bending whatever rule stands in our way.

The article contends that "a clearer sense of shame may require nothing short of intolerance, a word that has received a bad rap in recent years. Shame means being intolerant of certain types of behavior that are either illegal or destructive to the social contract, on Wall Street or Bourbon Street."

Eberly believes significant social changes won't come from the top down.

"The good society cannot be doled out like just another entitlement; it cannot be pieced together through program reforms, or stimulated into existence by more tax cuts," he says. "It must be achieved through the cooperative efforts of individual Americans."

If that sounds too wishful or naive, you might think about the power of thoughtful, committed citizens to change the world.

As anthropologist Margaret Mead reminded us, it's the only thing that ever has.

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INSIDE TODAY

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for granting us renewed courage when we come to you in prayer. Amen.

LOTTERY

POWERBALL

Saturday's drawing

10 15 18 26 33

Powerball: 06

Jackpot: \$16.6 million

(5 balls and powerball)

Amounts in other prize pools were not available Saturday night.

LOTTO

Saturday's drawing:

06 09 10 23 29 42

Jackpot: \$3.2 million

Amounts in other prize pools were not available Saturday night.

FANTASY 5

Friday's results

03 06 19 28 34

Winner: 1/\$50,000

(5 numbers)

Second-place pool:

\$1/\$500 (4 numbers)

Third-place pool: 1,557/\$5

(3 numbers)

CHUCKLE

Usually, the only way to get a spark of inspiration is with a bonfire of frustration.

ALMANAC

The 36th day of 1995.

On this date:

In 1881, Phoenix was incorporated.

In 1937, Franklin

LOCAL NEWS

FORENSIC HYPNOSIS: Stymied by

a dearth of clues in the robbery and murder of Wells Fargo driver John Magoch, Glendale police turn to a little-used police technique: hypnosis. **B1**

CRACKDOWN: A long-dormant plan

to combat automobile theft in Arizona with a special police task force and public-education campaigns is getting dusted off. **B1**

NATIONAL NEWS

TROUBLESOME ISSUE: Dr. Henry

Foster Jr. delivered 10,000 babies over three decades, but the handful of pregnancies he terminated could spell trouble for his nomination as surgeon general. **A3**

DEUS EX MACHINA: For years, com-

puters have been the hottest tools for writing letters, balancing budgets and playing games. Now, they're becoming religious sanctuaries as well. **A9**

SHUTTLE TROUBLES: A second

thruster on the Discovery starts leaking, threatening to ruin the rendezvous of the shuttle and a Russian space station. **A18**

WINTER RETURNS: Blizzardlike condi-

tions and a thick layer of snow descend upon the Northeast. **A19**

WORLD NEWS

FIGHTER DOWNED: Chechen rebels

shoot down the first Russian fighter plane in the breakaway republic's war with Rus-

sal cultural contributions of African-Americans are the focus of a five-month series at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts. **E1**

BUSINESS

MODERN SWEATSHOPS: While

American industry reaps the benefits of a new, high-technology era, it has consigned a large class of workers to a Dickensian time warp, laboring not just for meager wages but also under dehumanized and often dangerous conditions. **D1**

REBATES RETURN: After trying to

wean consumers from cash rebates and other deals, automakers are finding that slower sales mean they must start discounting again to keep moving the metal. **D4**

SPORTS

STRIKE TALKS: A day before President

Clinton's deadline for substantial progress in baseball's labor war, the owners and players find themselves \$143 million a year and two philosophies apart. **C1**

DAVID CASSTEVENS: Scottie Pippen

of the Chicago Bulls is the runaway leader in fan voting for the 1995 All-Unhappy Team. Joining Pippen on the select squad of NBA unhappy campers are Isaiah Rider, Shaquille O'Neal, Clyde Drexler and Kendall Gill. **C1**

SUNS WILL TELL: Is Houston a sleeping

giant? Or was winning the NBA championship so satisfying that the Rockets have lost their appetite for another? **C1**

AMERICA'S CUP: Heavy sea for and

A diplomatic fan



Greg Gibson/The Associated Press

In a rare break from the job, President Clinton enjoys a basketball game at Washington's Smith Center with his daughter, Chelsea. Showing no favoritism, the president politely cheered for both teams Saturday. The game proved to be an exciting one, with unranked George Washington University upsetting top-ranked Massachusetts, 78-75. College basketball, C12 and C14.

Clinton expected to send

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In 1937, Franklin Roosevelt proposed enlarging the U.S. Supreme Court. Critics accused FDR of trying to "pack" the court with justices who would rule in his favor. The Senate defeated the plan.

QUOTE

"Many excellent words are ruined by too definite a knowledge of their meaning."

— Aline Kilmer, American poet (1888-1941)

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WORLD NEWS

FIGHTER DOWNED: Chechen rebels shoot down the first Russian fighter plane in the breakaway republic's war with Russia. The pilot of the Su-25 is killed, Russian television reports. **A21**

VIOLATION: U.N. troops witness what they describe as the most flagrant violation of Serbia's pledge to stay out of the war in Bosnia: 15 to 20 Serbian helicopters landing outside the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica on Friday evening, apparently to resupply the Bosnian Serbs there. **A22**

AID DECLINED: In the wake of the Kobe earthquake, colds and flu viruses are rippling through the refugee camps in western Japan, killing some of the fragile elderly. But when an American relief organization offers free flu vaccine, the Japanese government politely declines. **A26**

LIFESTYLES

CREDIT-CARD SURFERS: These days, about 25,000 credit-card offers vie for consumers' attention with widely varying rates, fees and bonuses. And many consumers are taking full advantage of the offers, opening and closing accounts, transferring balances from card to card and shuffling their credit deck to gain frequent-flier miles, product discounts and more. **G1**

CULTURAL CENTER: Alumni of Phoenix's George Washington Carver High School, the all-black high school closed in 1954, spell out plans to buy the old school and turn it into an African-American cultural center and museum. **G1**

ENTERTAINMENT

CINEMA COMPETITION: The battle among Valley movie theaters could rise to a new level if the AMC chain goes through with plans to build Sportsplex 20, a 20-screen complex in Scottsdale. **D1**

BLACK ARTISTS: The often-overlooked

team, joining tripp on the select squad of NBA unhappy campers are Isaiah Rider, Shaquille O'Neal, Clyde Drexler and Kendall Gill. **C1**

SUNS WILL TELL: Is Houston a sleeping giant? Or was winning the NBA championship so satisfying that the Rockets have lost their appetite for another? **C1**

AMERICA'S CUP: Heavy sea fog and the largest ship in the U.S. Navy bring America's Cup racing to a grinding halt Saturday. Organizers halt the countdown to the start of a race on the challenger course when the 94,000-ton USS Abraham Lincoln makes a surprise entry from a heavy sea fog onto the race course. **C2**

TRAVEL

WHALE TRAIL: The gray whales are making their annual trip from the Arctic to the "love lagoons" of Baja California, and whale watchers are flocking to San Diego to be on hand as the giant creatures pass by. As many as 200 whales can be spotted on days when waters are calm. **T1**

POETRY AND BLOODSHED: The time to visit Belfast, Northern Ireland's long-troubled capital, is now — before peace robs it of its gritty glamour. **T9**

PERSPECTIVE

INTERNATIONAL AGENDA: Members of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council meet with editors of *The Republic* to discuss just what Phoenix needs to do to become known as an international city. **F1**

A FASHION STATEMENT: Those who measure the widths of lapels, ties and pants legs can make a case that styles change. But rare is the man who deviates too far from the dark-suit, light-shirt formula that served his father so faithfully. **F4**

FACING FACTS: There are problems with the way Grant Woods runs the Attorney General's Office. He doesn't publish opinions. Agencies say they can't get quality legal advice. Some of the office's functions, such as enforcement of civil-rights and campaign-finance laws, are so backlogged that it can seem impossible to get a complaint resolved in this millennium. **F4**

Clinton expected to send Arizona 62 more agents

— CLINTON, from page A1

into approving \$40 billion in loan guarantees and, by executive action, created a \$50 billion package funded by U.S. and foreign money.

The agents who will be assigned to Nogales beginning Tuesday mostly have been working on "interior" assignments, such as highway checkpoints that are not near the border. Some of them have been assigned to areas near Canada.

Attorney General Janet Reno, who heads the Justice Department and its Immigration and Naturalization Service, has visited Nogales twice in the past 12 months, and INS Commissioner Doris Meissner, who oversees the Border Patrol, has been there within the past two months, one official said.

"Arizona has been wringing its hands, and we've tried to get the resources there as fast as possible," another official said.

Reno "sat down with the Nogales community and with Border Patrol officials" on her last visit, in early January, and already had an idea of the area's needs before the peso crisis, the official said.

Reno praised the efforts of the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, which in 1994 arrested 51 percent more illegal immigrants than in the previous year.

She promised new fencing and lighting and new technology that would speed arrests and paperwork.

On Thursday, administration and congressional officials said Clinton will recommend that the United States charge an entry fee of \$1.50 per

person and \$3 per vehicle for crossings from Mexico and Canada.

The fee would raise \$200 million in its first year and about \$400 million in each of the following years, officials said.

Last week, the Border Patrol announced that December marked the 28th month of record arrests of illegal immigrants in the Tucson Sector.

Agents report more than 8,600 arrests in December, surpassing 1993 totals by about 6,400 arrests, said Rob Daniels, spokesman for the Tucson sector.

Agents say stepped-up patrols in Texas and California have increased illegal immigrants at Arizona's border.

Daniels said August 1991 was the last time a monthly figure failed to be greater than that of the same month a year earlier.

NEWS SHOWS

Here are today's lineups:

NBC's *Meet the Press*, 8 a.m., KPNX-TV (Channel 12) — Topic: Balanced budget: To be or not to be? Guests: Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.; and Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

ABC's *This Week With David Brinkley*, 9 a.m., KNXV-ABC-TV (Channel 15) — Topic: The federal budget. Guests: Office of Management and Budget Director Alice Rivlin; House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio; and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

CBS' *Face the Nation*, 9:30 a.m., KPHO-TV (Channel 5) — Topics: Clinton's budget plan, the balanced-budget amendment and the minimum wage. Guests: Laura D'Andrea Tyson, chairwoman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers; Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss.; and Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La.

CNN's *Late Edition With Frank Sesno*, 3 p.m. — Topics: Middle East peace talks and the federal budget. Guests: Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres; Office of Management and Budget Director Alice Rivlin; and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.



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Great budget fanfare fades as surprises become fewer

Scrapps Howard

WASHINGTON — President Clinton on Monday submits to Congress the budget of the U.S. government.

But the great fanfare and importance attached to the introduction of the new federal budget is a custom that has become quaint.

Up until the 1980s, the annual budget unveiling was one of the great events of the Washington year. The budget was a complete, detailed statement of the president's economic and legislative agenda for the government's coming fiscal year. As such, the budget was prepared and printed in great secrecy.

The Washington press corps was sworn into that secrecy and, miraculously, kept it. Not a word was to hit print or the airwaves until the House and Senate formally went into session and thus were presumed to be formally in shape to receive the budget.

In the frigid predawn darkness of a Saturday, reporters lined up outside the hulking red-brick Government Printing Office to receive their advance copies.

Meanwhile, over the weekend, the Cabinet departments and agencies held briefings in ostentatious secrecy. Few tourists seemed to care why 60 or so reporters were slipping furtively into the Labor Department or Health, Education and Welfare.

The White House was also filling in favored members of Congress so they would not be taken unaware by some budget development affecting their districts.

Came the great day, and the press unleashed a great tide of stories. Congress pretended to be surprised and impressed by the arrival of the budget, and the president took to nationwide TV to tell the voters how sensibly he was spending their money.

All that began to change during the Reagan years.

President Reagan had an open disdain for the budget process. His budget director, David Stockman, boasted publicly of what everybody knew anyway: That budgets could be made to come out right by exaggerating revenues and downplaying expenses. The difference was made up by improbable "management savings" and program cuts that had no prayer of being enacted by Congress.

The Democratic Congress, in turn,

had an even greater disdain for Reagan's budgets, terming them for eight straight years DOA — dead on arrival.

Other factors also accounted for the decline of the budget's importance.

Year-around monitoring by House and Senate committees, computers, and multiyear budgeting meant there were fewer surprises in the key economic numbers.

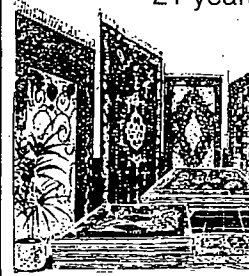
More important, each year, there was less money for Congress and the

White House to play around with. The growth of entitlements and mounting interest payments, plus certain minimums in federal programs and the usual sacred cows, means that about 80 percent of the budget is basically untouchable.

But perhaps the best evidence of the budget's decline in the legislative scheme of Washington is that this budget is one full month late. It was supposed to have gone to Congress on Jan. 9.

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PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PLAN

A look at President Clinton's
budget proposal:

• **DEFENSE:** The Pentagon
budget would decrease about
3 percent, to \$246 billion, in
1996, and drop again the next
year before beginning a grad-
ual climb. The proposal, how-
ever, is \$2 billion more than
Clinton had planned in the past,
with the money going to beef-
ing up spending on daily
operations, training and main-
tenance.

• **HEALTH:** Spending on
AIDS treatment and prevention
programs would increase
6.8 percent, to \$2.9 billion. An
extra \$13 million would go to a
new program to vaccinate pre-
schoolers, and \$15 million
would be added for research
identifying human genes.

• **TRANSPORTATION:**
Cuts are planned throughout
the Department of Transporta-
tion, with much of the savings
from consolidating grants for
mass transit, highways, air-
ports and railroads. Clinton's
proposal is expected to trim
\$1 billion to \$2 billion from the
department's \$39 billion bud-
get. Both Congress and Clinton
seem likely to agree on shut-
ting down the Interstate Com-
merce Commission.

• **ENERGY:** Projected
savings would come over five
years, and most would not be
felt in fiscal 1996. The admin-
istration proposes selling four
agencies that market electric-
ity from federal dams in the
Southeast, Southwest, West
and Alaska to save \$3.7 billion.
It also proposes selling the
Naval Petroleum Reserve, a
savings of \$1.6 billion, and
reducing spending on cleanup
and environmental restoration
at nuclear-weapon facilities.

• **FARMS:** Clinton is expec-
ted to spare farm programs
from large cuts and protect
spending on rural electric coop-
eratives but to propose trim-
ming \$1.5 billion from manda-
tory farm-program spending
over the next five years.

• **COMMUNICATIONS:** The
Federal Communications Com-
mission expects an 8 percent
increase, for a budget of about
\$200 million, but most of the
increase is to pay to move the
agency's headquarters. Repub-
lican leaders have raised the
prospect of cutting the com-
mission's budget.

• **JUSTICE:** Clinton will seek
large increases for the Justice
Department, with much of the
money earmarked for immigra-
tion enforcement.

• **SPACE:** Clinton will pro-
pose spending \$100 million
for a NASA program to develop
smaller, cheaper and faster
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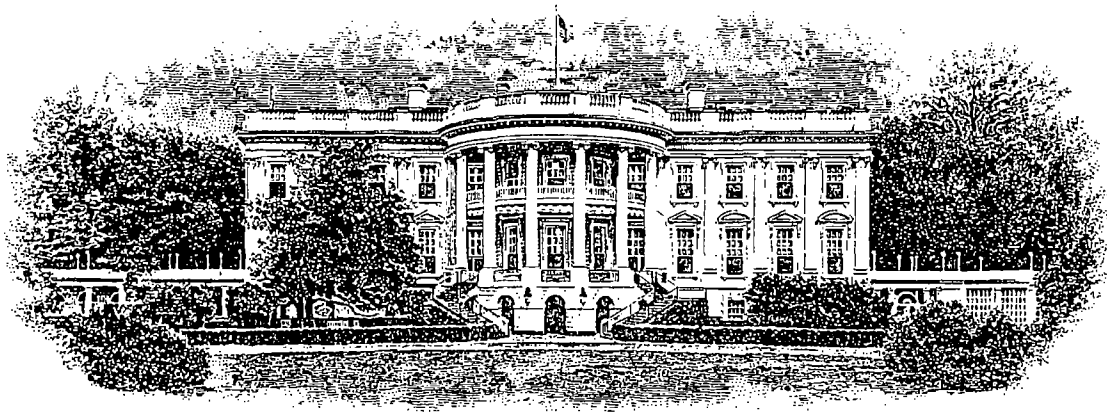


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May 31, 1995

MEETING WITH MONTANA TRIBAL LEADERS

DATE:	May 31, 1995
LOCATION:	Billings, Montana
TIME:	8:00-8:45 p.m. (to convene)
FROM:	Loretta T. Avent, Deputy <i>lta</i> Assistant to the President

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Montana Tribal Leaders and other members of the Montana Indian Community.

II. BACKGROUND

The Montana Tribes and the Montana Indian community as a whole are politically active, astute, and pragmatic. They have been and continue to be very supportive of the Clinton Administration, in general, and the President in particular. They are very outspoken and expect to be respectfully heard. They are very, very religious. You should be aware that some of the Tribal Leaders have prepared statements. Respect for government-to-government relations should allow the leader (only) of each Tribal Nation to read his or her 2-3 minute prepared statement.

This meeting with the Indian Leadership is one of the many that you, the Vice President and the First Lady, (mention her visit to the Pueblo of Cochiti, New Mexico) will, hopefully, try to do over next year and a half.

III. PARTICIPANTS

President
Congressman Pat Williams

Blackfeet Reservation

Earl Old Person, Chairman
George Heavy Runner, Montana State Representative
Carol Juneau, Teacher

Crow Reservation

Clara Nomee, Chairperson
Janine Pretty On Top, Pres. Little Big Horn College

Flathead Reservation

Micky Pablo, Chairman
Joe MacDonald, Pres. Salish/Kootenai College
Rhonda Lankford, Tribal Attorney

Fort Belknap Reservation

Tracy King, Vice Chairman
Margie Perez, Pres. Fort Belknap College

Fort Peck

Caleb Shields, Chairman
Bill Whitehead, Community Development
Leonard Smith, CEO Indian Economic Development Corp.

Northern Cheyenne Reservation

Llevando Fisher, Chairman
Gail Small, Native Action
Wanda Martinez, Native Action

Rocky Boy Reservation

John Sun Child, Chairman
LuAnn Bellcourt, Rocky Boy Community College

At Large

Debbie Swanson, Chairperson, Little Shell Tribe, Havre (no state recog.)
Pat Smith, Attorney, Missoula
Judy Chapman, Indian Affairs Specialist

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed Press

White House photographer only (I hope each Tribal Leader -- at least --
can have a one-on-one photo opportunity)

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Congressman Pat Williams introduces the President

President Enters the Room

Sits Down

Makes Remarks

Respectfully asks for comments (**always let Tribal Chairpersons Speak first**)

My recommendation: Tribal Leaders should really be the only ones
addressing the President. This respects the government-to-government
relation they care so much about.

VI. REMARKS

See attached option one and option two

cc: Leon Panetta
Maggie Williams
Office of the Staff Secretary to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

May 31, 1995

TO: Harold Ickes, for the President

FROM: Loretta T. Avent, Deputy Assistant to the President *LTA*

RE: SUGGESTED REMARKS (OPTION ONE) FOR THE
PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH MONTANA TRIBAL
LEADERS

Thank you for coming together on such short notice, to meet with me. One of the reasons I was so excited about this particular trip was because it would provide me the opportunity to meet with a number of my most loyal supporters in the great state of Montana - American Indians - you - the elected leaders and our other friends in Indian country. It gives me the opportunity to say thank you for helping me to achieve what will be one of the legacies and greatest accomplishments of my Administration, and that is the changing and improved attitudes and behaviors toward American Indian in these United States of America.

The Clinton Administration came into office, thanks to many of you here today and many others within the tribal nations. I want you to know how very appreciative I am of your support. You have worked, in partnership, with my White House Staff, the heads of the Clinton Administration, the Executive Departments and Agencies to help us achieve a number of accomplishments important to Indian Country (see the attached list of accomplishments). We have worked hard to insure that we understand the past history of the relationship between the government of the United States and the governments of the Indian tribes, that was historically paternalistic, and my Administration, now and always will continue to work hard to insure that that history is over. Thank you for helping us to better understand and help you.

As we move into the 21st century, I commit to you that my administration has and will continue to break new ground with respect to all of Indian Country. We have learned and we continue to learn a lot from you - the First Americans - and we will continue to find new approaches that work best for the tribal nations. We have and we will continue to consult with you because your opinions, suggestions, input, recommendations and advice will be important to our administration in future formulation of federal policy. My Administration truly respects consultation with Tribal Leaders.

As we move into the 21st century we know we have our work cut out for us, but I ask you - no - I beg you - to continue to hold the kind of meetings you have had, starting with the April 29, 1994 White House meeting with Tribal Leaders; and the more recent One Year Anniversary Meeting where you spoke to us. And I am aware of the meetings you have had with Loretta Avent on your specific and individual needs and concerns. We see, we listen, and we hear you. We have, and we will continue to do so. On behalf of my entire Administration, who you have been working closely with over the past two and a half years, I thank you. I appreciate the considerable commitment that each of you, on behalf of your Tribal Nations, has made to my Administration. I and my Administration will continue to be guided, in partnership, by your wisdom and your counsel. We may not always agree, but you will always be at the table and you will always be on a level playing field with other levels of government so that - together-, we can make this the greatest nation on earth. I respect your sovereignty and you, as sovereign leaders. Again, my sincerest thanks for all you have done and all you do to contribute to this, our nation.

The Clinton Administration has worked hard to advance tribal sovereignty, through self determination and self-government and through a continued strengthening of the government-to-government relationship with the United States of America. My staff has brought issues of significant concern to your Tribal Nations to my attention and we, collectively, are focusing on them; which includes but is not limited to the following: that the funding disparity between reservation and non-reservation tribes by the Federal Government must be resolved; that we must look at allocation fairly and equitably, recognizing the federal government's limited financial resources; that rules and regulations, governing the same types of programs that are interpreted differently by different federal agencies which result in confusion and inefficiency will be corrected.

I have directed Secretary Babbitt to oversee the newly formed Domestic Policy Council's working group on Native American Issues and to move quickly on this effort. We must do all we can to help clarify ambiguities in federal government rules and regulations that apply to Indian affairs. We're going to look at all the issues that affect you and the members of your many unique and diverse tribal nations- education, veteran affairs, housing, youth and family, international affairs, nuclear waste, human and religious rights, gaming, and taxes and economic development to insure that your voices and your input are heard. Secretary Babbitt will report directly to me and I will participate fully in the discussion on recommendations for change.

I am President of the people; all the people and I thank you for having worked with me and my Administration these past two and a half years to help us help all of the citizens of your tribal nations. Our futures are tied together and we must continue to work together to implement much of what you have brought to our attention. It will be challenging- BUT- together we will chart new terrain by working on strengthening the government -to- government relationship as we move into the 21st century. I do see a brighter future for your grandchildren and mine. Your elders paved the way, and my Administration will do everything humanly possible, that is fair and equitable, to insure that their efforts will not have been in vain.

**cc: Leon Panetta
Maggie Williams
Office of the Staff Secretary to the President**

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

May 31, 1995

TO: Harold Ickes, for President Clinton

FROM: Loretta T. Avent, Deputy Assistant to the President *LTA*

RE: Suggested Remarks for Montana Indian Meeting (Option Two)

-- This past April 29, 1995 we convened a White House One Year Later Anniversary Meeting with Tribal Leaders to review what accomplishments have been made since the Historic April 28, 1994 Tribal Leaders Meeting with me at the White House. I understand there was a lot of give and take.

-- I directed my White House staff and all the Secretaries to put together everything that had been accomplished to improve our government-to-government relations. That resulted in the report "One Year Later" which I reviewed prior to it being presented to you on April 28, 1995 your meeting.

-- Earlier today, Loretta Avent called up to Air Force One to inform me that she had just received a huge book prepared by the Tribal Leaders on the results and recommendations from your April 29 meeting at the White House. If I know Loretta --and I have for many years -- it will be waiting on my desk when I return. Then in a couple of hours she'll be expecting my comments so she can promptly respond to all of you.

**(Mr. President they'll love this). I constantly tell them that you not only have an Indian drum, Indian statue and eagle feather in your office, but that you read these types of reports that are follow-ups from your Presidential Memorandum.*

-- After I review your responses I will direct my Chief of Staff, Leon Panetta, to have the appropriate Administration agencies and their staff respond

accordingly.

****Single out *Chairman John Sun Child, Jr.* (Chippewa-Cree) and thank him for helping to make the Historic April 29, 1994 Meeting on the South Lawn of the White House a success. (He worked closely with me and is a spiritual leader -- they will love you for this).**

Also thank *Chairman Sunchild* for helping to make our One Year Later anniversary meeting a success by his prayers (They will really love this because he would say a prayer when the meeting got too hot to control. His prayers always brought the meeting back to calmness, and reasoning surely followed).

*****Single out *Mickey Pablo, Chairman* of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council (Flathead Tribes) and thank him for helping me to coordinate the Montana Tribes for our White House Meeting on the Tax Incentive and Tribal Economic Survival (This shows we respect their providing us the opportunity to explain our programs). **NOTE: *We held meetings for each region so that all the 554 Tribal Nations would have the opportunity to participate.*****

******Single out *Clara Nomee, Madam Chairwoman*, (Crow Tribal Council) and tell her that you still cherish the buckskin vest (it has a flower design) she presented to you on behalf of all the Native Americans across the state of Montana. You hugged and kissed her on the cheek that day. You could say, "*I love for good history to repeat itself*" and kiss her on the cheek again. Plus it is good luck -- they will scream and this will become one of the stories in your legacy inside Indian Country.**

Also, thank her for her daily prayers. The bible says pray for your leader, and you are hers.

*******Please, Please acknowledge *Chairman Earl Old Person* (Blackfeet Tribal Busines Council). He's one of the elders that is nationally known and respected throughtout Indian Country. Thank him for his 40 plus years of elected service to Tribal Government and all the help he gives our administration.**

-- Finally, let me say that my Administration has and will continue to respect your sovereign rights, your religion, your culture, your traditions, and, *most importantly*, you as the leaders and leadership of your sovereign nations.

Oh, by the way you know Loretta sends her best regards (They will be offended if I don't acknowledge them since I'm your liason to them).

-- Now, I want to spend the remainder of the limited time I have *hearing* from you.

At the Close of Their Remarks

-- You asked for respect, we can *certainly* give you that. You asked for a fair consultation opportunity, we can *deservedly* give you that. I close by asking you for your continued prayers to keep this nation, your America and mine, the greatest land on earth. God bless you all.

cc: Leon Panetta
Maggie Williams
Office of the Staff Secretary to the President

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MEMORANDUM

May 30, 1995

TO: Harold Ickes

FROM: Loretta T. Avent *lta*

RE: President's Trip to Montana, Small Meeting With Tribal Leadership

*Harold, the Presidents briefing book will have all the back-ground information the President will need for the meeting. This is really FYI -- for you and your comfort level.

**Whatever format you need to have that works best for the President let me know and I'll make calls to make it happen. I do this respecting all the things I need to do to respect Indian sovereignty and the sovereign leaders and then make sure it works for *our* number one priority -- the President. As soon as we can announce that this is a meeting that's happening, I'll call whomever I need to call to ensure that everything goes off without a hitch.

***Harold, attached are just examples (I thought were important enough FYI) of the kinds of letters that have come from the Montana Tribes. I have responded to all of them but just wanted to give you a little Montana Tribal *flavor*.

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At any rate I have journeyed through my memory bank for information on the tribes in Montana to deal with the pros and cons for the President to meet with one of our most loyal and supportive constituent groups of government officials.

Harold, we can make this a successful meeting (particularly taking your suggestion of a 3/4 of an hour meeting) because it will show the Presidents commitment to the Presidential Memorandum he signed on April 29, 1994.

I don't ever put a lot on paper (see attached for limited specifics) regarding Indian Country but some of the following are suggestions you need to get to the advance team and whomever else is traveling with the President who will be involved in the tribal leaders meeting with him:

1. DO NOT let any of our staff accept gifts from any of the tribes (I will give you our nice standard non-acceptance of gifts line). I will explain the reason for this later -- past

negative experiences and press concerns (an early warning to the advance team).

2. We need to make sure we're not mixing apples and oranges (Is this just a meeting with the Tribal Leaders or the Tribal Leadership, etc.). My recommendation is always Leader to Leader which eliminates a lot of problems (truly the best preventive method we can use which respects their sovereign rights and sovereign leaders).

3. Lawyers and lobbyists in the meeting will kill us after the session is over (the greatest percentage of Tribal Leaders say they can speak for themselves and many moons ago *they* (the leaders) always met only with the President). It's our call but I always give you the feedback I receive that could hurt us down the road (see the attached article about Albert Hale President of the Navajo Nation). I know we can't make all 554 federally recognized tribal leaders happy at once, BUT President Hale can affect the outcome of elections in 3 states: Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Richardson told HRC that 3/4 of the Navajo's are in his Congressional District and that was what happened to King -- underestimating the Indian vote.

The Montana tribes, like the Arizona and New Mexico tribes, are politically active, astute and pragmatic. They can and have in past close elections made the difference for us. BUT, you need to know that there are a number of issues that we need to be aware of before we move to fast on this meeting:

Issue One

There are a lot of tribal issues in litigation (Flatheads alone have 20-23 cases before the courts)

Issue Two

Gaming Compacts (Supreme Court Case)

Issue Three

Issues of concern that are in common are:

1. honoring treaty rights
2. reissuing the April 29, 1994 Presidential Memorandum as an Executive Order
3. sovereignty
4. government to government relations
5. the issue of jurisdiction

These are the issues that are tribal issues. The huge concern they want us to deal with on their behalf is BLOCK GRANTS! (now you have to think about the states)???

Issue Four

While everyone will tell you its not a problem (the Advance team, the congressional office, etc.) *my only concern* is the afterwards for the President and that is each tribal leaders will want to speak because while they have many issues in common they have just as many (because of their diversity, locations, religions, and cultures) issues that are unique to their respective reservations and tribes.

Issue Five

Press -- as I mentioned while we aren't doing open press they will meet with press as soon as it is over. I'm sure someone (even if we tell them not to) will be recording his every word, so we need to remember these points:

1. whatever you say to one group of leaders will be taken as what is fair and equitable to all 554 Indian Nations (equity of sovereignty).

2. Governors, State Legislators etc. will react to whatever is said here because of the block grant issue, gaming, and land, water and other natural resource issues that are in litigation (so have someone like Alan Stone work on the speech -- he knows and understands what issues and language can cause us fall-out regarding Indian Country).

Issue Six

Montana has a group called ACE and we need our security to check this out. I'll explain when we meet.

Issue Seven

Format -- President should really not deal with issue specifics (refer back to each agency with the responsibility) but expand on his Presidential Memorandum, his gut which is always sincere and always well received and let each designated Tribal Chair spokesperson present their concerns within a set time frame. You or whoever is with him should receive the tribes letters, treaties, whatever and the President should say, "I'll make sure my appropriate staff person responsible for each of these issues will respond to you immediately. This will work and ensure for a smooth and orderly Leader to Leader meeting.

Finally, I'll get a list of the latest concerns from the Montana tribes and some general information along with the best way to pronounce their names and their tribes name. You should enjoy this meeting -- they're great!

Harold, I'm just highlighting these concerns as our basis for caution and further discussion. I spoke to Janet to make sure that I didn't overwhelm or overload you with information and materials. But I have to provide information regarding Indian Country on a moment by moment basis because of the changing nature of Indian Country and the changing of the guards (Indian Country's issues change as fast as the tribes have election recalls). I've provided you with a truly quick and brief sketch that is only surface information -- I can tell you more in person than I should put on paper.

Harold, I only need 15 minutes to add the details that I won't put on paper. You're such a quick study on this. I love working with you on these issues. You and Maggie really get it, which helps me, tremendously, to keep Indian country happy with this President.

Call me when its the best time for us to chat. I have my beeper with me or have Ahsha or Darleene find me even if I'm in the ladies room...Thanks!

Please Note 1, 2, 3, & 4

1. Harold, one of the Tribal leaders that will most likely be in attendance at the meeting will want to go on record stating that President Clinton has taken Indian Country a step backwards from the content and context of former President Nixon's message to Congress

on Indian Affairs. Tonight, I'm going to try to go over what I understand that speech to contain since we don't have and can't find a copy of it. I personally think we've gone further (at least with more categories of Indian Country than any other administration to date.-- I'll pull together articles for you on how the Clinton Administration is perceived in Indian Country).

2. I am getting a heads-up on the meeting /press conference in Phoenix, Arizona (which I spoke to you and Maggie about last Thursday) which is the same day as the Montana meeting. From a press standpoint we need to make sure the President doesn't get caught in the middle of these 2 meetings on the same day. It's really the 10th Amendment argument and the whole issue of sovereignty. So timing is everything. We don't want to lose on the same day we're trying to gain respect from Indian Country as we give them respect. This argument is really the soul and gut of Indian Country -- their sovereign rights (see article attached number 2).

3. Headline story in Indian Country today on Montana Senator (see article attached number 3).

4. Senator McCain speech at the day before pre-planning meeting of the Tribal Leaders in town for our White House conference -- One Year Later April 28, 1995. He invited himself to the meeting since he told them that evidently none of our principles thought they were important (not true, but perception is everything) enough to commit even to a 5 to 10 minute drop-by. For your review.

cc: Maggie Williams

THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE OF THE ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION

March 2 1995

TO Loretta Avent

FROM Chairman John Sunchild

Letter with the following points enclosed:

1. Discussed his recent opportunity to meet with Secretary Henry Cisneros while he was visiting Indian Country in Montana. He was very pleased to hear about the Administrations proposal concerning consolidated community development funding in HUD which would be expanded into a block grant program. He was also pleased to learn of the increase (from one percent to one and one-half percent) of Indian set asides from the block grant program.
2. Chairman Sunchild suggested that Secretary Cisneros and Secretary Babbitt participate in the Tribal Leaders Meeting on March 9th.
3. Voiced some concerns that there is no point of contact on economic development issues in regards to Native Americans. Suggested that someone coordinate a program for Indian economic development that "goes beyond the duties of one federal agency."
4. The National Tribal Development Association was organized in response to Mrs. Loretta Avent's suggestion. The meeting on March 9th will give the NTDA a chance to explain its organization to other tribes and encourage membership to all tribes.

Enclosure: An executive summary on " Technical Assistance and Economic Development Services For Native American Reservations".

May 23 1995

TO Honorable Max Baucus, Member Finance Committee

FROM Vice-Chairman Alvin Windy Boy

A fax sent to Mrs. Avent: a copy of a letter to Senator Baucus.

1. Vice Chairman Windy Boy stated his concerns on the Finance Committee mark up of the Senate Welfare Reform Bill which would provide direct funding for Indian Tribes. Vice-Chairman Windy Boy believed that the legislation should contain a tribal provision, and that 3% of the funds should be reserved for Indian Tribes.
2. Vice Chairman Windy Boy believes that "government to government" relationship that Indian Tribes share with the Federal Government, requires that Indian Tribes not be treated as "political subunits" of the state in which they are located. He mentions statements made by Presidents Richard Nixon, and Ronald Reagan which entail self determination for Native Americans.
3. Also noted is the direct funding in several other block grant programs involving the Department of Health and Human Services.
4. Congressmen Young and Richardson are strong supporters for the block grant and "have attempted to offer a bi-partisan Indian tribal amendment that would have provided a three percent allocation for Indian Tribes."
5. Chairman Windy Boy requests Senator Baucus' help in trying to convince the Finance Committee of the need for this Amendment.

May 23 1995

TO Governor Mark Racicot

FROM Vice Chairman Alvin Windy Boy

Fax sent to Mrs. Loretta Avent: Copy of letter sent to Governor Racicot

1. Chairman Windy Boy requests that the Governor send a letter of support to the Select Finance Committee, concerning the Block Grant Funding for Welfare Reform.
2. Since Montana has been waived from federal guidelines in order to create

their own state welfare program, Vice Chairman Windy Boy would like the Governor to support the set-aside for the Seven tribes within Montana.

3. Because of sovereignty and jurisdiction conflicts in dealing with the state government, it is best for Indian Tribes to work with the Federal Government only in order to pursue the "government to government" relationship.

4. The disparate numbers between Indian rural communities and non-Indian rural communities in employment, show that it would be "unrealistic to assume that there would be equity" in Montana's welfare program.

5. It would be in the best interests of the Indian Tribes for the Governor to "support the efforts of Tribes in the State of Montana to include language specific to Indian tribes and/or a set-aside consistent with past practices of federal set-asides for Indian Tribes."

CROW TRIBAL COUNCIL

July 15 1993

TO Loretta Avent

FROM Madam Chairwoman Clara Nomee

Letter with the following points enclosed:

1. According to Madam Chairwoman Nomee, "the Crow tribe has been the victim of a government survey error..." that was being addressed in legislation offered by Senators Baucus and Burns.

2. She requested help from the Clinton Administration to assist in winning the passage of the legislation which would:

"...Help the prize-winning fishery...as well as produce needed hydropower for the area."

"...de-authorize irrigation projects.."

"..allow land exchanges with the State of Montana that will increase the usefulness of both the State and Tribal land holdings..."

3. The legislation would provide much needed funding to improve health, education and development on the Reservation.

4. The Crow Tribe was originally promised 38 million acres of land; they only have three million acres.

April 28 1995

TO Kenneth Davis Superintendent , Bureau of Indian Affairs

FROM Madam Chairwoman Clara Nomee

Mrs. Loretta Avent received a copy of this letter in which the following points were enclosed:

1. Writes to express her opposition to the "Fair Indian Gaming Act." She believes that the Act is unfair towards Indians.
2. The most hindering aspect of the Act is the prohibition of gaming except when conducted in conformity with the laws of the state in which each tribe resides.
3. Indian gaming is vital for revenue raising. This Act would destroy tribal sovereignty.

May 10 1995
TO Loretta Avent
FROM Madam Chairwoman Clara Nomee

Letter enclosed with the following points:

1. Is currently trying to fight a Supreme Court decision Ward v. Race Horse (1896). The decision prevents Indian tribes from hunting off the reservation; a right that was given to the Crow Tribe under an 1868 treaty with the United States.
2. The Interior Department has recommended that the U.S. file an amicus curiae brief with the court supporting the tribe's position to overturn the decision in the Race Horse case. The Solicitor General has not yet agreed to file the brief..
3. Madam Chairwoman is requesting the help of the U.S. government and Mrs. Avent to insure "that the Crow Tribe receive the benefits it was promised in the 1868 Treaty.

FORT PECK TRIBES Assiniboine & Sioux

May 4 1994

TO Loretta Avent

FROM Chairman Caleb Shields

Letter with the following points enclosed:

- 1. Chairman Shields was following up on a matter previously discussed with Mrs. Avent on the 29th of April 1994. Chairman Shields suggested that President Clinton should follow up the historic meeting with the Native American tribes with a message to Congress: similar to President Nixon's message on July 8, 1970.**
- 2. Chairman Shields was willing to provide any assistance necessary to Mrs. Avent's office in this matter.**

INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

March 20 1995

TO Mrs. Loretta Avent

FROM Kristie Madden, Public Relations Director

Letter with the following points enclosed:

1. Robert Miller the President of the IAC was not invited to the Tribal Economic Development meeting held in Washington.
2. In response to the call for Indian Made products, the IAC developed a "Made by American Indians" trademark. It was a costly and lengthy task which is completed.
3. They are requesting President Clinton's support of the trademark.

INTERTRIBAL MONITORING ASSOCIATION ON INDIAN TRUST FUNDS

January 11 1995

January 26 1995

January 30 1995

TO: Department of Interior

FROM Elouise Cobell, Chair

Copies of these letters were sent to Mrs. Avent regarding the recommendation for the Special Trustee of Indian Trusts.

1. The Intertribal Monitoring Association of Indian Trust Funds is not permitted to participate in the interview process.
2. On January 30 the ITMA recommended Paul Homan for the Presidential nominated position of Special Trustee for Indian trust funds and trust assets. They based their nomination on Mr. Homen's reputation for turning around financial troubled institutions.

LITTLE SHELL TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF MONTANA

**May 5 1994
TO Loretta Avent
FROM James Parker Shield**

Letter with the following points enclosed:

- 1. Mr. Shield wanted to know whether the Non-Federally Recognized Tribes were actually having a meeting on May 24 1994.**
- 2. Mr. Shield requested to have an amount of time to plan and meet before the meeting in Washington.**
- 3. Mr. Shield had been in the process of coordinating a meeting for Non-Federally Recognized Tribes.**
- 4. He would be glad to assist in any way.**

**February 1 1995
TO Loretta Avent
FROM James Parker Shield**

Letter with the following points enclosed:

- 1. Appreciated Mrs. Avent's efforts in convening the unrecognized tribes for a meeting.**
- 2. Mr. Shield and a few others are determined to become more organized and more coherent for the next meeting in order to achieve some real progress.**

MONTANA-WYOMING TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL

February 10 1995

TO President Clinton

FROM Chairman Michael Pablo

Letter with the following points enclosed:

- 1. The downsizing of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, strictly on the objectives of the National Performance Review does not take into consideration the trust and treaty obligations of the United states with Indian Country.**
- 2. Chairman Pablo requests that the Clinton Administration look at the recommendations made by the Joint department of Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs and Tribal Reorganization Task Force.**
- 3. The streamlining recommendations redirect resources at the tribal level which in turn, supports services for Indians at a fundamental level.**

NATIONAL TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

February 27 1995

TO NTDA Board of Directors

FROM Alan Parker, Washington Representative

Copy sent to Mrs. Loretta Avent: "Recommendations for Agenda for Summit Meeting with the White House"

1. **BACKGROUND** Mrs. Avent hosted a series of meetings with Tribal leaders on a regional basis this past year. All the recommendations were received by White House Staff.

The establishment of the National Tribal Development Association was primarily done so in order to establish a united voice for common Indian interests in reservation economic development.

2. Infrastructure financing is considered a prerequisite to development of reservation based economies. Whatever resources are available should be requested by the tribal leaders.

Secretary Cisneros is important for infrastructure financing: HUD is playing a vital role in Indian set asides. It is recommended that Secretary Cisneros be asked to set aside time to meet with the tribal leaders on March 9th or 10th

3. "Tribal leaders should request the Clinton Administration's official support of legislation that would remove restriction on tribal bonding authority so tribes could use bond financing."

4. The Clinton Administration should make a special effort to work with Indian tribes in the development of products that have an identity as **Indian made**.

Harold this is the
Speech! He invited himself
to our meeting.

**STATEMENT OF SENATOR JOHN McCain
CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

APRIL 27, 1995

MEETING OF TRIBAL LEADERS

**Independence Ballroom on Level 5B
Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel
1000 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.**

On November 8th, the American people sent a loud and clear message to Congress that "business as usual" in the Federal government will not be tolerated. At its core, that message is the same message I've been hearing from Indian tribal leaders since I became a member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

In Administration after Administration, Indian Tribes have too often been an after-thought. Federal programs have neglected your needs. Federal officials have regulated you more than any other group of people. You have been left on the sidelines of national debates that affect you. And you have steadily experienced funding cut after cut, while other far less important national priorities get funded. **I have heard the message – Indian tribes today are no longer willing to accept the "status quo". AND I TELL YOU TODAY, NEITHER AM I!**

You all know that profound poverty still exists in Indian Country. Today, in 1995, unemployment rates among Indians continue to average about 3 times the national average, and in some States, American Indians and Alaska Natives are disproportionately represented as AFDC recipients. **THAT STATUS QUO IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!**

You and your tribal staff know, first hand, the bureaucratic hurdles a Tribe must go through to administer Federal funding. Many of you have felt the heavy hand of that huge, burdensome BIA Manual. **AGAIN, THAT STATUS QUO IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!**

The New Majority in Congress has received the message of November 8th. We are setting out an ambitious agenda aimed at **reducing the size and reach** of the Federal government. At the same time, the New Majority aims to **strengthen local governments**. I intend to ensure that every step the Senate takes to strengthen State and local governments also strengthens Native American tribal governments.

I believe this agenda is consistent with the Federal-Indian policies that I and other members of the Indian Affairs Committee have promoted for years. I am convinced that the new Congress has the potential for offering a rare opportunity for tribal governments to reshape how the Federal government deals with you. With your help and guidance, I intend to take advantage of this new opportunity to end "business as usual" in Indian Country. Let me now give you a brief report on what I have done during the first "100 days" of this Congress:

FIRST, I HAVE BEGUN STEPS TO REORGANIZE THE BIA ACCORDING TO TRIBAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

As many of you know, I have made this a top priority. In a few days, I intend to introduce legislation that will dramatically reorganize the BIA according to the recommendations of the Tribal/BIA Joint Task Force on Reorganization. The bill I will introduce will **require** the BIA to work with Tribes in a joint effort to:

- repeal the voluminous BIA Manual;
- review existing BIA regulations, and
- reissue **only** those regulations that are absolutely necessary.

continue to focus attention on the possible negative impact of gaming on Reservation and surrounding communities. Regardless of what I, other Senators, or hundreds of tribal leaders say about the positive impact of gaming revenues in historically deprived Reservation communities, Indian gaming will continue to be plagued by controversy. Therefore, in order to protect the integrity of the Indian-run gaming operations and the important economic gains to be had, I have introduced S. 487, along with Senator Inouye. It is a bill to establish minimum, national standards to safeguard Indian gaming against possible corruption. We will hold hearings on S. 487 in early summer.

In closing, let me just say that I know there are those among you who are skeptical that **real** change will be made in the way the Federal government has dealt with you. I understand your doubt, especially given the history that you, and those tribal leaders before you, have endured. But while that history of unfair dealing is painful, I will not shrink from the challenge of trying to seize today's opportunities and making the most of them. I share your view that the status quo is unacceptable.

Let us, **together**, shape a future in which mutual respect and fair dealing are the rule, not the exception, in the Federal government's relationship with each American Indian and Alaska Native tribal government.

For too long, the BIA has hindered rather than helped Indian tribal governments. **Any reorganization plan must reflect the fact that the reason for the BIA's existence is to assist, not control, *Tribes*.** For that reason, I believe Tribes should have the lead role in giving shape to a new BIA and in setting its priorities. I invite each of you to join in that dialogue and provide us with your comments. In the next week we will send the draft bill to each of you, and soon thereafter conduct hearings to receive guidance from the Tribes.

I know that study after study has been conducted on the BIA and that time and time again, changes have been recommended on the way in which the BIA does business. I am determined to make one more attempt. But my friends, I cannot accomplish this on my own. I will need your support. And I hope you can encourage Secretary Babbitt to continue to lend his personal support to our efforts. With the Administration's assistance, I believe that real change in the BIA can and will happen in this Congress.

SECOND, I WAS PLEASED TO HELP STOP THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM IMPOSING UNFUNDED MANDATES ON TRIBES.

Public Law 104-4, the new unfunded mandates law, makes it far more difficult for Congress to impose Federal requirements on other governments without paying for them. I am proud to say that I and others succeeded in making the new law provide Indian tribal governments the same protections it gave State and local governments.

THIRD, I AM WORKING TO RELIEVE TRIBES FROM THE BURDEN OF EXCESSIVE FEDERAL REGULATION.

I have strongly supported the efforts of the new Majority to freeze the issuance of new Federal regulations until significant regulatory reforms are implemented that **reduce** the regulatory burden. Yet in one instance, I concluded that new regulations were a good idea. So earlier this year I worked hard to get the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs to adopt a provision exempting from the freeze all regulations that are negotiated between the Tribes and the BIA and Indian Health Service as required by the 1994 Amendments on Self-Determination and Self-Governance. I did so because the purpose of these new regulations is to increase tribal flexibility and to replace old regulations that now burden Tribes.

FOURTH, I WILL, ONCE AGAIN, ATTEMPT TO GAIN PASSAGE OF RESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES AND TRIBAL TAX RELIEF.

In the early 1990s, I attempted to pass bills that would have established investment tax credits and enterprise zones to attract businesses to Indian Reservations. Unfortunately, we did not succeed. Nor could I gain agreement to expand tribal authority to issue tax-exempt bonds. **But I will keep on trying.** I intend to introduce an "**Omnibus Indian Tax Relief and Incentives**" bill in the near future that will provide similar incentives as well as clear authority for tribal governments to offer tax-deferred annuity or pension plans to tribal employees like other tax exempt employers and to participate in unemployment

compensation programs on the same terms as do all other tax exempt or government employers.

I will make every effort to include these provisions in the larger tax measures the Senate will consider this year.

FIFTH, I'VE HEARD YOUR CONCERNS REGARDING WELFARE REFORM AND WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR DIRECT FUNDING TO TRIBES.

As you know, the Committee held a hearing earlier this month to address the concerns of tribal governments on the welfare reform proposals pending before Congress. I have shared your concerns with the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. I must tell you, however, that I am concerned that the Administration, and particularly its Department of Health and Human Services, has not formally embraced the concept of "direct Federal funding" to tribal governments.

My Committee is working on legislative language we believe addresses your concerns. Last week, I sent a letter to each of you to obtain your views on language proposed by Congressmen Don Young and Bill Richardson. I look forward to reading your responses.

FINALLY, THERE ARE SEVERAL MATTERS I WANT TO MENTION IN PASSING. Last night I am proud to say the Senate passed two of our bills by unanimous consent, S. 441, a bill to reauthorize the Indian Child Protection and Abuse Prevention Act, and S. 349, a bill to reauthorize the Navajo-Hope Relocation Housing Commission. I am concerned that a third bill,

S. 510, which would **reauthorize ANA programs**, has yet to pass on the Senate floor. If this ANA bill does not soon pass both the Senate and House, the rules of the House could automatically zero out all fiscal year 1996 appropriations for ANA.

On **Religious Freedom**, I've received numerous requests in recent months to introduce legislation for the protection of "sacred sites". Before doing so, it was my intention to first consider the atmosphere in which I could successfully introduce such legislation, the probability for support for enhanced regulatory protections - and, in general, consider the likelihood that sacred sites bill would pass in the 104th Congress. At this time, I believe that passage of such a bill is unlikely and that introduction would be unwise. I am told the Interior Department is preparing a proposed Executive Order that would address "sacred sites protection." I support this approach because an Executive Order would acknowledge the Department's commitment to careful land management and the Federal government's responsibility to protect sacred sites on federal lands. Secretary Babbitt and his staff know that the various Interior Bureaus, today, already have the legal authority to issue intra-departmental guidelines on the treatment of sacred sites. These existing authorities could be used by the Interior Department to carefully consider, and perhaps prioritize, the treatment of sacred sites.

FINALLY, LET ME SAY A WORD ABOUT INDIAN GAMING: We all know that Indian gaming will continue to be closely monitored by various Federal, State and local officials. We also know gaming opponents will

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Montana senator accused of anti-Indian remarks

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Senator Conrad Burns, R-Mont., has been accused of making derogatory remarks against American-Indians in front of a group of Indian constituents from his home state, as well as tribal members from South Dakota and Minnesota.

The delegation was in the nation's capital to join a national conference on child and family issues. They met for about 10-minutes in the senator's office to talk about child welfare issues. The senator has denied making racist comments.

The group met with other senators, congressmen and staff members who were courteous, according to Jim Cadwell of the Native American Child and Family Resource Center in Pierre, S.D., but the visit with Sen. Burns would leave a lasting impression on him he said.

In a telephone interview with ICT, Mr. Cadwell said one of their delegation began to state their reason for being in the senator's office, and "that's when he started," Mr. Cadwell said.

Sen. Burns is allegedly said, "You Salish and Kootenai's don't need any more money. You're under self-governance. And if you do, why don't you fire those four million dollar lawyers and feed your children."

Senator Burns' comments were verified by others who attended the meeting, but requested anonymity because of fear of retribution.

ICT was told that other comments from the senator included, "... you people don't pay taxes or help out. Why should we help you." Mr. Cadwell said he mentioned to the senator that Indian people pay taxes, "like everybody else in the country."

Another of the senator's comments made reference to tribal sovereignty. Mr. Cadwell told ICT the senator said that he didn't believe in "this state within a state crap."

Sen. Burns told ICT that he doesn't remember the meeting, and that if he made any remarks, "I didn't mean to hurt anybody," he said.

"I am strong on education issues," Sen. Burns said, and added, "those people can help themselves out with education. I'm very supportive of those programs."

Sen. Burns indicated he had never had any problems with people on the reservations before. Responding to a question about interfering with programs that benefit the reservations he said, "I have sponsored many bills that helped them."

Mr. Cadwell is urging voters in Montana to consider the senators comments. He said, "There is no room for this type of western mentality in our current government."

Writing to the senator was also urged by Mr. Cadwell.

- David Melmer

Peggy Nagel scholarship established

BOX ELDER, Mont. - Friends, family and co-workers of Peggy Nagel have established a scholarship fund to honor the memory of the State

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Hale wants to meet directly with Clinton

By Villerio Tallman
Navajo Nation Press Officer

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Albert Hale has told Clinton Administration officials that he is "tired of meeting with agency officials" and wants to meet with President Clinton and cabinet secretaries on a nation-to-nation basis.

"The foundation of our government-to-government relationship is

from the 1800s, you see presidents meeting with leaders of Indian nations, not their underlings," Hale said. "We need to be meeting with decision-makers who will help carry out the agenda we set for ourselves."

Hale made his remarks to a gathering of more than 200 leaders of Indian Nations who attended the White House Tribal Leaders meeting, which was a follow-up to Presi-

ding here at the White House.

One year later, what has changed on your reservation?

"On the Navajo Nation, there has been no direct impact — things are still the same, we still have high unemployment, and tremendous needs for new roads, housing, education and health care," he said.

"All this talk is getting us nowhere."

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