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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

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Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Area Director, Juneau

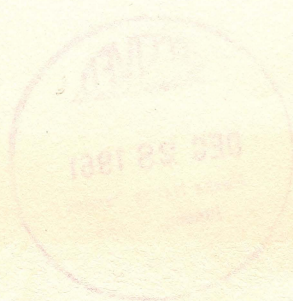
Dear Mr. Bennett:

My sincere congratulations and good wishes upon your well merited appointment as Area Director at Juneau, Alaska. It is a splendid tribute to your efficient public service.

Holiday Greetings to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Marie L. Wadley
Marie Hayes Wadley
Tribal Affairs Officer





THE SUPREME COURT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

December 13, 1961

N. B. JOHNSON
JUSTICE

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Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Area Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Juneau, Alaska

Dear friend Bennett:

I want to extend to you my sincere congratulations upon your appointment as Area Director. This is an appropriate recognition of your good service to the Indian people, and it is an honor which you fully merit.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

N. B. Johnson
N. B. Johnson

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
MADISON, WISCONSIN

September 24, 1962

Mr. Robert L. Bennett, Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Juneau, Alaska

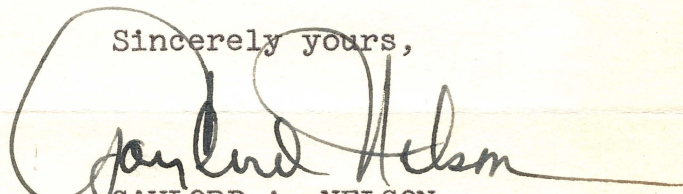
Dear Mr. Bennett:

Your outstanding record of achievement in Indian affairs is something for the Oneida people and the citizens of Wisconsin to be proud of.

The hardship of your early life is adequate testimony to your humanitarian service. The sacrifices you underwent to acquire a law degree helped to mold an understanding person--one of great value to your community and source of pride to your home state, Wisconsin.

Congratulations on receiving the 29th annual Indian achievement award.

Sincerely yours,


GAYLORD A. NELSON
Governor

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 11, 1962

Mr. Willard LaMere
President
Indian Fire Council
27 East Monroe Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

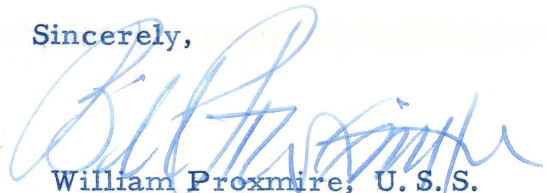
Dear Mr. LaMere:

In reply to your letter of September 3rd, I would very much appreciate your extending my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Robert Bennett at the dinner in his honor on September 29th.

We in Wisconsin are indeed proud of his record of service, not only to his own people, but to humanitarian and civic causes of every nature.

I am delighted that your fine organization has chosen to honor Mr. Bennett with this year's Indian Achievement Award. I join with you and his many friends and admirers in saluting him on this wonderful occasion.

Sincerely,



William Proxmire, U.S.S.

WP/nm

ERNEST GRUENING
ALASKA

GEORGE SUNDBORG
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

HERBERT W. BEASER
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

HOME ADDRESS:
Box 1001
JUNEAU, ALASKA

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 29, 1962

*Mr. Willard LaMere, Pres.,
Indian Council Fire
27 East Monroe St.
Chicago 3, Illinois*

Dear Mr. LaMere:

I am happy to learn that the Indian Achievement Award for this year will go to Robert L. Bennett, the Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Juneau, Alaska.

Mr. Bennett is a relatively recent arrival at this post and previously had no acquaintance with Alaska. It has certainly impressed those who have observed him in action that he is a thoroughly conscientious, dedicated and able public servant.

Although I have known Mr. Bennett only a short time, I am most happy to join in acclaiming the wisdom of the Indian Achievement Award to him.

*Cordially yours,
Ernest Gruening
Ernest Gruening, U.S.S.*

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SITKA, ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Area Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Juneau, Alaska

This is to congratulate you on the Award which was made recently for being the Man of the Year. I am very happy when these Awards come to associates and we feel this is well deserved. Russell Carter mentioned you several times on his recent visit and bemoaned the fact that you were out of town so that you could not get together.

Most sincerely,

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R. Rolland Armstrong
R. Rolland Armstrong
President

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Please Reply by Air Mail

ERNEST GRUENING
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

GEORGE SUNDBORG
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

HERBERT W. BEASER
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

October 9, 1962

Mr. Robert L Bennett
Area Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Bob:

My heartiest congratulations on your having received the 1962 Indian achievement award.

This recognition of outstanding ability is one fully deserved. During your relatively short tenure in Alaska you have grasped the situation and have made solid progress towards bettering the Natives' plight. We have a long way to go, of course, but I am confident that if anybody can do the job, it's you.

Cordially yours,

Ernest Gruening

ERNEST GRUENING, U.S.S.

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To Robert L. Bennet

Dear Fellow tribesman:

On behalf of the Oneida tribe of Wisconsin, sincere congratulations on achieving this high honor which is being bestowed upon you by the Indian Council Fire.

We, the Oneida tribe of Wisconsin, are justly proud and highly honored to have one from among us chosen to receive this high award.

We regret that more members of our tribe from Oneida could not be present to see this ceremony. We shall be thinking of what this award means to all of us, especially to the Tribal officers working with the tribe. You shall always be an inspiration to us and we shall endeavor to keep the home fires burning.

May your success and your high aspirations continue. God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely

The Oneida Tribal Executive Council

Ch. Julius Danforth
Oneida, Wis. R. 1

Vice Ch. McDermott
Seymour, Wis.
R. 3.

Sec. Eva Danforth
West De Pere, Wis. R. 2

Treas. Althea Schuyler
West De Pere, Wis.
R. 2.

WILLIAM A. EGAN
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

September 26, 1962

Mr. Robert L. Bennett, Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Although your work in Alaska has been relatively brief compared with your long record of service in the first 48 states, we in the 49th state have learned to respect you for your sincerity of purpose, adherence to principle, and willingness to meet with others on common ground to work out solutions to mutual problems.

I extend congratulations to you for the recognition which is being accorded you on this occasion. It is a distinct honor to be chosen to receive the annual Indian Award. It is a just reward for humanitarian service to the Indians of our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "William A. Egan".

William A. Egan
Governor

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MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SELECTION AS THE RECIPIENT
OF THE INDIAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OF 1962. FOR YOUR LONG AND
EXCELLENT RECORD OF SERVICE WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
THIS IS AN AWARD YOU RICHLY MERIT.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION AND FOR MANY
MORE YEARS OF REWARDING SERVICE TO THE INDIANS OF ALASKA AND
THE NATION

JOHN F KENNEDY.

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February 21, 1962

PERSONAL

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Area Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Bob:

In the Fall-Winter issue of the National Fellowship of Indian Workers, I discovered you were appointed Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska. The note I had from you at Christmas merely stated you were going to Alaska.

Congratulations on your appointment. You are certainly going to be in a hot spot in doing what you can to protect the aboriginal rights of the Alaskan native population and at the same time attempt to develop non-segregated services so there will be an evolutionary governmental integration.

We have confidence in you, Bob, and we know you are not going to come out with the perfect solution, but you are most certainly going to influence things in the right direction and what more can we ask.

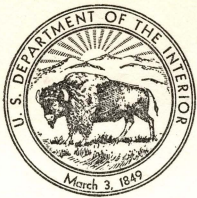
Be sure to give our regards to your wife.

Remember if the going gets tough and it starts to affect you personally, we still have a few rabbit trails we can and will use in supporting your position.

Sincerely,

John B. Hart
John B. Hart

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Mr. Robert Bennett, Area Director

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Bob:

I want to congratulate you on your promotion to the Juneau Area Directorship. I have always been very proud of your accomplishments and most pleased when good things come your way. I know you and your family will be happy there - to me Juneau is a most delightful place. I know, too, that you have a tremendous job to do and that you will do it well.

Congratulations and best wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

Nell Heard Bibb
Nell Heard Bibb

Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska
February 20, '962

Dear Mr Bennett,

This is to convey my congratulations to you for your contribution to the improving of public relations in our state while participating in the Bureau of Indian Affairs forum. The factual materials was most helpful and informative. It was well received.

My appreciation of your grasp of the situation comes as a result of my families associations with the bureau and having resided here for twenty-five years. It is reassuring to feel your interest in the many problems and to know that the bureaus plans in Alaska are directed by one who, in this brief time, has developed such an overall understanding.

My sincere good wishes to you and to your family for happiness during your stay in Alaska.

Very truly yours
Mrs. J. Loyd Ripley - teacher

Juneau Area Office
Juneau, Alaska

July 31, 1962

Miss Marion E. Gridley
Executive Secretary
Indian Council Fire
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Gridley:

This will supplement my letter of yesterday to you in response to yours of July 25.

I have another picture which I am enclosing which you may wish to use in lieu of the one mailed with my letter. In addition, whenever you release the announcement of the award I wish you would send copies directly to the following:

Mr. Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington 25, D. C.
Senator E. L. Bartlett and Senator Ernest Gruening,
Washington 25, D. C.
Representative Ralph Rivers, Washington, D. C.
Governor William Egan, Juneau, Alaska

I am, of course, looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to seeing you at the presentation dinner on September 29.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Bennett
Area Director

Juneau Area Office
Juneau, Alaska

July 30, 1962

Miss Marion E. Gridley
Executive Secretary
Indian Council Fire
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Gridley:

Your congratulatory letter of July 25 is very much appreciated. I am glad that you feel the recognition is well deserved because of the high regard I hold for you.

My reply to Mr. LaMere should be in the office by this time and in it I advised him that it would be possible for me to be in Chicago to attend the presentation dinner. As you requested I am sending a photo by return mail and I will not make any announcement of this award until the publicity goes out. As stated in my letter to Mr. Lamere, I would appreciate copies being mailed directly to me of any releases made by the organization.

Again, I wish to thank you for your fine letter and your support and cooperation throughout the years.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Bennett
Area Director

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Dear Mr. Bennett:

By the time this reaches you, you will have received Mr. LaMere's letter telling you that you are the 1962 Indian Achievement Award winner. I would like to add my own congratulations, and tell you that we are all very much pleased at the Committee's choice.

We do hope that it will be possible for you to attend the presentation dinner. Perhaps the BIA would allow you this expense for "public relations" since it will be beneficial to them through publicity, etc. We would like to know just as soon as you can get word to us, because we have much to do in planning, etc.

Will you please send your photo by return mail, so that we can have copies made for news releases, etc. Also, please do not make any announcement of this as yet - not until publicity goes out.

This is a well deserved recognition and we know that many others will share our pleasure. You are the first Oneida to receive the Award.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

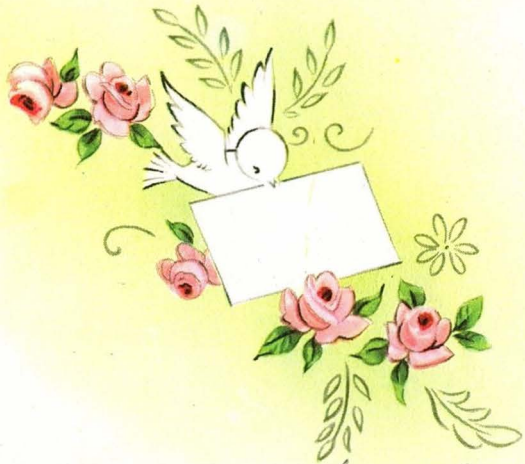
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Marion E. Gridley
Executive Secretary

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Air Mail





It was with extreme
pleasure that we learned
of your winning the "Indian
Achievement Award". We can't
think of a worthier recipient.
Best luck to you as Area
Director of B. I. A. in Juneau.
Our best wishes for continued success in all your undertakings.

10/29/62

Dear Bob:-

To congratulate you
With a message of cheer

And to wish you

more luck

And more joy

with each year!

Robert and Robert Horne