



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CHEYENNE RIVER AGENCY
EAGLE BUTTE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57625

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Administration

April 13, 1967

Honorable Robert L. Bennett

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I would like to take this opportunity to join the number of other people who will no doubt be congratulating you upon the completion of your first year as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. While I have had the opportunity to meet you only several times, I can assure you that you are well remembered by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. They have expressed to me a feeling of confidence in you as Commissioner, and have expressed the hope that there will be considerable progress made at the reservation level during your term of office.

I feel that your policy of permitting the tribes greater latitude in determining their own destiny is good, and I consider it a privilege to be serving as Superintendent during a period when we are attempting to implement these policies.

Sincerely yours,

John J. Weber
Superintendent



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
ALBUQUERQUE AREA OFFICE
P. O. BOX 8327
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108

April 14, 1967

Mr. Robert LaFollette Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

It is with a great deal of good feeling that I offer you my congratulations for this, your first year, as Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I am sure that to you, as to both employees and more particularly the Indian people themselves, this has been a successful and rewarding year which all of us will remember for a long, long time.

Congratulations to you and to Mrs. Bennett,

Sincerely,

Walter O. Olson
Area Director

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Solon G. Ayers
Solon G. Ayers



UNITED STATES
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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
PINE RIDGE INDIAN AGENCY
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57770

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Superintendent

April 14, 1967

Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dear Mr. Bennett:

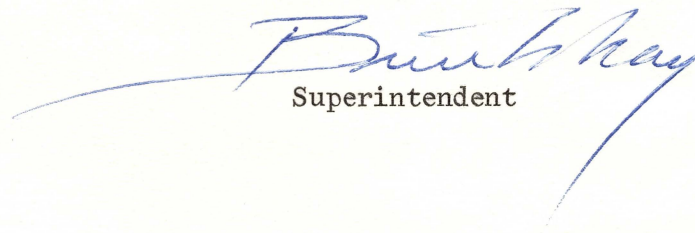
I want to use this means of congratulating you on the first anniversary of your service as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

It is a real pleasure for those of us working in the field to have guidance and direction from a man who "came up through the ranks," and knows our problems so well.

We have all enjoyed your visit to this area.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Superintendent

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☒ Area Director, Martin N. B. Holm, Aberdeen ☐
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FROM W. Wade Head, Area Dir., Phoenix Area Office <i>W. Wade Head</i>	FILE REFERENCE	MARK ANY RETURN CORRESPONDENCE FOR ATTENTION	DATE APR 17 1967
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Phoenix Area Office

P. O. Box 7007

Phoenix, Arizona 85011

APR 17 1967

AIRMAIL

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20242

Dear Bob:

All Indian and BIA personnel in the Phoenix Area extend their heartiest congratulations to you on your first anniversary as Commissioner of Indian Affairs!

President Johnson has called for a "sound, realistic, progressive, venturesome, and farsighted" program in Indian affairs. Under your very able leadership, we have already mounted some programs in education and economic development to which these adjectives can justly be applied. You are doing a remarkable job in fulfilling the President's requirements.

In assessing accomplishments to date, the tribal and Bureau leaders unanimously agree that your successful efforts in developing new attitudes of interest, closer partnership, and universal cooperation are very encouraging signs and have kindled new hope among the Indian people. It is gratifying to note the high enthusiasm with which the Indian people have responded to your challenge of taking a more active role in deciding the future course of their own affairs.

The interest demonstrated at the regional meetings you called this past year with tribal leaders and Area Directors in order to develop new legislation to benefit the Indians has been most heartening. Your deliberations with the Indians have not merely fired expectations, but have led us to practical ways and means of turning hopes into realities. We see the forces of Indian action beginning to mobilize.

Under your guidance, the Bureau's role is changing from one of administrative control to one of providing advice to the tribes and coordinating the many new Federal programs now available to Indians.

You have been outstandingly successful in establishing socio-economic development goals, action programs, and a priority agenda for us to follow, giving emphasis to equality and quality of educational opportunity, expansion of economic development of tribal resources, and improvement of Indian social welfare through housing and family-centered services.

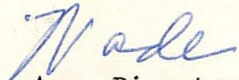
As we move forward under your leadership, we expect to see the development of a new national Indian policy, a policy shaped in large measure by the Indians themselves. In this way, Indians will be involved more than ever before in determining programs and organization with respect to their own matters. Instead of having a voice only in telling about their problems, they will take the initiative in finding ways to solve them.

Principally because of your commendable efforts this past year, there is no question that a major part of our job - Indian people and the Bureau together - is to polish the procedures of group action and cooperation so that we are collectively able to make decisions and take effective action. You have emphatically indicated the need for a break in the cycle of poverty and in spelling out our goal to make job opportunities for Indians. You are not aiming merely for a high percentage of employment, but for a better life for Indian people through satisfying employment which has a purpose.

The healthy climate you have created has brought about a real, genuine partnership with Indian leadership and significant improvement and understanding in our relationship with Congress and the public. Also, dramatic policy and program decisions, discouragement of paternalism, and a welcome reception for new ideas have evolved.

The Indian people can look forward to a meaningful future with new hope and enthusiasm. We congratulate you!

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Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) W. Wade Head

Area Director



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

FORT TOTTEN AGENCY
FORT TOTTEN, NORTH DAKOTA 58335

April 18, 1967

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

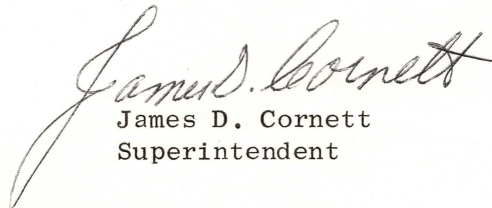
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

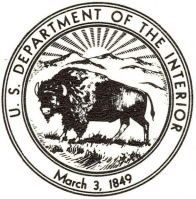
Your first anniversary as Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs is marked with Indian people having a new hope and a better attitude about their future. I believe this is due to the leadership and direction you have given. I want to pledge to you my unreserved support and effort in assisting those we serve gain social and economic equality on a par with other Americans.

Best of luck in all your efforts.

Sincerely yours,



James D. Cornett
Superintendent



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Rosebud Agency
Rosebud, South Dakota
57570

April 18, 1967

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington, D. C.

Dear Friend Robert:

I know that you will be visiting in the Aberdeen Area throughout the week of the 20th through the 28th. I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your first year of serving as Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I know it has been a rewarding experience for you. You have the background, education and know-how to make your appointment as Commissioner a real success. You have done exceptionally well the first year. This will even be better and improved as you move forward.

It has been a pleasure knowing you and having the opportunity of working with you over these many years. Wish you a great deal of success and enjoyment and smooth sailing in the future. The Indian people are behind you in all your efforts. I know they will come through for you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold W. Schunk
Superintendent



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

PORTLAND AREA OFFICE

POST OFFICE BOX 3785

PORTLAND, OREGON 97208

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Area Director

April 18, 1967

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

The year since April 27, 1966, has been a busy year for us and a vital year in the affairs of Indians.

Congratulations to you on the first anniversary of your being sworn in as Commissioner of Indian Affairs by President Johnson.

We will continue to work hard to support you and your programs so that you may attain an enviable record as Commissioner.

Sincerely yours,

Dale M. Baldwin
Area Director



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
STANDING ROCK AGENCY
FORT YATES, NORTH DAKOTA 58538

April 19, 1967

Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Washington, D. C. 20242

Sir:

The entire staff of the Standing Rock Agency and I join in extending our heartfelt congratulations to you on this first anniversary of your appointment to the Office of Commissioner. This has been a stimulating year for those of us directly involved in the execution of Bureau programs. Your invigorating leadership has provided inspiration to the Indian people of this reservation. Our continued support and best wishes will always be with you.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Ellison
Superintendent

April 19, 1967

Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Washington, D. C. 20242

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Sincerely yours,

Superintendent



THE JICARILLA APACHE TRIBE

P. O. BOX 147 • DULCE, NEW MEXICO 87528

April 19, 1967

Honorable Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20242

Dear Bob:

On the occasion of your first anniversary as Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs and in behalf of the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, I offer our congratulations.

We have observed your administration keenly, this first year, and are very pleased with what we have seen. I am most confident that your first year as commander of this high Bureau Office is but a small shadow of the great things yet to come for our Indian peoples. Towards this end I call on the Great Spirit to guide your steps wisely and in confidence.

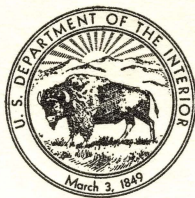
Again, our congratulations and continued success as our Commissioner.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Vigil".

Charlie Vigil, Chairman
Jicarilla Apache Tribe





UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Jicarilla Agency
Dulce, New Mexico 87528

April 19, 1967

Honorable Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20242

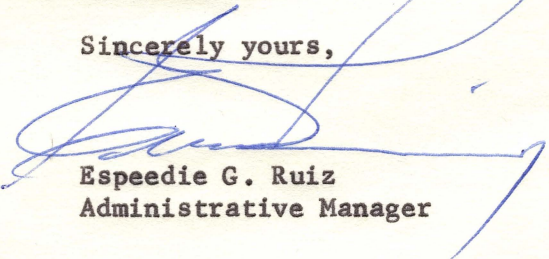
Dear Commissioner Bennett:

How swiftly time goes by. It seems like it was only yesterday, when I was privileged to witness your being sworn in as Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs by President Johnson. On Thursday next, you celebrate one year in office at the helm of this great Bureau.

My sincerest congratulations, Commissioner, on your first Anniversary. Your efforts in allowing the American Indian to develop so that they can have more voice in decision making responsibilities regarding their affairs, is certainly bearing fruit with the Jicarillas.

My best wishes for your continued success and God-Speed you in the administration of future endeavors with the Bureau. My kindest and personal good wishes also to Mrs. Bennett.

Sincerely yours,



Espeedie G. Ruiz
Administrative Manager



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Fort Apache Indian Agency
Whiteriver, Arizona 85941

APR 19 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

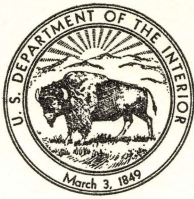
Dear Commissioner Bennett:

We at the Fort Apache Agency wish to congratulate you upon the anniversary of your appointment as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. We wish to pledge our continued support of you and all programs designed for the advance of the Indian people, both economic and social.

We feel that the White Mountain Apaches have made continued progress during the past year by their own efforts and through your leadership. We wish to assure you that the White Mountain Apache Tribe is working hand in hand with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U. S. Public Health Service, Office of Economic Opportunity and all other agencies for the creation of better social and economic opportunities for the tribal membership.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Jicarilla Agency
Dulce, New Mexico 87528

April 20, 1967

Honorable Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20242

Dear Commissioner Bennett:

Congratulations on your first anniversary as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

We have certainly noted the giant strides your administration has taken in accelerating the Indian tribes into the American mainstream of society. The emphasis placed on encouraging the Tribes to undertake additional responsibilities is most gratifying.

I wish you continued success and progress in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph B. Armstrong
Superintendent



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Warm Springs Agency
Warm Springs, Oregon 97761

April 20, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dear Bob:

May I step out of channels long enough to congratulate you on the anniversary of your first year as Commissioner.

It's good to see an imaginative "Pro" in the front office.

Best wishes,

Doyce L. Waldrip
Superintendent

4928 - 84th N. E.
Marysville, Washington

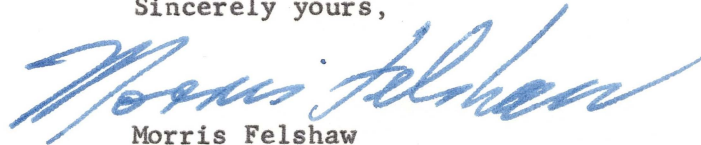
April 20, 1967

Dear Bob:

Review of my calendar brings to my attention the date of April 27, 1966, which to you is no doubt a memorable occasion to long be remembered. Many of us, as personal acquaintances, also hold this occasion in high regard and appreciate the positive and forward approach you are taking in the field of Indian Affairs.

My personal best wishes for continued leadership which will lead to equitable and self-satisfying benefits to the American Indian population.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Morris Felshaw", written in a cursive style.

Morris Felshaw



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Area Director

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MUSKOGEE AREA OFFICE
MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA 74401

April 20, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

On behalf of the staff of the Muskogee Area Office. I send you warmest congratulations on the occasion of your first anniversary as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

You can well be proud of this first year as Commissioner during which time you have accomplished much and have won the respect, confidence and admiration of the Indian people and Bureau of Indian Affairs employees throughout the country through your consistent service. We deeply appreciate your confidence and understanding and are looking forward with enthusiasm for even greater progress in Indian accomplishments.

Our best wishes to you as you begin your second year as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sincerely yours,


Virgil N. Harrington
Area Director

The SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES

FORT HALL INDIAN
RESERVATION
PHONE 233-2609



FORT HALL BUSINESS COUNCIL
P. O. BOX 306
FORT HALL, IDAHO 83203

April 20, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
U. S. Department of Interior
1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. -- 20042

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR FIRST
ANNIVERSARY AS COMMISSIONER
OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Thank you for the many good things you did for us Indian people throughout the nation during your first year as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Those of us who have had the opportunity to work with you on "The Indian Resources Development Act of 1967" are well aware of the fact that you are doing your best on a difficult project, under very difficult circumstances.

One quality we admire most about you is that you do not "beat-around-the-bush!" This admirable trait can probably be attributed to the fact that you are an Indian yourself. Therefore; you know from experience that this (beating-around-the-bush) is one characteristic we detest most about those in official positions.

We are grateful to you for being honest and gracious with us. And for sincerely wanting to do what is right for the Indian people.

We are proud to have you for our Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Most sincerely,

Angela Butterfield

Angela Butterfield (Mrs.)
Council Member,
Shoshone Bannock Tribes
and
Executive Director of The
Northwest Affiliated Tribes

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Administration

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
ANADARKO AREA OFFICE
Post Office Box 368
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

April 21, 1967

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington, D. C. 20242

Dear Bob:

Congratulations on your first anniversary as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. I think it appropriate that the occasion for this honor is taking place in one of the Areas where you formerly served the Indian people. I know they and others of your acquaintance in that Area are proud to have the opportunity to arrange this occasion to honor you.

We in the Anadarko Area, and I know those in other jurisdictions, are pleased to have this opportunity to participate long range in honoring you on this occasion.

With this first year gone your chances for attaining your "tongue-in-cheek" goal appear excellent.

Sincerely yours,

ACTING Area Director



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

TURTLE MOUNTAIN AGENCY

BELCOURT, NORTH DAKOTA 58316

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Administration

April 21, 1967

Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The Turtle Mountain staff joins with me in extending warm and hearty congratulations on your first anniversary as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The year has indeed been eventful and exhilarating because of huge increases of activity by Indian Tribes and their leaders. It is a satisfying challenge for us in the Bureau of Indian Affairs to battle side by side with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in favorably overcoming handicaps and obstacles that long hindered their progress in our contemporary society. We are moving to the hump of the uphill battle and, under your leadership, we see in the distance a horizon of hope and fruition.

We resolutely stand with you in supporting all actions aimed at placing the First Americans in the front ranks of American society.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Mehojah, Sr.
W. A. Mehojah, Sr.
Superintendent



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Wapato Irrigation Project
Wapato, Washington 98951

April 21, 1967

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington, D. C. 20242

Sir:

It is a pleasure for me to add my congratulations to those of your many friends and associates on this occasion, and express my appreciation to you for the leadership you have given the Bureau of Indian Affairs program throughout the past year.

I am especially grateful for the opportunity that I had of participating in the Departmental Manager Program. The acquaintances that I acquired through the program with the Assistant Commissioners and Directors of Administration and Engineering and others has been a highlight of my career in the federal service. The calibre of these men evidences to me the leadership abilities that you have demonstrated in your determination to provide opportunities for growth and development of the Indian people.

I am grateful for the opportunity that I have of working with the Bureau leadership in carrying out my small part in the total Bureau program.

Sincerely yours,

Judd Allsop
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Project Engineer

Wapato Irrigation Project
Wapato, Washington 98951

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Administration

PAWNEE AGENCY
Pawnee, Oklahoma
74058

April 21, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Congratulations for completion of your first year as Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs. We have seen many changes for the better during this period and anticipate that your interest in the Indian people and those who serve them will foster further improvements.

We feel, for the first time in many years, that the needs of the people under the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Agency are recognized by you, and the Tribal Council members are looking forward to your support. We hope to see you in Oklahoma to visit with the people as often as your busy schedule will permit.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Groner
Superintendent



IN REPLY REFER TO:
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Fort Hall Agency
Fort Hall, Idaho 83203

April 21, 1967

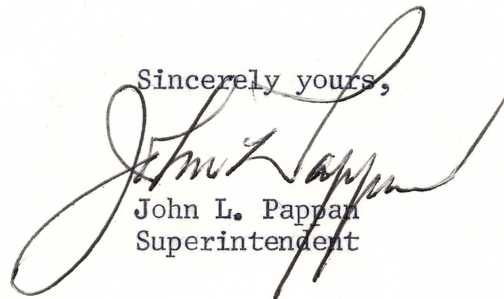
Mr. Robert L. Bennett

Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The agency staff joins me in extending our best wishes on your first anniversary as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. We are all very proud to be a part of the team under your leadership to help the Indian people attain their rightful status in American Society. Your appointment to this important position holds much hope for the Indian people.

Sincerely yours,



John L. Pappan
Superintendent



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

PIERRE AGENCY
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501

April 21, 1967

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington, D. C. 20242

Sir:

The entire staff of this agency and myself would like to commend you on this your first anniversary as Commissioner. Many of the employees of this agency knew you personally during the time you worked in this area and have high regard for your ability and dedication to the work you have undertaken to accomplish.

We observe improvements in the Bureau's operation and wish you continued success and pledge you our support.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Edwards

Superintendent

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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PRESIDENT

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=MR ROBERT L BENNETT=

=COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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=CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY AS THE FIRST INDIAN, INDIAN COMMISSIONER IN MODERN TIMES. IF THINGS GO AS WELL IN THE FUTURE AS THEY HAVE THIS PAST YEAR IT MAY WELL BE NO FUTURE NEED FOR A COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND YOU MAY BE THE LAST. I WOULD, I SAY THIS IF I DIDN'T HAVE ALMOST 25 YEARS SERVICE. OF COURSE, THE ONLY THING THAT WILL REMAIN AFTER THE NEXT 100 YEARS

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Winnebago, Nebraska
April 24, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

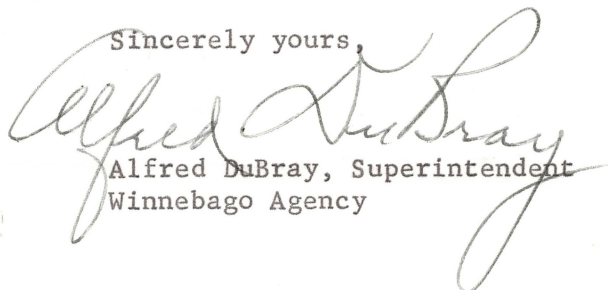
On the first anniversary of your appointment as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, I take this means of congratulating you, Mr. Bennett, on your accomplishments during the past year for the benefit of the Indian people.

The past year has been a period of imagination, deliberation and expectation wherein the American Indian has had the opportunity to participate in the development of plans designed to determine his true destiny. Such plans have been dedicated to the proposition that the first Americans must be put first on the National agenda.

My impression is that such an approach has true meaning and with continued emphasis on equality and recognition the American Indian can look to the future with hope and anticipation.

Congratulations again on your first anniversary as Commissioner and may you have many more years of successful Indian leadership.

Sincerely yours,



Alfred DuBray, Superintendent
Winnebago Agency



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

FLANDREAU INDIAN SCHOOL

FLANDREAU, SOUTH DAKOTA
57028

April 24, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C. 20242

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The Staff and Student Body of the Flandreau Indian School wish to add their best wishes to you on this first anniversary of service as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Your enduring interest in the development of boys and girls continue to inspire those associated with education.

With the faith that your tenure as Commissioner of Indian Affairs will continue with success,

Sincerely yours,

B. B. Warner
School Superintendent



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Area Director

BILLINGS AREA OFFICE
~~804 NORTH 29TH STREET~~ 316 North 26th St.
BILLINGS, MONTANA
59101

April 24, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Dear Bob:

I understand the people at Pierre and my colleague Martin are planning to commemorate the auspicious occasion of your first anniversary as Commissioner. The only question would be whether you want us to celebrate or commiserate with you.

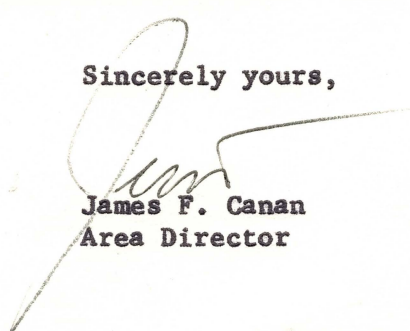
It has indeed been a good year, and I hope you take as much satisfaction from the accomplishments so far as we do. At this point all of us feel sure you are well on the way to your announced goal of 27 months, and hopefully for us, much longer.

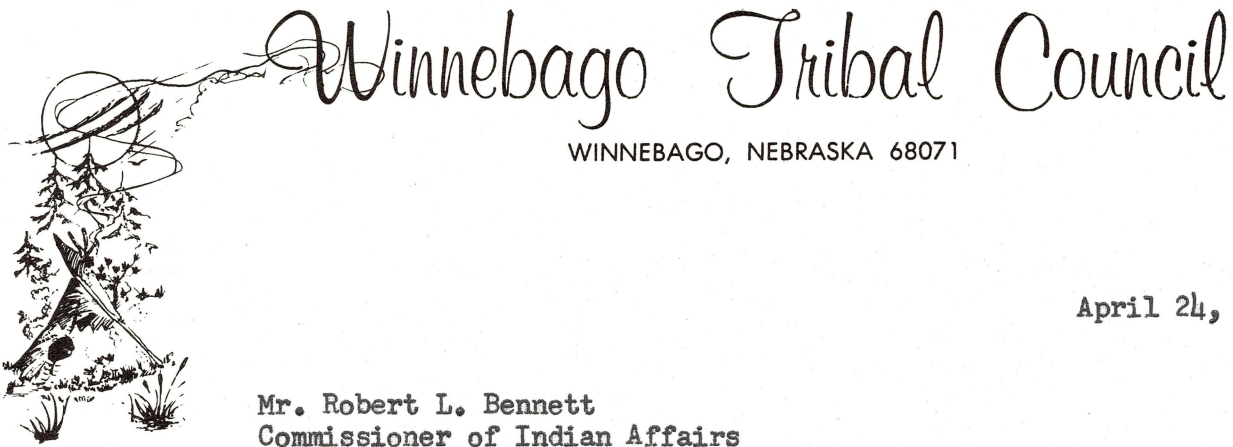
At this point the most appropriate story I can think of is the one about the phrase "The Past is Prologue". This was interpreted in a way that I'm sure reflects what might well be your theme to all of us -- "You ain't seen nothing yet".

Anyhow congratulations on your anniversary from all the Billings Area. We know it is a long and difficult job ahead, and will do everything possible to give you full support and assistance.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,


James F. Canan
Area Director



Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA 68071

April 24, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

April 27, 1966 - April 27, 1967!! Congratulations Mr. Commissioner,
from the Winnebago Tribal Council of the Winnebago Tribe!!!

It is with pride that in retrospect, we realize the impact your administration has made in Indian Affairs all over the country in one short year. It has awakened many to action and has 'just awakened' many more. It is with high hopes that we look to the future of our people under your guidance and leadership.

In wishing you continued success as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, we appreciate the many difficult decisions and problems that are yet to be met by you. We thank you for what you have already done and pledge our continued cooperation in the future insofar as the end is for the good of the Winnebago people.

Very sincerely,

Ashley Rave
Ashley Rave, Chairman



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MINNEAPOLIS AREA OFFICE
1312 WEST LAKE STREET
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55408

April 24, 1967

AIRMAIL

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

It is with considerable pleasure and gratification that we recall your nomination and appointment to the highest position in Indian Affairs a year ago. You have traveled much and met many Indians, Indian workers and others at various conferences, confrontations, meetings, etc., in your new capacity.

There are a number of firsts that have transpired during the first year of your administration and we are confident that there will be many more. All of us have been most appreciative of your direction, philosophy and suggestions for improving the well-being of Indian people.

The Superintendents of the Minneapolis Area and their staffs join the Director and his staff in congratulating you on this special occasion. We hope there will be many more to follow.

Sincerely,

Glenn R. Landbloom
Area Director

Professional Association
of the
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*Bureau of Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of Interior
P.O. Box 3344
Albuquerque, New Mexico*

April 24, 1967

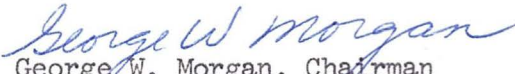
Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The occasion of this celebration, commemorating your first year in office, brings back pleasant memories of your visit with us shortly after you assumed your present position.

We hope for your continued success in serving the Indian people of this nation and pledge our continued support for your leadership to this end.

On behalf of the entire Professional Association,


George W. Morgan, Chairman
Professional Association of the
Plant Design and Construction Branch

April 24, 1967

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Chemawa Indian School
Chemawa, Oregon 97306

April 24, 1967

Hon. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs
U. S. Department of the Interior
1951 Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20242

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The staff and students of the Chemawa Indian School send their greetings and congratulations on this, your first anniversary as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Throughout the world today there is a new spirit at work in the field of education and in your brief year in office we have had substantial evidence that the force of this spirit is at work in Indian education.

We feel that this past year has been most rewarding for our students and staff and that all have grown in knowledge, experience, purpose, and new understandings. Your leadership has been most welcome and we wish you many more anniversaries.

Sincerely yours,

Hallie O. Walters
Superintendent

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=DEAR BOB. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I SEND YOU
THIS WIRE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE COMPLETION OF YOUR
FIRST YEAR AS COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN
AFFAIRS. THE LEADERSHIP YOU DISPLAYED IN ALASKA DURING
THE FOUR AND ONE HALF YEARS THAT I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF
SERVING UNDER YOU SHALL REMAIN INDELIBLE IN MY MIND AND
ACTIONS. ¶

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EVEN THOUGH SINCE YOU HAVE BECOME COMMISSIONER I
HAVE NOT HAD THE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH YOU AS I DID IN
ALASKA IT HAS BEEN QUITE EVIDENT THAT YOUR LEADERSHIP
HAS EVEN BROADENED DURING YOUR YEAR AS COMMISSIONER.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE AND STILL DO CONSIDER IT
AN HONOR TO SERVE UNDER YOU AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE MANY MORE YEARS THAT YOU WILL BE COMMISSIONER OF THE
FINEST ORGANIZATION IN THE FEDERAL SERVICE=

JOHN F GORDON ASST SUPT HOQUIAM FIELD STATION.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Juneau Area Office
Box 3-8000
Juneau, Alaska 99801

April 27, 1967

Commissioner Robert L. Bennett
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing this letter to congratulate you on your first anniversary. One year ago April 27 you were sworn in as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. It has been, I personally feel, a good year for you and I am looking forward to an even better year. Your understanding and comprehension of the varied problems facing Bureau administration along with Indian peoples' problems have been a great help to all of us. Again, congratulations, I think you're doing a very fine job.

Sincerely yours,

Owen D. Morken
Area Director

Juneau Area Office
Box 3-8000
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Bureau of Indian Affairs
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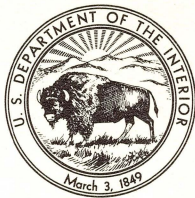
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Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) OWEN D. MORKEN

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Area Director



UNITED STATES
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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

FORT BERTHOLD AGENCY
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

April 27, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commissioner Bennett:

On this, the first anniversary of your appointment as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, may I extend my congratulations on a year of progress and achievement.

The new look in Indian Affairs is heart warming and encouraging to the Indian people. As a reservation Superintendent, I have the opportunity of hearing many expressions of appreciation from Indian leaders and individual Tribal members.

Again, Mr. Commissioner, on behalf of the staff and myself, our warm congratulations and best wishes for a continuing program of betterment for our Indian people.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Keaton
Superintendent



George H. ...
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CONCHO AGENCY
Concho, Oklahoma 73022

April 27, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington 25, D. C. 20242

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I regret that I did not have time to get this letter included with the ones you received at Pierre on April 26. I wish to extend my congratulations on your completion of the first year as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. It is my prediction and hope that you will have many anniversaries to celebrate in the future. It is most gratifying to know that we have a commissioner who understands the Indian people and their problems. This feeling of confidence is shared by all the staff here as well as the Indian people.

I want to add my personal thanks for your support and backing when some of the "100 percenters" here took exception to my administration or to me personally. I understand that the letter you wrote to Mr. Toahty was read to the Council in one of their meetings. I don't know how it was received. It is my hope that the Cheyennes and Arapahos can agree on a judicious plan for the use of their judgment funds. Until this is settled, I am afraid that there will continue to be discord within their ranks.

I want to say again that I appreciate the work you are doing and the support you have given me.

Very truly yours,

Paul Vance
Paul Vance
Superintendent

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COMMISSIONER ROBERT BENNETT

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRES

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY AS COMMISSIONER WITH
APPRECIATION FOR THE MANY IMPROVEMENTS IN SERVICES TO INDIANS
IN OKLAHOMA

INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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HON ROBERT L BENNETT

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CONGRATULATIONS ON FIRST YEAR OF SUCCESS AND PROGRESS I PLEDGE

MY CONTINUED LOYAL SUPPORT TO YOUR PROGRAMS

CLARENCE TALLBULL ARAHA.

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CONGRATULATIONS YOUR FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE HEAR WONDERFUL THINGS
ABOUT AVERYWHERE GOD BLESS YOU AND FAMILY I AM GRATENUL TO
KNOW YOU

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THE FIRST COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTY
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Commissioner Robert L. Bennett
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Dear Commissioner Bennett:

Just a note to congratulate you on your talk during Indian Week at the Brigham Young University. I appreciate your practical approach to the solution of some of the problems which face Indians.

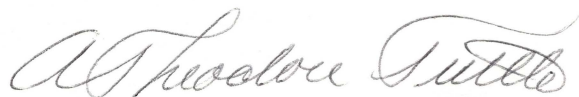
I appreciated, too, your sentiment concerning the Student Youth Placement Program of the church. We are hopeful that this opportunity of better schooling for these young people will be helpful to them that they can make a contribution to their people.

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You are a great symbol of possible achievement, not only for Indian people, but for all. We respect you highly. We wish you continued success in all of your endeavors.

Would you be so kind as to put me on the mailing list for The Record. My address is: 47 East South Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Thanks once again for all that you do for the Indian cause and for all that you represent to them.

Very sincerely,



A. Theodore Tuttle

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CHEYENNE ARAPAHO SCHOOL AND STAFF SENDS IT HEARTIEST
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY AS COMMISSIONER
OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU IN
EVERY EFFORT DIRECTED TOWARD THE BENEFIT OF OUR INDIAN
PEOPLE

CHEYENNE ARAPAHO SCHOOL STAFF.

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COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS PIERRE INDIAN
AGENCY PIERRE SDAK=

THE OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA CONGRATULATES YOU ON YOUR
FIRST ANNIVERSARY AS COMMISSIONER. WE WISH YOU CONTINUED
SUCCESS IN YOUR ENDEAVOR IN PROMOTING THE GENERAL
WELFARE OF ALL AMERICAN INDIANS=

ALFRED W GILPIN CHMN OMAHA TRIBAL COUNCIL=

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BUR OF INDIAN AFFAIRS PIERRE AGENCY PIERRE SDAK=
I WANT TO JOIN YOUR MANY FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS IN
CONGRATULATING YOU ON A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR AS
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. YOU HAVE SERVED WITH
REMARKABLE DISTINCTION BOTH THE INDIAN PEOPLE OF THE
NATION AND THE CUASE OF GOOD GOVERNMENT.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN
AFFAIRS, I HAVE DEEPLY APPRECIATED YOUR WISE COUNSEL AND
YOUR COMPLETE DEDICATION TO THE INDIAN CONSTITUENTS

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WHOM WE BOTH SERVE. I LOOK FORWARD TO EFFECTIVE AND
CONGENIAL RELATIONS WITH IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. I ONLY
WISH I COULD BE THERE TO JOIN WITH MY FELLOW SOUTH
DAKOTANS IN WELCOMING YOU TO OUR STATE. YOUR FRIEND=
GEORGE MCGOVERN:

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VICE PRESIDENT
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8 September 1967

Commissioner Robert L. Bennett
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
1951 Constitution Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Commissioner Bennett:

Congratulations! I read Vera Glaser's profile of La-Wa-Chito-Aiokpachi in the September "Washingtonian" with interest and pleasure. She is a good reporter, and I think presented her subject quite well.

Incidentally, you were in interesting company—particularly the photogenic artist who will be operating the 1520 Club on K Street. Sounds like a good place to visit!

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY 08101

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WISH WE WERE THERE TO HELP YOU CELEBRATE DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY

HOPE YOU RECEIVE APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY, BILLINGS

AREA JOINS ME IN SENDING GREETINGS

JAMES F CANAN

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