

**The original documents are located in Box 1, folder “Canada” of the Bradley H. Patterson Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.**

### **Copyright Notice**

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

August 27, 1976

Dear Mr. Mackie:

Dr. Ted Marrs has left the White House to become active in the Indian Health Service in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The President has asked me to take his place.

Among Ted's papers I found your letter to him dated April 21.

If my schedule should permit, it would indeed be interesting to visit Ottawa and compare notes with you about the Indian policies and programs of the Canadian government. Pending such a time, if you should be near Washington again, it would be a particular pleasure to make your acquaintance personally. Do you and I have similar colleagues "down under"?

Cordially,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. P. C. Mackie  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Indian and Eskimo Affairs  
400 Laurier Avenue W  
Ottawa, Canada

PS: There is one issue  
we should talk about  
sometime: Pacific  
Salmon Fishing.

BHPjr

BHP:msp





Assistant Deputy Minister  
Indian and Northern Affairs

Sous-ministre adjoint  
Affaires indiennes et du Nord

Indian Affairs

Affaires indiennes

April 21, 1976.

Dr. Theodore Marrs,  
Special Assistant to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C.

*Your file* *Voire référence*

*Our file* *Notre référence*

Dear Dr. Marrs:

During my recent visit to Washington you kindly devoted a generous portion of an afternoon to me and several of my colleagues. Your ideas, insights and overall perspective of Indian development were most enlightening. The same is true of your plans to direct bureaucratic differences in planning and administration toward a more common goal. The latter is a general problem and I found your approach to overcoming bureaucratic over-lapping and duplication unique and distinctive. I would dearly love to be a fly on the wall of your office and follow your resolution of this problem over the next few months. I am sure such an exercise could be both productive and instructive. There are many parallels between Indian people of our respective countries and the opportunity to gain insight into your thinking was most helpful.

In the course of our conversation I mentioned the interest my Minister the Honourable Judd Buchanan has in exchanging ideas with legislators and senior government advisors who have interests and responsibilities which parallel his own. You indicated an interest in possibly coming to Ottawa to meet Mr. Buchanan and his colleagues. I know he would welcome the opportunity for such an exchange. Perhaps when your own plans become clear you can drop me a note or write to D. Brant, Special Assistant to the Minister. I can assure you that we will do everything possible to make such a visit as productive as possible.

Yours sincerely,

P. C. Mackie,  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
(Indian and Eskimo Affairs).





Assistant Deputy Minister  
Indian and Northern Affairs

Sous-ministre adjoint  
Affaires indiennes et du Nord

Indian Affairs

Affaires indiennes

October 13, 1976.

Mr. Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.,  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C.

*Your file* *Votre référence*

*Our file* *Notre référence*

Dear Mr. Patterson:

May I apologize for having taken so long to respond to your letter of August 31. Congratulations on your appointment to the White House.

We would welcome your visit to Ottawa whenever it might be convenient for you.

We certainly do have colleagues in both Australia and New Zealand and I understand there is a growing interest in aboriginal people in South America as well. As you may well know, their situation is in many respects disastrous.

I have asked my office to get in touch directly with your staff to see when might be an appropriate time for us to get together.

The National Indian Brotherhood which is the Canadian counterpart to the Tribal Treaty Chiefs Association and the Congress of American Indians has had an exceptional Indian woman working with them for the last few months. Ms. Vicky Santana is an American Indian from a tribe in Montana. She is a lawyer and has been working with the N.I.B. on issues related to a revision of the Indian Act. I believe she is planning to return to the States and I commend her to you very highly.

Warmest personal regards and best wishes to you in your very difficult responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

P.C. Mackie,  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
(Indian and Eskimo Affairs).

