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MEMORANDUM OF CALL

YOU WERE CALLED BY--

Edward Driving Hawk

MESSAGE

(605) 747-2381

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.,
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Patterson:

In response to your note of October 1, 1976, addressed to Allen Murray
concerning a letter dated July 14, 1976, from Mr. Howard Driving Hawk,
President, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Hospip, South Dakota (copy attached).

This Tribe is requesting a grant of $5 million for the purchase of land
and $3,006,000 for the purchase of outstanding Tribal Land Enterprise
Certificates. They are requesting this grant assistance in accordance
with the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act which is handled by the depart-
ment of Interior. We suggest you contact the Department of Interior on
this matter.

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) does not have grant authorities
for the purposes outlined above. We have, however, closed two FmHA
land acquisition loans to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe for $2,502,000. At
present the local county FHA office serving the reservation is processing
the Tribe’s application for an additional $3 million loan.

If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. ELLIOTT
Administrator

Enclosure
Edward Driving Hawk
President
Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Rosebud, South Dakota 57570

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Ltr to Gerald Ford, President
United States of America

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on other areas of concern.

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if we could receive it during our stay in Washington.

You may contact me through the Commissioner of Indian
Affairs' Office during that period.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the audience granted to Indian Leaders. I would like also to make you aware of some of the problem areas that we have on the Rosebud Reservation and hopefully, with your personal attention directed to these, they may be solved.

One of the major problem areas that exist on the Rosebud at this time is the amount of Indian land going out of Trust Status. Today we have approximately 240,000 acres of our Reservation being offered for sale by individual Allottees. There is a multitude of reasons why this land is going out of Trust, but the primary one is that the Tribe does not have the financial capabilities to purchase these lands. The estimated value of these Allotments is $26 million dollars. Therefore, in accordance with the 1934 Re-organization Act, we are requesting a grant of $5 million dollars for the purchase of these lands. We are also requesting Three-million-Six-Thousand dollars, $3,006,000, for the purchasing of the outstanding Tribal Land Enterprise Certificates. Purchasing these Certificates would enable this Tribe to purchase the balance of the land offered for sale over a period of time.

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Your attention to these matters would be greatly appreciated.
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WASHINGTON

October 14, 1976

NOTE FOR COMMISSIONER THOMPSON

The grant part of this request is, I now realize, a matter for BIA attention. Has Mr. Driving Hawk applied for these grant funds and if so what is the status of the application?

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Enclosure
October 1

Alan Murray --

Have these folks been in touch with you about an FHA loan? Would you give me a draft paragraph or two for a suggested response?

[Signature]

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United States Department of the Interior  
BUKRUQ OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20245  
October 18, 1876

Memorandum

To: Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.  
Special Assistant to the President

From: Morris Thompson  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Subject: Rosebud Sioux request for $5 million, land purchase; $3 million, TLE Certificates

On receipt of your October 14 note, we talked with our Aberdeen Area people and find that there is no record of receipt of the subject request from the Rosebud Sioux. We believe they are referring to efforts in obtaining a loan, rather than a grant. And, since BIA grants under the Indian Financing Act cannot be made for land purchases, it is doubtful that the application would be made to our Bureau. However, if the Tribe is referring to a loan, you were correct in sending their request to the Farmers Home Administration. FmHA has a program for making land purchase loans to tribes to acquire land within their reservations.

In any event, the local BIA people at Rosebud (George Keller, Superintendent), would be glad to help them prepare the necessary applications in applying to FmHA for a loan. You may want to suggest to them that they follow this route to get the matter back on the track.

Attachment:  
Your correspondence returned

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