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I. WORKING WITH UIPA

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United Indian Planners Association  (UIPA)
August 4, 1976

Dear President Ford:

U.I.P.A. is a newly organized, non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. The main purpose of the organization is to provide its membership the means to aid in improving the social/economic infrastructure of reservations and urban American Indian communities. This can be accomplished in part by enhancing the professional expertise of planners working for Indian tribes and organizations.

U.I.P.A. (jointly funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and E.D.A., Department of Commerce) has organized an annual planners conference. The conference will consist of training sessions and membership meetings. E.D.A. has sponsored annual conferences for the past six years.

The U.I.P.A. Board of Directors has selected Spokane, Washington as the site for our first annual conference, to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, on August 16 through the 20th. It is anticipated that two to four hundred planners and observers will be in attendance, coming from Indian reservations and urban communities. Last years attendance included representation from 26 states and the District of Columbia.

American Indians, like so many other groups in this bicentennial year, are looking for truth, respect and integrity from those in government and the American public. Indians from every part of the country are anxious to hear your policy on-going for the "First Americans". Therefore, the U.I.P.A. Board of Directors would like to invite you to be a speaker at our Annual Conference Banquet at 1:00 p.m., Friday, August 20, at the Sheraton-Spokane Hotel.

The theme of the conference centers around planning—economic, social and community development, and the American Indian.
We look forward to hearing from you in the near future and hope your response will be positive. With your permission, we would like to follow-up with a telephone call to one of your staff members to answer any additional questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Andrew W. Ebene
Executive Director
U.I.P.A.

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AGENDA U.I.P.A. CONFERENCE

MONDAY - AUGUST 16

1:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Registration
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 - Attitude Adjustment Hour

TUESDAY - AUGUST 17

8:00 - 4:30 - Registration

8:30 - 9:30 - Opening ceremonies
   Call to order - Ken Stanger, Pres., U.I.P.A.
   Honor Song - Carlson Drummers, Browning, MT
   Opening remarks - Ken Stanger
   Cal Peters, Pres. Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest
   Welcome - David H. Rodgers, Mayor of Spokane

9:30 - 11:45 - General session
   Membership business
   President - address
   Executive Director report
   Financial Report
   U.I.P.A. goals/objects
   Membership criteria - Dues
   By-laws amendments

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Luncheon
   Guest Speaker - Joseph G. Hamrick, D.A.S.
   U.S. Dept. of Commerce
   Washington, D.C.

1:45 - 2:15 - Remarks
   Reaves Nahwoosky - Indian Desk, H.U.D.
   Washington, D.C.

2:15 - 2:45 - Remarks
   Ray Tanner - Indian Desk, E.D.A.
   Washington, D.C.

2:45 - 3:15 - American Institute of Planners

3:30 - 4:45 - Regional Caucuses

5:00 - 9:00 - Cruise on Lake Cour D'Alene (optional)
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FRIDAY - AUGUST 20

8:30 - 12:00 p.m.
- General session
  Election of Board of Directors
  Additional by-laws amendments
  Site selection 2nd annual conference
  Other Business

1:00 p.m.
- U.I.P.A. Luncheon banquet
  Guest Speaker
  E.D.A. Peace Pipe Awards
August 11, 1976

Mr. Brad Patterson
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Bldg. -- 134
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Patterson,

As you know U.I.P.A. is sponsoring its first annual planner’s conference to be held in Spokane, Washington, August 17-20, 1976. The conference will consist of training sessions and membership meetings. E.D.A. has sponsored the previous six annual planner’s conferences.

The U.I.P.A. Board of Directors cordially invites you to be the keynote speaker at our conference luncheon banquet at 1:00 P.M., Friday, August 20th at the Sheraton-Spokane hotel.

Please find attached a copy of our conference agenda and a copy of a letter to the President.

We look forward to hearing from you in the very near future and hope your response will be positive. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Andrew W. Ebona
Executive Director
I send warmest greetings to the delegates at the First Annual Conference of the United Indian Planners Association.

One hundred and seventy years ago, President Jefferson said, "The proper role of the Federal Government is to help Indians find their way along a new trail -- one which leads to equal citizenship, maximum self-sufficiency and full participation in American life."

A year and a half ago, the Congress in enacting the Indian Self-Determination Act reaffirmed the continuing commitment of our government to this task by stating, "The Congress hereby recognizes the obligation of the United States to respond to the strong expression of the Indian people for self-determination by assuring maximum Indian participation in the direction of educational as well as other Federal services to Indian communities so as to render such services more responsive to the needs and desires of those communities."

In signing this Act, I added that it will be through the initiatives of Indian communities that the authorities provided for will be implemented. I urged these communities to make the fullest possible use of these authorities, and I pledged the support of my Administration to this end.

Indian people know more than most Americans that promises and policies by themselves are not enough. But thanks to the intelligent and persistent efforts of many individuals and organizations such as your own, these policies are finally coming to fruition.

By working together, I am confident that we can forge a brighter future for American Indian people.

\[Signature\]
CHALLENGES FACING THE INDIAN PLANNER
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
AUGUST 17, 1976

JOSEPH G. HAMRICK
Deputy Assistant Secretary For Planning
Economic Development Administration

FEW GROUPS IN AMERICA HAVE PROVIDED AS RICH A CULTURAL HERITAGE TO THE NATION AS THE AMERICAN INDIAN HAS. YOUR DEEDS OF HEROISM AND SACRIFICE ARE LEGEND; YOUR ART HAS BROUGHT BEAUTY TO MEN AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE, AND YOUR DESIGNS HAVE INFLUENCED BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. YOUR SENSE OF HARMONY WITH NATURE HAS POINTED THE WAY TO AN ENHANCED ENVIRONMENT.

DESPITE INJUSTICES SUFFERED BY MANY IN THE PAST THE INDIAN PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN A LOYALTY TO THE NATION IN TIME OF WAR UNSURPASSED. YOUR INDIAN LANGUAGE CODE HELPED THE COUNTRY DEFEAT JAPAN IN THE PACIFIC, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN HAVE FOUGHT BRAVELY WITH EVERY BRANCH OF THE ARMED SERVICES
WHENEVER THE NATION CALLED.

REGARDLESS OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND YOUR SACRIFICES MANY INDIAN PEOPLE CONTINUE TO FACE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES, HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDUE HARDSHIP.

THIS NATIONAL CONTRADICTION OF THE RICHNESS OF THE INDIAN CULTURE COUPLED WITH THE IMPOVERISHMENT OF MANY OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE MAKES THE CHALLENGE FACING THE INDIAN PLANNER ONE OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES IN THE FIELD OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

AS PLANNERS YOU ARE FACED WITH THE GIGANTIC PROBLEMS OF: HOW TO BUILD A SOUND ECONOMIC PROGRAM FOR INDIAN PEOPLE WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES ON MOST RESERVATIONS.

HOW TO CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIAN PEOPLE WITHOUT DESTROYING INDIAN AND TRIBAL CULTURAL VALUES.

HOW TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES FROM OUTSIDE THE RESERVATION
TO ASSIST IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION WITHOUT ABROGATING THE RIGHT OF INDIAN PEOPLE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN COURSE OF ACTION AND DEVELOP THEIR OWN OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BASED UPON THE DECISIONS OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITY.

YOU, AS PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS FOR THE INDIAN PEOPLE, HOLD THE KEY TO ANY REAL SOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS FACING INDIAN PEOPLE.

YOUR ABILITY TO MARSHALL THE SUPPORT OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL AND THE MEMBERS OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITY WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN BEGIN TO PROJECT GOALS.

YOUR ABILITY AND SKILL TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT JOB-CREATING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF INDIAN AND TRIBAL CULTURAL VALUES WILL BE VITAL TO ANY SUCCESS.
YOUR ABILITY TO APPRAISE THE NATURAL RESOURCE POTENTIALS OF THE RESERVATION, AND TO KNOW WHICH OF THESE RESOURCES THE INDIAN PEOPLE OF THE TRIBE WISH TO PROTECT, IMPROVE AND DEVELOP WILL ALSO BE FUNDAMENTAL.

YOUR PLANNING SKILL IN ASSISTING THE TRIBAL COUNCIL CHART A COURSE OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT THAT ENHANCES THE TRADITIONAL RELATIONSHIP OF THE TRIBE TO ITS LAND, WHILE BRINGING THE GREATEST POSSIBLE ECONOMIC RETURN TO THE INDIAN PEOPLE WILL BE NECESSARY.

YOUR PUBLIC RELATIONS UNDERSTANDING AND KNOW-HOW IN INSURING BROAD COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS WILL ALSO BE IMPORTANT TO ANY SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT.
YOUR SKILL AS A PLANNER AND AS A COOPERATOR IN MARSHALLING THE RESOURCES OUTSIDE THE RESERVATION WHICH CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON RESERVATION PROBLEMS WILL PERHAPS BE THE GREATEST TEST OF YOUR PLANNING PROFESSIONALISM.

OUTSIDE THE RESERVATION, SOMETIMES ALIENATED, AND OFTEN, AT BEST, NOT COMMUNICATING TOO WELL WITH TRIBAL LEADERS IS THE SUB-STATE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WHICH OFTEN WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST IN SOLVING MUTUAL PROBLEMS WITH THE TRIBAL LEADERS IF INVITED TO DO SO.

BEYOND THE DISTRICT LEVEL IS THE STATE, WHOSE GOVERNOR, NOW FORTIFIED WITH THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED 302(A) STATE PLANNING PROCESS GRANTS FROM EDA, IS ANXIOUS TO EXTEND GREATER STATE ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICTS AND INDIAN PLANNERS AND HAVE IN RETURN THE IMPUT OF INDIAN AND DISTRICT PLANNING AREAS INTO OVERALL STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS.
MOST STATES NOW CAN AND WILL PROVIDE INDIAN PLANNERS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER ASSISTANCE WITHOUT USURPING THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PREROGATIVES THAT BELONG TO THE INDIAN PEOPLE, AND ONE TEST OF A SKILLFUL INDIAN PLANNER WILL BE HIS ABILITY TO SECURE SUCH ASSISTANCE.

BEYOND THE STATE LEVEL AND ANXIOUS TO ASSIST SINCE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ON RESERVATIONS IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE BROAD OVERALL PLANNING BEING DONE FOR THE REGION ARE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, SUCH AS THE FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL COMMISSION. THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE STRUCTURED TO ENCOURAGE INTERAGENCY COORDINATION OF PLANNING ACTIVITIES WITHIN AND AMONG STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE RESERVATIONS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMIES, CREATE NEW
OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE.

THE SKILLED INDIAN PLANNER WILL UNDERSTAND THE INTER-DEPENDENCY OF REGIONAL AND STATE DEVELOPMENT RIGHT DOWN TO THE AREA AND RESERVATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. HE WILL, THEREFORE, WORK CLOSELY WITH THE APPROPRIATE OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, AND STATE STAFFS IN ORDER TO REINFORCE HIS OWN PLANNING EFFORT FOR THE RESERVATION AND BRING OUTSIDE RESOURCES INTO THE RESERVATION'S ECONOMY.

IN SOME AREAS COOPERATION WILL BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF YEARS OF POOR COMMUNICATION BUT IN MOST STATES AND THROUGHOUT MOST REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, AND ON MOST RESERVATIONS ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING
WILL HELP OPEN DOORS FOR THE INDIAN PEOPLE BY BRINGING ABOUT MEANINGFUL COOPERATION AND JOINT EFFORT IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FROM WHICH ALL WILL BENEFIT.

A HISTORY OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENT IS BEING WRITTEN TODAY BY INDIAN PEOPLE AND INDIAN PLANNERS THROUGH WISE UTILIZATION OF THE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM. AMONG THESE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE SUCH OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS AS:

1. **THE AMERICAN INDIAN NATIONAL BANK**
   A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN AMERICAN INDIAN LEADERS AND SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR FINANCING INDIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

2. **AMERICAN INDIAN CATTLEMEN'S CONSORTIUM**
   IN 1976 EDA PROVIDED A $3,000,000 GRANT TO A CONSORTIUM OF 15 INDIAN TRIBES IN MONTANA, NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA TO ESTABLISH A LONG-TERM, LOW-INTEREST LOAN
PROGRAM FOR INDIAN CATTLEMEN TO HELP RESTORE HERDS DESTROYED BY LATE SPRING STORMS.

3. AMERICAN INDIAN MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE
A GOVERNMENT PROJECT TO FUND AN ALL-INDIAN MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE THAT PROVIDES EXPERTISE TO INDIAN TRIBES IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, MOTEL OPERATIONS, AND GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

4. AMERICAN INDIAN TRAVEL COMMISSION
AN ALL-INDIAN OPERATED TRAVEL COMMISSION THAT PROVIDES EXPERTISE TO INDIAN TRIBES IN THE TOURISM-RECREATION FIELD.

5. ACQUACULTURE PROJECTS
NUMEROUS PROFITABLE PROJECTS ALL-INDIAN MANAGED TO PRODUCE PROCESS AND DISTRIBUTE THROUGH INDIAN-OWNED ENTERPRISES SEA FOOD PRODUCTS.

6. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
NUMEROUS AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION PROJECTS INCLUDING IRRIGATION, LIVESTOCK, FRUITS AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND MARKETING.
7. **MUSEUMS AND TOURIST CENTERS**

SEVENTEEN MUSEUMS TO HOUSE CULTURAL TREASURES AND TOURIST RELATED CENTERS.

8. **INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND INDUSTRIAL PARKS**

42 INDUSTRIAL PARKS.

9. **INDIAN TOURISM AND RECREATION PROJECTS**

65 PROJECTS—INDIAN-OWNED IN THE TOURISM AND RECREATION FIELD INCLUDING MOTELS, RODEO GROUNDS, TRAILS, FISHING AREAS, ETC.

THESE PROJECTS, EXEMPLARY AS THEY ARE, REPRESENT BUT THE FIRST CHAPTER IN THE DEVELOPMENT HISTORY FOR INDIAN PEOPLE THAT LIES AHEAD. IF TRIBAL LEADERS AND THE INDIAN PEOPLE WANT DEVELOPMENT TO TAKE PLACE.

ONE NEW CHAPTER NOW BEING WRITTEN WILL INCLUDE AN ESTIMATED $52,560,000 IN FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR ADVANCE PLANNING FOR INDIAN TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS THROUGH CETA GRANTS TO PRIME SPONSORING TRIBES IN 1977.
IT WILL BE MOST IMPORTANT FOR EACH OF YOU, AS PLANNERS, TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE BASIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ON THE RESERVATION, AND IN INDIAN AREAS BELONGS TO THE TRIBAL LEADERS.

YOUR IMPORTANCE AS PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS LIES IN THE SERVICE YOU CAN RENDER TO THE TRIBAL LEADERSHIP IN PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTING THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND GOALS INTO REALISTIC PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

THE CHALLENGES FACING MOST TRIBES ARE TOUGH; AND WILL CALL FOR THE STRONGEST TYPES OF PLANNING AND ACTION PROGRAMS, IF YOU TRULY HELP THEM BRING INTO REALITY THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND GOALS TO:

1. ERADICATE THE POVERTY THAT HAS HELD THE INDIAN BACK.
2. To improve the health of the Indian People.

3. To provide decent housing for all who want and need decent housing;

4. To provide opportunities for vocational training and general education for all who desire it, and

5. To create job opportunities where little opportunity now exists.

Conclusion

We have funded the United Indian Planners Association to provide a realistic training program for Indian planners. It is our hope that its success will justify many more training sessions to come.

We trust that this seminar has strengthened each of you personally, and has strengthened the United Indian Planners Association generally in facing the
EVER-INCREASING CHALLENGE OF YOUR DIFFICULT PLANNING ROLE, AND THAT THE SKILL AND THE KNOWLEDGE, THE JUDGEMENT AND THE LEADERSHIP EACH OF YOU DEVELOP WILL PROVE TO BE NOT ONLY AN ASSET TO YOU AND YOUR TRIBE BUT AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF THOSE WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH YOU TO BUILD MORE LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES BY CREATING NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INDIAN PEOPLE OF YOUR RESERVATION AND YOUR STATE.

THANK YOU.
Sept. 21, 1976

Dear Mr. Patterson:

On behalf of the UIPA Board of Directors and staff I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you for addressing our conference as a luncheon speaker. Your contribution was an important part in making the conference an outstanding success.

We are happy to report that we have received many complimentary letters concerning the conference from planners from all geographic areas. It was noted that the special speakers were a valuable asset.

Cassette tapes of the conference sessions and speakers are available on loan and many have indicated that they wish to take advantage of that service.

UIPA has completed a special conference newsletter. A complimentary copy is enclosed.

Again, many thanks for your contribution to the 1976 conference and for your timely address. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Andrew W. Ebona
Executive Director
Tribes gearing to protect their energy resources

BY EDWARD W. COLES JR.

Indians will be gearing to protect their own energy resources soon, instead of relying on the federal government to do the job for them. A program is being designed to accomplish this task by the Federal Energy Administration in cooperation with the Council of Energy Resources Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Dr. Gabriel, of the Federal Energy Administration in Washington, D.C., was in Spokane Thursday for a workshop on energy resources development at the United Indian Farmers Association conference in the Sherraton Hotel.

Approximately 300 Indian planners are attending the three-day conference which runs until Monday.

"It is the first conference for the organization, a new professional group for individuals employed as socioeconomic development planners by American Indian tribes," Gabriel said.

"The goal is to develop a comprehensive analysis of energy issues on Indian reservations," Gabriel said.

"Essentially, we will never find an energy issue that has not been studied," Gabriel said.

"In addition, we will try to develop a list of financial options for developing energy resources and set up a clearinghouse for information on energy resources development on tribal lands."

"The inspection of the various tribal governments now operating for the 29 tribes possessing energy resources on their reservations will be an important part of the program," he said.

He said the inspection will serve to educate. "Deficiencies for tribes might have to address basic economic development and development of resources in the short term," he said.

"We hope to have an initial report by December to the tribes," Gabriel said.

"In addition, we will develop a clearinghouse on energy resources development on tribal lands," he said.

"This kind of operation would be invaluable to tribes that are starting out to develop energy resources on their lands," he said.

"For instance, it will be available to the tribe with new energy resources on the past experience of other tribes," Gabriel said.

"As important as all other aspects of the program is the re-examination of the present environment impact system, he said.

"The environmental impact system currently involves an assessment of what a particular activity, whether mining, reclamation or drilling, will have on the environment," Gabriel said.

"In the past this system has not accounted itself to the concerns of Indians or their tribal lands," he said.

"Despite Gabriel's assurance of the Federal Energy Administration's best intensions for the development of energy resources on Indian lands, doubts remain in the minds of some Indians.

Charles Lejla, secretary of the Council of Energy Resources Tribes, Dartmouth, Mass., said the Administration's policies in the United States is that Indians hold resources in trust for the tribes.