

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of the Treasury
The Secretary of Defense
The Attorney General
The Secretary of the Interior
The Secretary of Agriculture
The Secretary of Commerce
The Secretary of Labor
The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
The Secretary of Transportation
The Director, Office of Management and Budget
The Chairman, Civil Service Commission
The Administrator of General Services
The Administrator, Small Business Administration
The Administrator of Veterans Affairs
The Director, Community Services Administration
The Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
The Acting Chairman, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
The Governor, Farm Credit Administration

I am today designating Bradley H. Patterson, Jr., of the White House Office to assist me in the area of American Indian affairs. It will be Mr. Patterson's specific responsibility to work with each of you to improve the coordination among the Federal agencies with programs that serve the Indian people.

It is important that you insure the effective delivery and efficient operation of Federal Indian programs and services. I request that priority attention be given to coordination of these efforts among the Departments and Agencies and within the Executive Office of the President.

In addition, I request you continue to insure that when Federal actions are planned which affect Indian communities, the responsible Indian leaders are consulted in the planning process.

GERALD R. FORD