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NCAI NEWS



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February 7, 1983

TO: Local Media

FROM: Ronald P. Andrade, Executive Director, NCAI

RE: NCAI Public Statement

Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of the NCAI Public Statement, issued in response to the White House Indian Policy Statement issued on January 24, 1983. The NCAI delegates voted to endorse the enclosed statement on the last day of our Executive Council Meeting, January 28, 1983 here in Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC STATEMENT

Executive Council Meeting
National Congress of American Indians
Adopted January 28, 1983
Washington, D.C.

The National Congress of American Indians welcomes the release of the January 14, 1983 White House Indian Policy Statement Summary and Executive Order establishing a Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies. The complete White House Indian Policy Statement released January 24, 1983 stated clearly:

"The Administration will deal with Indian tribes on a Government-to-Government basis.....Excessive regulations and self-perpetuating bureaucracy have stifled Tribal decision-making, thwarted Indian control of reservation resources, and promoted dependency rather than self-sufficiency....This Administration will reverse this trend by removing obstacles to self-government and by creating a more favorable environment for development of healthy reservation economics."

We applaud this reaffirmation of the self-determination principles implemented in the last decade and support this Administration's expressed future policy of consultation and dialogue with Tribal governments prior to Federal policy and program decisions.

The lack of communication by this Administration towards American Indians expressed concerns coupled with the disproportionate domestic budget cut burdens borne by Tribal governments had created an atmosphere of mistrust and frustration in Indian country. On January 18, 1983 Secretary of Interior James Watt made some ill-chosen and unfortunate remarks in a television interview which were misquoted in banner headlines by the news media. This "first news" to reach Indian Country became a focal point and lightning rod for understandable expressive anger among American Indian people.

Extensive time and deliberation has been spent determining a consensus response to Secretary Watt's statement and belated verbal apology at the NCAI Executive Council Meeting and, unfortunately, limited time was spent addressing the important new White House Indian Policy Statement.

The NCAI endorses the basic framework of the Reagan Administration's American Indian Policy Statement and proposes some immediate, positive action the Administration should consider in supporting the sovereign treaty-affirmed, status of American Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages and improving the Government-to-Government relationship. These first steps should include the following:

1. Establish a meaningful consultation process between the Federal Government and Tribal Governments by developing communication mechanisms at local, regional, and national levels supportive to creative dialogue.
2. Streamline and simplify existing excessive government rules and regulations imposed on tribal self-determination efforts.
3. Signal Federal government resolve to protect Tribal interests and uphold the trust responsibility with active cooperative efforts by the Interior Solicitor's Office and the Justice Department on emerging issues involving water and natural resources.
4. Promote legislative language in all Congressional legislation designed to strengthen "State and Local Units of Government" to include the Tribal Governments.
5. Pursue legislation to extend the Tribal Government Tax Status Act and expand the Tribal authority to raise revenue similar those afforded State and local units of government.
6. Actively promote Federal/State/Tribal Government recognition and relationships through formal and informal mechanisms.
7. Remove unnecessary layers of bureaucracy and support costs for agencies with primary responsibility to Indian Tribes and shift these resources to tribal government administrative operations.
8. Develop realistic Tribal block grant formulas with base funding allowing flexibility for local Tribal Councils to determine priorities among their needs.
9. Consider, seriously, the development by OMB of accounting procedures sensitive to the unique demands on Tribal governments with developing economies.
10. Expand Tribal government access to training and technical assistance opportunities in the Federal sector and private economy.
11. Support an interim all-Indian policy and program analysis team to analyze current policies and programs and develop creative recommendations supporting the Government-to-Government relationship and the goal of Tribal self-government with a final report due for consideration at the 1983 NCAI Annual Convention.
12. Help identify and promote economic development initiatives useful to Tribal governments by considering NCAI recommended candidates for membership on the President's Commission on Indian Reservation Economies and allowing Tribal public review and response to the Commission findings.

13. That this Administration clearly recognize that Indian education is a trust responsibility of the federal government established by treaty and other federal documents. In support of this obligation the Administration should work with tribes to establish meaningful and tribally supported education programs.
14. Preservation of Indian programs within the various Departments of the federal government; for example, the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) within the Department of Health & Human Services and Title IV within the Department of Education. NCAI opposes the transfer of both of these programs to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as this would cause to be ineligible, a large portion of the Indian population.

We believe these initial recommendations as response to the challenge of the White House American Indian Policy Statement are realistic with meaningful potential for strengthening Tribal governments. The Reagan Administration's willingness to review, discuss, and implement these recommendations will serve as ample measure of Federal commitment to stated policy.

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CIVILIAN EDUCATION:

- 1974 Wofford College
 Spartanburg, South Carolina
 B.A. Government (Dean's List)
- 1959 San Jacinto High School
 San Jacinto, California

CIVILIAN EXPERIENCE:

- 1979 - present Meyers & Associates
 Marketing, Capital Development &
 Management, Consultants - specializing
 in economic development & marketing
 Manager/Owner
- 1957 - present Meyers Cattle Company
 Santa Rosa Indian Reservation, California
 Manager/Owner of family cattle ranch
- 1975 - 1975 Rutledge Business College
 Spartanburg, South Carolina
 Staff Recruiter/Supervisor: Responsible
 for staffing and recruitment for the college,
 Analyzed and evaluated specific selection
 requirements for professional educators.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1975 - 1981 Department of Defense
 Washington, D.C.
1. Director Equal Opportunity (military), (SES/1)
Responsible for policy planning, program guidance
and executive direction of all matters within the
Department of Defense pertaining to equal oppor-
tunity and treatment for all military personnel
and their dependents. Responsible for providing
plans and activities of the Equal Opportunity
Management Institute at Patrick A.F.B. Fla.
- Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C.
1. Assistant Area Director (GS-14) Bureau of
Indian Affairs Responsible for management and
supervision of over \$9 million in governmental and
community service programs, over half in outside
contracts. Oversees the development of plans and
procedures in order to insure policy compliance.

Establish allocations of Eastern Area resources and preparation of budget proposals. Jurisdiction includes all 26 eastern states. Acts as Area Director approximately 30% of time. Responsible for implementation of community services, responsibility in Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act.

2. Desk Officer (GS-14) Executive Secretariat
This is a Senior Level Management Training position. This program is a one year OJT for selected personnel on structure, organization and operation at the highest level of the Department. (Five people per year are chosen from the entire Department of Interior.) The purpose is to provide participants with high level development of management and policy implementation. Major areas of responsibility were in Budget and Fiscal Review, OEO, Civil Service Reforms and Management Improvement and Reorganization.

3. Tribal Relations Specialist (GS-13)
Bureau of Indian Affairs Provided management advisory service to senior line and staff personnel. Maintained necessary liaison with members of Congress, tribal attorneys, state and local government representatives in order to achieve agency objectives. This position required Congressional briefings regarding all technical aspects of tribal governments to include drafting legislation and preparing legal briefs for litigation. Was responsible for developing agency policy in this area.

4. Supervisory Personnel Staffing and Employee Development Specialist (GS-12) Bureau of Indian Affairs
Duties and responsibilities included a dual role as both Employee Development Specialist in the upgrading of skills and capabilities, and as Staffing Specialist responsible for developing the manpower planning program. Participated in placement of Agency personnel.

5. Personnel Management Specialist (GS-9) Bureau of Indian Affairs
Conducted research in improvement of methods and procedures in manpower planning, promotion plans, reduction in force procedures, competitive and excepted appointment systems and recruitment programs.

MILITARY EDUCATION:

- 1979 U.S. Army Command & General Staff College
Ft. Leavenworth, Ks (Correspondence)
- 1971 Field Artillery Officers Advanced Course
St. Sill, OK
- 1971 U.S. Army Aviation Command & General Staff College
Ft. Rucker, Al (Correspondence)
- 1969 Officers Fixed Wing Aviators School
Ft. Stewart, Ga

MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

1975 - present

80th Division (Tng) USAR
Richmond, Virginia

Commanding Officer (Major). Serving in dual capacity as Reserve Center Commander and as the 80th Div. Weapons Committee Commander. Responsible for two full-time military technicians and 120 reservists. Weapons Committee is responsible for training units in crew served weapons systems throughout the state of Virginia.

Management Evaluation Team Chief (Major). Responsible for providing management advisory service and program evaluations to all major U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard Commanders in a five state area. Specific areas of concentration were: personnel management, EEO, supply, maintenance, transportation, security and training.

1973 - 1975

South Carolina Army National Guard
Greer, South Carolina

Training Officer. Supervised and evaluated Battalion School (800 Officers and EM) training process

Race Relations Officer. Chairman of the Race Relations Advisory Group. Wrote the affirmative action plan that was later adopted at the state level.

Recruitment Officer . Formulated policies and procedures regarding enlistments and re-enlistments.

1966 - 1973

U.S. Army (Active Duty)
United States and Republic of Vietnam

Battery Commander. Responsible for 105 officers and EM. Directed training, maintenance, security and administration of unit.

Operations Officer. Directed and researched the combat operations and training of a division. Prioritized assignments of personnel and issued operational orders. Advised Division Commander on utilization of equipment and personnel.

Fixed Wing Plt. Leader. Flew MACSOG missions in direct support of 5th Special Forces. Flights included long range reconisance, artillery observation, forward air control (FAC), command and control missions. Position required TOP SECRET) clearance in country.

Supply Management Officer. Supervised cataloging, distribution and fiscal requirements of supply items. Advise and assist commander in development of supply procedures.

MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Six Distinguished Flying Crosses for heroism; four Silver Star Nominations for Gallantry; two Bronze Stars for Meritorious Service; two Army Commendation Medals for Meritorious Achievement; two Vietnam Crosses of Gallantry with Palm and one with Bronze Star; two Vietnam Civil Action Medals w/Palm; Good Conduct Medal; Vietnam Honour Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal with 5 Campaign Stars. Outstanding Leadership Award, Ft. Benning 1972. Thirty-one Air Medals for Meritorious Service; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal; 22 letters of commendation for meritorious service and achievement.



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Mr. Louis P. Davis
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Dear Mr. Davis:

Secretary Watt has asked me to thank you for your recent letter recommending Mr. Steven L. A. Stallings for the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies.

I have forwarded your recommendation and accompanying background material on Mr. Stallings to the White House personnel office.

We appreciate your interest in this Commission and we look forward to the economic success we hope it can help bring to Indian Country.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kenneth Smith

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

cc;

White House Personnel



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The Honorable James G. Watt
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Dear Secretary Watt:

President Reagan announced that he is committed to promoting a strong private sector on Federally recognized Indian reservations. He wants to work with the tribes on a government-to-government basis under existing Federal policy for self-determination and trust responsibilities. He created by Executive Order the "Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies" charged with developing policies for the implementation of an effective partnership between the Federal and tribal governments.

Steven L.A. Stallings, president of the United Indian Development Association (UIDA), is uniquely qualified to participate on the President's Commission. He is typical of a new breed of Indian entrepreneurs. He is a business graduate who attends powwows, a capitalist who claims private enterprise will allow ancient cultural traditions to flourish.

UIDA, headquartered in Los Angeles, is a private, non-profit corporation which pioneered the success of business and economic development for American Indians. Under Mr. Stallings' leadership, UIDA has grown to include three regional offices and the Management Institute. UIDA assists over 600 businesses annually and has secured over \$42 million in financing and sales contracts for its clients.

A UIDA brochure states that the organization "is based upon the principle that Indian people must initiate the action and provide the leadership that will create solutions."

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Prior to joining UIDA in 1976, Mr. Stallings was executive director of a large consulting firm in San Francisco and supervised a job creation program that trained 300 American Indians. He has served the Indian community as coordinator for the National Congress of American Indians. He is a former member of the steering committee for the National Indian Education Association and is a member of the Board of Directors for a beginning Development Bank directed toward solving the domestic financial needs of American Indians. He was appointed to the Los Angeles City/County Indian Commission by Republican Supervisor Dean Dana.

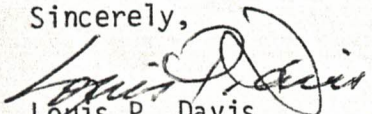
Mr. Stallings is a member of the Advisory Committee for the 1984 Olympics, and serves on the L.A. Bicentennial Commission and L.A. Private Industry Council. In 1978, he served as Session Chairman for the Fifth International Symposium on Small Business with representatives from 60 countries. He was also a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business.

Twice, he has been cited and recognized by the State of California's Assembly for his contribution and efforts in small business and economic development. He was listed in Who's Who in Finance and Industry and Who's Who in the West.

Mr. Stallings, a member of the Rincon Band of San Luiseno Indians, has a B.S. degree in business administration from the California State University at Long Beach and a M.B.A. from the University of Southern California.

UIDA and Steven Stallings' success will become clear, when you read the information enclosed for your review. As Chairman of the Board for UIDA, I would like to nominate Mr. Stallings to the President's Commission. Let me know if you need any further information before considering his nomination or in the event of the final membership selection. Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

Sincerely,


Louis P. Davis
Chairman of the Board

LPD:dk

Enclosures