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California Indian Education Association, Inc.

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March 14, 1981

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

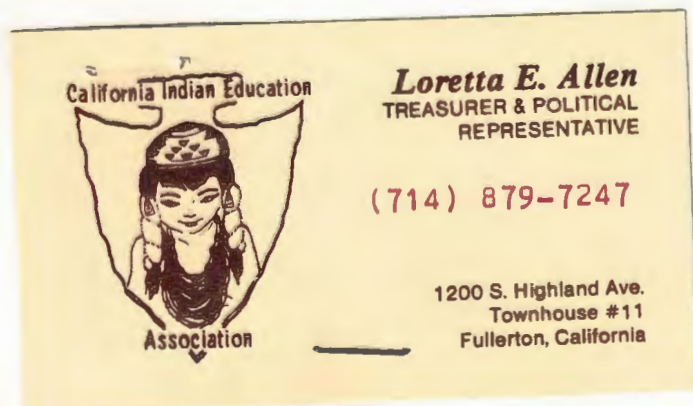
The California Indian Education Association, at its January 1981 meeting appointed Loretta Allen, as its official representative and liaison in matters related to Indian education.

The California Indian Education Association (CIEA) represents one of the largest diversified Indian populations in California. California has over 200,000 Indian people living in rural, urban, reservation, and rancheria settings, attending primarily public schools, although we do have a Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school, located in southern California, and one private, non-profit all Indian controlled institution of higher education.

Due to the unique and complex nature of the political, social, economic, and cultural situation of Indian people in California, CIEA decided to send Ms. Allen to represent us and voice the concerns of CIEA.

Thank you for your time and effort,

Lois J. Risling
President



March 5, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1700 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Because of my concern, as a republican American Indian, about the deterioration of the unique relationship between my people and the United States government, Beckie and Frank Donetelli suggested that you might be an avenue of help. I am, therefore, submitting to you my resume of professional and political background which should be sufficient to qualify me for a high executive position in a specialized American Indian policy-making and/or coordinative-investigative program.

Mr. President, I, in conjunction with other republicans as well as many democrats, both American Indian and our non-Indian friends, worked against our previous president through our "Moccasin Telegraph System" when it became obvious that he was most unfair to our programs. When the republican convention selected you for our choice for president, we worked the same system for a change from Mr. Carter's "Georgia Policy against American Indians." In the last few days before the election, democratic workers worked furiously trying to persuade our people and friends that we would lose greatly (unspecified) with a republican in the White House. It was too late; the people went overwhelmingly for you in most of the Indian areas. They seem to believe along with me that you are an honest American who will deal with us fairly in considering our historically unique and special relationship with the United States of America. We knew after only a couple of years for certain that Mr. Carter would not!

The American Indian relationship with the United States government has historically been a many-faceted one so that it is almost impossible for us to know who or what department, agency or branch of government to hold accountable; therefore, we have no alternative but to hold the President of the United States accountable. I realize that in the past, historic and recent, many of our programs and/or allocations were sabotaged, diluted and in some cases siphoned off by bureaucrats who were not committed to the president's intentions toward us. I realize furthermore that at present there are many hold-over employees from past administrations who are not committed to your intentions toward our country, let alone to what your intentions might be toward us.

Many of us believe that there is a need in our federal government for an American Indian troubleshooter-coordinator to meet and work with the various and numerous officials in and out of our nation's capitol who are responsible for

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our well-being, with a direct channel of communication with the president and/or his staff on a regular basis. These officials are too numerous to enumerate, but just as a beginning there is Bureau of Indian Affairs under the Secretary of Interior, Office of Indian Education under the Secretary of Education, Indian Health under the Secretary of Health and Human Services, The Senate and House Select Committees on Indian Affairs, just to mention a few there in D.C. Then there are the various Indian nations, tribes, reservations, ranchorias and organizations. Many states receive allocations from the federal government for Indian programs; they each have various departments of Indian Affairs. I would not only like to see this troubleshooting and coordination be implemented but also would like an opportunity to be that troubleshooter-coordinator.

If the above-mentioned position is impossible at this time, under your presidency, I would like to then be considered for an administrative position under one of the several secretaries overseeing Indian programs. For a quick check on me, you may call the individuals in the Washington, D.C. area who are listed on the enclosed sheet.

Thank you for hearing me through. As I mentioned at the beginning of this letter, I am requesting your help because of my trust in Beckie and Frank Donetelli. I have known and been a friend of Beckie and her family since she was three years old.

Sincerely yours,

Loretta E. Allen
Treasurer and Political Representative
California Indian Education Association
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Enclosure

cc: Donetelli
Allen
CIEA
Hawkins
Pulley, Loyal C. Att.

Enclosure to Letter of March 5, 1981

Loretta E. Allen

1. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Donetelli
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Alexandria, Virginia 22301
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Business: Beckie (703) 549-8200
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2. Jean Hawkins
Executive Assistant
Republican National Committee
310 First Street
Washington, D.C. 20003
(202) 484-6500
3. Ruth G. Nadel
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200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-3313
Washington, D.C. 20210
(202) 523-6643

PLACE OF BIRTH

Red Cap Gulch--just outside of the Hoopa Indian Reservation

NATIONALITY

American Indian of the Yurok and Karok tribes

EDUCATION

Elementary school

Attended a predominantly American Indian school in Orleans, Humboldt County, California

High School

Sherman Institute, an American Indian school in Riverside, California

California State University, Humboldt
Arcata, California

January 1951

*Bachelor of Arts
Group Major--Speech, Radio, Drama, Sociology and Education; Minor--P.E.*

California State University
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Irvine
Pepperdine University

General graduate work to obtain the general elementary teaching credential and salary advancement; completed 45 units; part of these courses pertained to Indian studies

Chapman College
Orange, California

February 1979

Master of Arts major in education with specialty in Reading and Learning Disabilities.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

As a Native American Indian I have had training by the elders in the traditional Yurok and Karok ways.

The four years spent at Sherman Institute were most valuable for the acquaintances made there. There were people from many U.S. tribes, and especially, at that time, California Indians. I find old friends from Sherman at every reservation I visit and every Indian gathering I attend.

I have listened to numerous tribal leaders and elders outside of my own area. In my own area I knew/know all of the tribal leaders and elders. The specialized knowledge obtained in this way cannot be found in any academic textbooks.

I have extensive knowledge of available literature on what all of the numerous writers have to say regarding the American Indian. I have read, studied and collected hundreds of books in this area of study.

CREDENTIALS

Life General Elementary Credential

EXPERIENCE

Magnolia School District
Anaheim, California

September 1958 to Present

Regular classroom teacher; have taught all grades; training student teachers; Reading Specialist; developed a reading clinic and program for Indochinese Refugee Children.

California State University
Long Beach, California

Spring 1971 to June 1978

American Indian Studies Instructor

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| 1 Arts and Crafts | 10 Bureau of Indian Affairs |
| 2 American Indian Philosophies | 11 Learning Center class for American Indian Students |
| 3 California Indians | 12 Writing proposals for new classes in American Indian Studies that I would be teaching; helping in the development and maintenance of the program |
| 4 Indians of the Northwest Coast | 13 Recruiting new students from various reservations and rancherias in California |
| 5 American Indian Literature | 14 Counseling students |
| 6 American Indian and the Media | |
| 7 American Indian Child Growth and Development | |
| 8 American Indian Education | |
| 9 Preview of tribes of the U.S. | |

EXPERIENCE (continued)

Guest Lecturer

February 1951 to Present

American Indians in many varied themes:

Elementary Schools

Service Clubs

High Schools

Church groups

Colleges and Universities

Chamber of Commerce groups

Office of Education
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D.C.

Summer 1977

American Indian Reader

Reading education proposals Title IV

Westminster School District
Westminster, California

September 1953 to June 1958

Regular classroom teacher

Grade 3

Long Beach Recreation Department
Long Beach, California

February 1951 to September 1953

Swimming Instructor

Long Beach City School District
Long Beach, California

Substitute Teacher

California State University
Humboldt County, California

September 1946 to January 1951

Developed, taught and oversaw swimming and boating classes throughout Humboldt County for the American Red Cross. Many of these programs were held for Indian people.

Developed a Humboldt County swim and water ballet team to compete in northern California areas.

EXPERIENCE (continued)

Humboldt Times Newspaper
Eureka, California

September 1946 to January 1951

Social Writer

Radio Station KIEM
Eureka, California

September 1946 to January 1951

Special Announcer and Interviewer

June 1942 to August 1946

Lived and worked at various jobs in northern California Indian Communities, both urban and rural.

Pacific Dental School
and
Dr. Campbell,
Oakland, California

1943

1943

Dental X-Ray Technician

SPECIAL EXPERIENCE

1971 to Present

Lent my assistance to Indian tribes and centers who wish to develop education programs in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties. Active in Indian community affairs.

HONORARY ACHIEVEMENTS

*Executive Board of California Indian Education Association
Member of the Educational Advisory Committee, Chapman College
Member of Educational Advisory Committee, University of California, Irvine*

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

*International Reading Association
California Teachers Association
National Teachers Association
California Indian Education Association*

PERSONAL

*Social Security Number: 553-30-9436
Date of birth: December 12, 1924
Marital Status: Single
Height: 5'3"
Weight: 105 lbs
Health: Excellent*

SPECIAL INTERESTS

*American Indian Education
American Indian fishing rights
American Indian water rights
American Indian land-base needs
American Indian natural resources
American Indian civil liberties
American Indian treaty rights
American Indian people, land resources, fishing and other treaty rights
and the media
Building better press relations for American Indian needs, problems and
causes
Protection of American Indian burial sites
Furthering education of general public about the uniqueness of American
Indian culture*

REFERENCES

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