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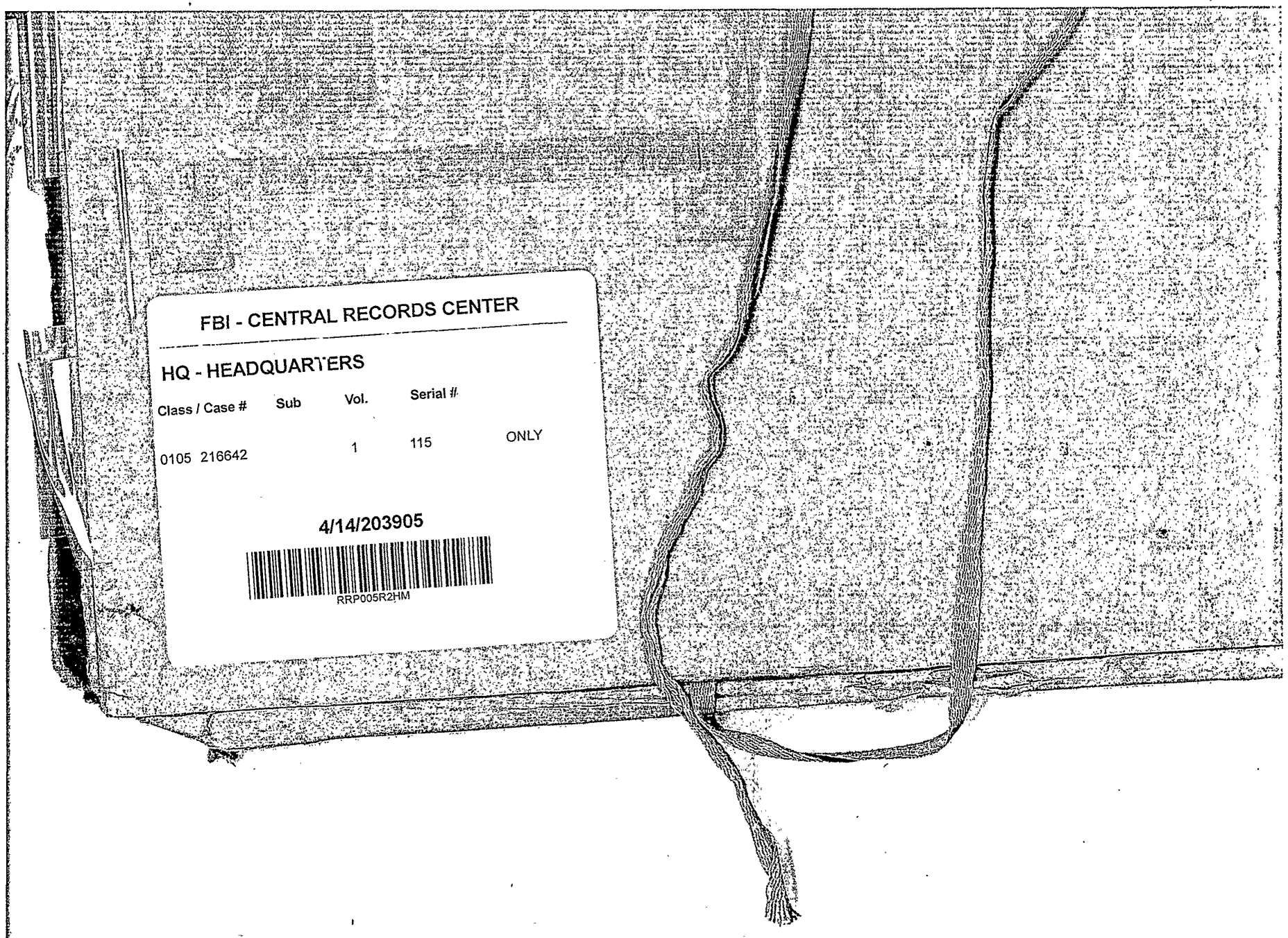
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9/18/75 Request - HSC

RE DICK WILSON

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:

From: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (44-734)(C) [X] CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
[ ] GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
[ ] DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD",
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA;
LILLIAN RICHARDS - VICTIM
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[X] CR [ ] EL [ ] DIH [ ] CRA-64
[ ] PA [ ] PE [ ] PF [ ] E
[ ] EID [ ] Bomb Threats [ ] Extremist Matters
[ ] White Hate [ ] Black

Summary of Complaint:

On 4/12/73 GARY ROWE THOMAS, Attorney, Legal Aid Services, Fort Thompson, South Dakota, advised that he had received unconfirmed information indicating that LILLIAN RICHARDS, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, had been beaten by RICHARD WILSON's "Goon Squad" and required hospitalization.

LILLIAN RICHARDS subsequently interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI and advised that she had not been beaten, intimidated, or coerced by RICHARD WILSON, his "Goon Squad", or anyone officially or unofficially connected with the Oglala-Sioux Tribal Council.

EX. 104 REC-8

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ACTION: UACB:

(2) - Bureau (Enc. 1 ENCLOSURE)
1 - Minneapolis
TJM:sks
(3)

[X] No further action being taken and
[X] LHM enclosed [X] Copy furnished to USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
[ ] FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)
[ ] LHM being submitted 1 - Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Pine Ridge, South Dakota
[ ] Report being submitted
[ ] Preliminary investigation instituted
[ ] Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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May 15, 1973

RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD",
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA;
LILLIAN RICHARDS - VICTIM

Copies of this communication are being furnished to Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and to the United States Attorney, District of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On April 12, 1973, Gary Rowe Thomas, Attorney, Legal Aid Services, Fort Thompson, South Dakota, advised that he had received uncomfirmed information indicating that Lillian Richards, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, had been beaten by Richard Wilson's "Goon Squad" and required hospitalization.

Richard "Dick" Wilson is the duly elected President of the Oglala-Sioux Tribal Council, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and in this position he has taken a strong stand against the American Indian Movement (AIM) and its objectives. Impeachment action has been taken against Wilson on numerous occasions by members of the Tribal Council sympathetic to AIM, and his removal has been a primary objective of AIM at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. He and his supporters, commonly referred to as his "goon squad", have been the subjects of numerous civil rights complaints that have been made during the negotiations at Wounded Knee.

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LILLIAN RICHARDS, nee BEAR RUNNER, date of birth March 30, 1948, # Nine Crazy Horse housing development, furnished the following signed statement:

"Pine Ridge, S. D.
May 3, 1973

"I, LILLIAN RICHARDS, have advised THOMAS J MOORE, JR and MARVIN J BRACKEN who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that I have not been beaten or intimidated by anyone officially or unofficially connected with the Ogala Souix Tribal Government or Pine Ridge law enforcement officials. No one has attempted to coerce me to support the Ogala Souix Tribal Council.

s/"LILLIAN RICHARDS

"Witness:. s/THOMAS J. MOORE, Jr, Special Agent, FBI
s/MARVIN J. BRACKEN, Special Agent, F.B.I."

Interviewed on 5/3/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 44-734

by SA MARVIN J. BRACKEN
SA THOMAS J. MOORE, Jr.:sao Date dictated 5/8/73

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RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD",
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA;
LILLIAN RICHARDS - VICTIM

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FD-365 (Rev. 8-9-71)

FBI

Date: 4/15/73

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)

To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:

From: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (44-723)C [X] CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
[ ] DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD WILSON
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN
CIVIL RIGHTS

[X] CR [ ] EL [ ] DIH [ ] CRA-64
[ ] PA [ ] PE [ ] PF [ ] E
[ ] EID [ ] Bomb Threats [ ] Extremist Matters
[ ] White Hate [ ] Black

Summary of Complaint: This investigation was predicated upon a complaint by BARBARA MEANS on 4/11/73, at which time she advised that she had determined from various sources that Tribal Chairman WILSON had issued orders prohibiting any gathering of more than two individuals on the reservation for any purpose whatsoever, and that this order was to prevent the gathering together of anyone in opposition to WILSON's Tribal Government.

On 4/14/73, the Acting Principals of both Manderson and Porcupine Day Schools were contacted and denied knowledge of any orders, written or oral, prohibiting the gathering of individuals on the reservation.

On 4/14/73, Departmental Attorney R. DENNIS ICKES, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice at Pine Ridge, was advised of the above facts and stated that he would decline prosecution in this matter because there was no substantive violation and no Federal violation.

ACTION: UACB:

REC-76 44-1-24745

[X] No further action being taken and
[X] LHM enclosed [X] Copy furnished to USA Sioux Falls, S.D. and Departmental Attorney R. DENNIS ICKES.
[ ] FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)
[ ] LHM being submitted
[ ] Report being submitted
[ ] Preliminary investigation instituted
[ ] Limited investigation instituted

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2 - Bureau (ENC. 6)
1 - Minneapolis (44-723)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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U. ITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. MP 44-723

April 15, 1973

RICHARD WILSON
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

On April 11, 1973, Barbara Means advised that she had determined from various sources that Tribal Chairman Richard Wilson had issued orders prohibiting any meetings of more than two individuals on the reservation for any purpose whatsoever, and that this order was to prevent the gathering together of any opposition to Wilson's Tribal Government. She further stated that copies of this order had been served upon the principals of the Manderson Day School and the Porcupine Day School.

On April 14, 1973, the Acting Principals of both schools were contacted and denied knowledge of any orders, written or verbal, prohibiting the gathering of individuals on the reservation.

On April 14, 1973, Departmental Attorney R. Dennis Ickes, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice at Pine Ridge, was advised of the above facts and stated that he would decline prosecution in this matter because there was no substantive violation and no Federal violation.

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ENCLOSURE

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FD-365 (Rev. 8-9-71)

FBI

Date: 4/13/73

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:

From: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (44-7210)(C) ☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION ☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV. ☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD WILSON;
UNSUBS;
SISTER JOY CONNEALY - VICTIM

☒ CR ☐ EL ☐ DIH ☐ CRA-64 ☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF ☐ E

☐ EID ☐ Bomb Threats ☐ Extremist Matters ☐ White Hate ☐ Black

Summary of Complaint:

On 4/10/73, at the negotiating session with the occupants of Wounded Knee, S.D., MARK LANE, an attorney for the occupants, complained to Departmental Attorney R. DENNIS ICKES that Sister JOY, a nun at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Porcupine, South Dakota, was beaten by members of the "goon squad", who allegedly operate on the reservation.

On 4/13/73, victim was interviewed and advised that she was attacked by two, possibly three men about three weeks prior to this date. She advised that one of these men hit her on her temple with his hand or fist, knocking her unconscious. She advised that she does not know the identity of these men but she might be able to recognize them if she saw them again.

ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and

☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Sioux Falls and Special Assistant Attorney General CARLTON STOIBER, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice

☐ FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)

☐ LHM being submitted

☐ Report being submitted

☐ Preliminary investigation instituted

☐ Limited investigation instituted

REC-23 44-0-24743

2 - Bureau (Enc. 6)
1 - Minneapolis
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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The victim advised she submitted a report of this incident to Officer COATES of the BIA Police, Martin, South Dakota.

She advised that she does not want to make a civil rights complaint.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Pine Ridge, South Dakota
April 13, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. MP 44-721

RICHARD WILSON;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
SISTER JOY CONNEALY - VICTIM

On April 10, 1973, at the negotiating session with the occupants of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, Mark Lane, an attorney for the occupants, complained to Departmental Attorney R. Dennis Ickes that Sister Joy, a nun at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Porcupine, South Dakota, was beaten by members of the "goon squad," who allegedly operate on the reservation.

On April 13, 1973, Sister Joy Connealy was interviewed and advised that she was attacked by two, possibly three men about three weeks prior to this date. She advised that one of these men hit her on her temple with his hand or fist, knocking her unconscious. She advised that she does not know the identity of these men but she might be able to recognize them if she saw them again. Sister Joy advised she submitted a report of this incident to Officer Coates of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Police, Martin, South Dakota.

She advised that she does not want to make a civil rights complaint.

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0-70 (Rev. 3-28-72)
OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Acting

FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: **4/20/73**

ATTENTION: CARLTON STOIBER
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: **RICHARD WILSON; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; SISTER JOY CONNEALY - VICTIM**
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____ (your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special Agent~~ an LHM dated ~~4/13/73~~ at ~~Minneapolis~~.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☒ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: In view of the victim's statement, no further investigation will be conducted in this case unless specifically requested by the Department.

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FD-365 (Rev. 8-9-71)

FBI

Date: 4/8/73

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)

To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:

From: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (44-715)(C) ☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION ☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV. ☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD"
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA;
MYRNA MARSHALL - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

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☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF ☐ E
☐ EID ☐ Bomb Threats ☐ Extremist Matters
☐ White Hate ☐ Black

Summary of Complaint:

On April 2, 1973, EDITH WOUNDED HORSE, a resident of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, complained to SA THOMAS R. PARKER that her daughter, MYRNA MARSHALL, was beaten up and run over by a car by RICHARD WILSON's "goon squad."

Inasmuch as it does not appear that RICHARD WILSON, President of the Oglala Tribal Council, or any of his representatives had anything to do with the injuries tothe Victim, and the Victim alleges that her injuries were a result of an accident, no further investigation is being conducted.

REC-53 44-0-24660

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25 APR 14 1973

ACTION: UACB:

2 Bureau (Encs. 6) (RM)
1 - Minneapolis
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☐ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.
☐ FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

April 8, 1973

RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD"
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA;
MYRNA MARSHALL - VICTIM

The following is the result of investigation at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, concerning alleged Federal violations by various persons who were involved in the occupation of Wounded Knee.

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FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/2/73

During a conference at Wounded Knee, various leaders of the occupied village of Wounded Knee requested to be contacted by Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents to report what they believed to be Federal violations. As a result of this request, Special Agents PARKER and WEGNER in the presence of BARBARA MEANS, PEDRO BISSONETTE, and various other residents and occupants of Wounded Knee, obtained the following information, which could not necessarily be set forth in a signed statement due to a time element. Prior to receiving the following information, all those present were advised that the purpose of the interview was to obtain information regarding possible Federal violations and had no direct relation to other negotiations being conducted with other Government officials regarding the armed occupation of the village of Wounded Knee.

EDITH WOUNDED HORSE, resident of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, made available a handwritten note to Special Agent PARKER containing the following:

"I am requesting that an investigation be made into, as to what has happened to my daughter, Hyrna Marshall, she may be in the hospital, I understand from information coming in from the outside, that she had been beaten up and run over by a car, by the goon Squad.

"For more information, contact her Aunt, Nancy Slow Bear at East Ridge housing in Pine Ridge and Also Arlene Bad Bear, who may be at the Colmen Home

"Signed: Edith Wounded Horse

"April 2, 1973

"Witnessed:
"/s/ SA Thomas R Parker, FBI 4/2/73"

Special Agent PARKER stated to Mrs. WOUNDED HORSE that this request would be transmitted to the appropriate officials and she would be advised of the response.

Interviewed on 4/2/73 at Wounded Knee, South Dakota File # WK-275-1

by SA KEVIN H. WEGNER and SA THOMAS R. PARKER:sko Date dictated 4/2/73

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RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD"
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA;
MYRNA MARSHALL - VICTIM

MARILYN POURIER, Admissions Clerk, Pine Ridge Hospital, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised on April 4, 1973, that MYRNA MARSHALL, whom POURIER believed to be a past resident of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, was given emergency treatment for an injury which she claimed was received from a car door to her right foot and ankle on March 28, 1973. Miss POURIER advised that Dr. HAROLD WEINTRAUB, a resident physician in the clinic at the Pine Ridge Hospital, had treated MYRNA MARSHALL and she was released the same day.

MERCY SLOW BEAR, 169 East Ridge Homes, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised on April 5, 1973, that she was an aunt of MYRNA MARSHALL and that MYRNA MARSHALL had been staying at her home since she had left Wounded Knee as a result of the forced occupation of that village. Mrs. SLOW BEAR indicated that MYRNA MARSHALL was temporarily staying at the home of ANNIE FAST HORSE, 107 East Ridge, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

On April 5, 1973, MYRNA MARSHALL was interviewed at the residence of ANNIE FAST HORSE, 107 East Ridge Division, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and furnished the following information:

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FD-302 (REV. 1-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription April 8, 1973

MYRNA MARSHALL formerly a resident of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, was interviewed at the residence of ANNIE FAST HORSE, 107 East Ridge Division, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and furnished the following signed statement:

"4/5/73
"Pine Ridge, South Dakota

"I, MYRNA MARSHALL, make the following voluntary signed statement to SAs FRANCIS M. HENWOOD and FRED L. PETERSON who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI.

"On Tuesday, 3/27/73, MINERVA TWO BULLS, FRED TWO BULLS, who is a BIA policeman, LORNA BLACKSMITH, and myself were in LORNA BLACKSMITH's car. We were riding around and drinking beer all evening. We drove toward Wounded Knee and then drove back toward the Holy Rosary Mission.

"FRED TWO BULLS is a friend of LORNA's and she was taking him home.

"Somewhere near the Holy Rosary Mission, I had to get out of the car and injured my right foot. I was too drunk to remember what happened, but my aunt, LORNA BLACKSMITH, said the door closed on my foot.

"My injury was not caused by RICHARD WILSON or anyone else that I recall. The four of us were drinking and it was an accident.

"I have read the one statement above and it is true.

"/s/ MYRNA MARSHALL

Interviewed on	4/5/73	at Pine Ridge, South Dakota	File # MP 44-715
by	SAs FRANCIS M. HENWOOD and FRED L. PETERSON - SIS	Date dictated	4/7/73

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"Witness:
"FRANCIS M. HENWOOD, Special Agent, FBI, Minneapolis, 4/5/73.
"FRED L. PETERSON, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif., 4/5/73."

MYRNA MARSHALL is described as follows:

Name	MYRNA JOY MARSHALL
Date of Birth	March 9, 1955
Place of Birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'2 1/2"
Weight	118 pounds
Social Security Number	504-66-7259
Address	169 East Ridge, Pine Ridge, South Dakota

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RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD"
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA;
MYRNA MARSHALL - VICTIM

S.D.

RICHARD "DICK" WILSON is the duly elected President of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and in this position he has taken a strong stand against the American Indian Movement (AIM) and its objectives. Impeachment action has been taken against WILSON on numerous occasions by members of the Tribal Council sympathetic to AIM, and his removal has been a primary objective of AIM at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. He and his supporters, commonly referred to as his "goon squad," have been the subjects of numerous civil rights complaints that have been made during the negotiations at Wounded Knee.

Copies of this communication are being furnished to Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and to the United States Attorney, District of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	5/1/73	4/20/73 - 4/26/73

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
CHARLES DAVID WINTERS, aka Elmer Winter, Elmer Fudd Winters; GLENN HERMIS THREE STARS; RICHARD WILSON; GRACE BEAR RUNNER - VICTIM	SA JOHN C. KAMMERMAN	skw

CHARACTER OF CASE

CR

REFERENCE: Minneapolis report of SA THOMAS W. MATTHEWS dated 4/19/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed in this case were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the request of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, US. Department of Justice.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE					ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐YES ☐NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐YES ☐NO

APPROVED _____ SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
1 - Deputy Attorney General, Pine Ridge, South Dakota
3 - Minneapolis

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FD-20: (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
1 - Deputy Attorney General, Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Report of: SA JOHN C. KAMMERMAN Office: MINNEAPOLIS
Date: May 1, 1973

Field Office File #: 44-729 Bureau File #:

Title: CHARLES DAVID WINTERS;
GLENN HERMIS THREE STARS;
RICHARD WILSON;
GRACE BEAR RUNNER - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

WINTERS allegedly tried to stop GRACE BEAR RUNNER from obtaining signatures on a petition to remove the chairman of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. One witness states that WINTERS layed down on the sidewalk and made the demonstrators walk around him. On 4/26/73, Attorney for the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, advised that no further investigation should be conducted because the Civil Rights angle in this case lacks prosecutive merit.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was instituted at the request of JAMES SCHERMERHORN, Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, to determine if the Civil Rights of GRACE BEAR RUNNER had been violated by ELMER WINTER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/20/73

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GRACE BEAR RUNNER, #9 Crazy Horse Housing, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

She advised that on March 8, 1973, she participated in a demonstration in front of the BIA Building, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. She stated this demonstration was organized by GERALDINE JANIS of Pine Ridge, South Dakota. She advised that to her knowledge the demonstration was for the impeachment of RICHARD WILSON, the Tribal chairman. She further stated that a petition was circulated at this demonstration calling for the removal of RICHARD WILSON as chairman of the Tribe, a new constitution for the Tribe, and a removal of the present Tribal government.

BEAR RUNNER stated that while at this demonstration she was assaulted by an individual known to her as ELMER FUDD WINTERS.

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by SAs THOMAS W. MATTHEWS and THOMAS E. LAVIN/mbw Date dictated 4/20/73

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Date of transcription April 23, 1973

GLENN HERMIS THREE STARS was interviewed by FBI Special Agents JOHN C. KAMMERMAN and ROY W. RHODES, JR., at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) building, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, at which time SA KAMMERMAN advised THREE STARS of their identity and that he wished to interview THREE STARS regarding his possible involvement in, or knowledge of, any actions to prevent GRACE BEAR RUNNER and other demonstrators who were gathering at the Oglala Sioux Tribal Building during the first part of March, 1973. SA KAMMERMAN advised THREE STARS of his rights after which THREE STARS stated he understood his rights and waived such rights as shown on an executed warning and waiver form.

THREE STARS then advised that sometime in the past he was requested by DICK WILSON, the President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, to help protect the BIA Building and the Tribal Building against the American Indian Movement (AIM) people. During the day of the above mentioned demonstration by some AIM people he had come to the BIA Building to pick up his wife after work; at this time he saw a gathering of people and figured out that it must be another demonstration. After dinner he came back to the Tribal Office in order to help protect the building. He had heard rumors from persons he could not recall that some AIM demonstrators were coming to burn down the building. During this demonstration he also stood on the front steps of the Tribal Office Building along with DICK WILSON. He observed a man known to him as ELMER FUDD WINTERS laying down on the sidewalk in front of the building causing the 30 to 40 demonstrators to walk around him. He did not see WINTERS kick, grab, or push anyone at this time.

During this demonstration THREE STARS heard someone was at the Tribal Police Department signing a complaint against him but he and WILSON then went to the Tribal Office to determine the nature of this complaint. Upon arriving at the Police Department, THREE STARS observed the woman signing a complaint and asked the receptionist if it was against him.

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The receptionist advised that it was against WINTERS.

THREE STARS stated that he did not obstruct GRACE BEAR RUNNER in any way or interfere with her rights.

THREE STARS refused to give a signed statement.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	GLENN HERMIS THREE STARS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 4, 1932
Place of Birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	5'11"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Social Security No.	503-30-1993
Residence	Box 145 Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Marital Status	Married
Tattoos	Numerous miscellaneous letters on left forearm and right wrist; black panther on left upper arm

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GLENN HERMIS THREE STARS was interviewed at his residence by FBI Special Agents JOHN C. KAMMERMAN and ROY W. RHODES, JR. SA KAMMERMAN advised THREE STARS that he wished to interview him regarding his possible involvement in or knowledge of the activities of a group of Oglala Sioux Indians on the reservation who are organized to take the law in their own hands. THREE STARS was then advised of his rights by SA KAMMERMAN after which THREE STARS read a statement of his rights, stated he understood his rights and was willing to waiver such rights as shown on an executed warning and waiver form. THREE STARS then advised as follows:

He is the president of a group of approximately eighty men who are all Indians or part Indians of the Oglala Sioux Tribe living in the Pine Ridge area. This group is sometimes referred to as "Dick's goons." This group is organized for the purpose of protecting their homes and themselves against the members and sympathizers of the American Indian Movement (AIM) who allegedly are trying to cause them harm. This group is organized and divided up into squads headed by squad leaders who are accountable to him.

After being asked what he or his group would do if any AIM persons came with the intentions of doing harm or injury in any way; he stated that his group would run them out of town and not turn them over to the authorities. This group does not pay dues but is a volunteer organization.

THREE STARS was asked if this group met on a regular basis to which he answered that they met every day but not as a body.

THREE STARS then pulled out an automatic pistol from his right rear trouser pocket and stated that he always carries this gun for protection and that he has a gun permit.

THREE STARS asked why the Marshals and FBI Agents

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could not move back from the roadblocks and let his group take over Wounded Knee, South Dakota, from the militant AIM members; he added that they have enough guns and weapons to take over Wounded Knee from AIM. SA KAMMERMAN stated that it might be difficult for them since it is reported that some of the persons occupying Wounded Knee have machine guns. THREE STARS just smiled and repeated that his group has sufficient weapons for the purpose.

THREE STARS then stated that he wanted us to meet RICHARD WILSON and took us to WILSON's residence.

THREE STARS refused to give a signed statement.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	GLENN HERMIS THREE STARS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 4, 1932
Place of Birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	5'11"
Weight	185 pounds
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RICHARD ALLEN WILSON, President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, was interviewed at his residence by FBI Special Agents JOHN C. KAMMERMAN and ROY W. RHODES, JR. SA KAMMERMAN advised WILSON of his identity and that he wished to interview him regarding his involvement in, or knowledge of, the activities of a group of Oglala Sioux Indians who are sometimes referred to as "Dick's goons." SA KAMMERMAN also stated that he wished to discuss the allegations that WILSON gave orders to these "goons" to harass members or sympathizers of the American Indian Movement (AIM). KAMMERMAN then advised WILSON of his rights after which WILSON stated he understood but would not sign a waiver of rights form or any statement.

WILSON further stated that he would not discuss any of these matters because of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 are not recognized by the tribe as being valid for the reservation, until such a time as these are ratified by referendum vote of the Oglala Sioux people.

The following description was obtained from observation:

Name	RICHARD ALLEN WILSON
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 50
Height	5'10" (approximately)
Weight	185 pounds (approximately)
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

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CHARLES DAVID WINTERS, also known as ELMER FUDD WINTERS, was interviewed by FBI Special Agents JOHN C. KAMMERMAN and ROY W. RHODES, JR., at his residence, #171 Eastridge. SA KAMMERMAN advised WINTERS of the identities of KAMMERMAN and RHODES, and stated that he wished to interview him regarding his possible knowledge of or involvement in the disruption of a demonstration by some American Indian Movement (AIM) people in front of the Tribal Office Building during the first part of March, 1973. SA KAMMERMAN then advised WINTERS of his rights after which WINTERS read a statement of his rights and waived such rights as shown on an executed warning and waiver form. WINTER then advised as follows:

He works at the Tribal Office of the Oglala Sioux Tribe as an Alcoholic Counselor in the New Careers Program under Project Recovery. He worked previously as a counselor at Porcupine, South Dakota, Boys' Ranch for approximately 1½ years.

During the above mentioned demonstration, he observed approximately 30 persons outside of the Tribal Office and went out and layed down on the sidewalk because he was very angry. He was not asked by anyone to do this but did it on his own accord because of his strong feelings against the AIM people for their disruptive practices. While he was laying down on the sidewalk, he did not trip or kick anyone nor did he grab anyone. The fact that he was laying on the sidewalk caused all of the people to walk around him.

The next morning he heard from GLENN THREE STARS that there was a complaint filed against him at the Tribal Police Department.

WINTERS further stated that approximately one year ago a group of approximately 80 to 100 men of the Oglala Sioux Tribe got together and organized themselves against AIM. GLENN THREE STARS was not present at this gathering. They had

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heard that some AIM members were going to come to Pine Ridge for the purpose of taking over the annual sun-dance during August at the rodeo grounds, nothing developed concerning this matter of the sun dance and WINTERS states that they no longer have any meetings but that all of them have an understanding with each other to cooperate in case of any emergencies.

WINTERS refused to furnish a signed statement; he is described as follows:

Name	CHARLES DAVID WINTERS
Alias	Elmer Fudd Winters
Residence	#171 Eastridge Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	April 15, 1944
Place of Birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	5'7"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Social Security No.	503-50-6267
Wife	RITA
Previous arrests	Assault with a deadly weapon--Deadwood, South Dakota, 1969, received 3 years probation

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On April 26, 1973, R. DENNIS ICKES, Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that JAMES SCHERMERHORN has returned to Washington, D.C., and that he is handling this matter. The details of the interviews in this case were discussed with ICKES after which ICKES stated that he did not wish any further investigation conducted in this case because it lacks prosecutive merit. He then requested a copy of a report in this matter.

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Date: 4/6/73

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☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: JOHN LONG; FRANCIS TWO BULLS;
RICHARD WILSON; LAVERNE YANKTON;
MARDIN SUN BEAR - VICTIM
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Summary of Complaint:

This investigation was predicated on a complaint by EDWARD WHITE DRESS, a witness, to Departmental Attorney R. DENNIS ICKES, on February 28, 1973. WHITEDRESS advised that he witnessed an alleged beating of MARLIN SUN BEAR by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officers when Victims HERMIS EARL JANIS and RANDOLPH SUN BEAR were arrested by BIA officers. Victim attempted to commandeer the patrol car of BIA Officer JOHN LONG and was prevented from doing so by BIA Sergeant FRANCIS TWO BULLS.

Victim and all witnesses except JANIS were determined to be inside Wounded Knee, South Dakota, which is occupied.

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ACTION: UACB:
☐ No further action being taken and
2 - Bureau (RM) ☐ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA
2 - Minneapolis ☐ LHM being submitted
BDC/sms ☐ Report being submitted
(4) ☒ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	5/19/73	5/8 - 16/73

TITLE OF CASE

JOHN LONG;
FRANCIS TWO BULLS;
RICHARD WILSON;
LAVERNE YANKTON;
MARLIN SUN BEAR -
VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY: SA THOMAS M. MOORE, JR. | TYPED BY: mbw

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES: Minneapolis report of SA BILL D. COLVIN, dated 4/15/73.
Minneapolis airtel dated 4/6/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons interviewed in connection with this matter were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

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CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

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1 - Minneapolis (44-697)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U.S. Attorney, Sioux Falls
1 - Departmental Attorney, R. DENNIS ICKES, Department of Justice, Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Report of: SA THOMAS J. MOORE, JR. Office: MINNEAPOLIS

Date: 5/19/73

Field Office File #: 44-697 Bureau File #:

Title: JOHN LONG;
FRANCIS TWO BULLS;
RICHARD WILSON;
LAVERNE YANKTON;

Character: MARLIN SUN BEAR - VICTIM

CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Attempts to locate victim MARLIN SUN BEAR unsuccessful. Departmental Attorney R. DENNIS ICKES advised that inasmuch as SUN BEAR appears to be unavailable for contact and complainant RACHEL WHITE DRESS is presently under indictment, no further investigation is desired at this time.

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DETAILS:

Attempts to contact MARLIN SUN BEAR, Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in Wounded Knee on May 8 through 13, 1973, met with negative results.

On May 13, 1973, SUN BEAR's neighbor, ALFRED HOLLOW HORN, advised that the SUN BEAR residence in Wounded Knee was severely ransacked during the occupation of Wounded Knee by insurgents and that the SUN BEARs evacuated Wounded Knee during this uprising and have not yet returned to their home. HOLLOW HORN advised he does not know the present whereabouts of MARLIN SUN BEAR.

On May 16, 1973, MELVIN SUN BEAR was located in Gordon, Nebraska. MELVIN SUN BEAR advised that he is MARLIN SUN BEAR's brother. MELVIN SUN BEAR stated his brother does not have a job or permanent address and he has no idea where his brother might be located.

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On May 16, 1973, R. DENNIS ICKES, Departmental Attorney, Department of Justice, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that inasmuch as MARLIN SUN BEAR appears unavailable for interview and complainant RACHEL WHITE DRESS is presently under indictment, no further investigation is desired at this time.

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To: SAC, Minneapolis (44-697)

From: Acting Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Gardner

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	4/15/73	3/30/73 - 4/7/73

TITLE OF CASE
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FRANCIS TWO BULLS;
RICHARD WILSON;
LAVERNE YANKTON;
MARLIN SUN BEAR - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
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CHARACTER OF CASE
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REFERENCE

Minneapolis airtel to Bureau dated 4/6/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On 4/1/73, Pine Ridge Agency Special Officer DEL EASTMAN was advised of the Civil Rights violation charge being initiated and concerning Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Officers.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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MP 44-697

AT WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will, upon termination of the occupation of Wounded Knee, interview MARLIN SUN BEAR regarding his alleged beating by Bureau of Indian Affairs Officers.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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1 - DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY CARLTON STOIBER,
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Report of: BILL D. COLVIN
Office: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
Date: APRIL 15, 1973

Field Office File #: 44-697
Bureau File #:

Title: JOHN LONG;
FRANCIS TWO BULLS;
RICHARD WILSON;
LAVERNE YANKTON;
MARLIN SUN BEAR - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: On 2/28/73, EDWARD WHITE DRESS advised that he witnessed an alleged beating of MARLIN SUN BEAR by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Officers. HERMIS EARL JANIS, witness, interviewed and advised he did not see any police brutality toward SUN BEAR. FRANCIS TWO BULLS interviewed and advised that SUN BEAR was apprehended and charged with resisting arrest and at no time did he strike SUN BEAR. Victim determined to be inside Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

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Details:

This investigation was predicated on a complaint from EDWARD WHITE DRESS on February 28, 1973, at which time he complained to Departmental Attorney R. DENNIS ICKES that he was a witness to the beating of MARLIN SUN BEAR earlier this year.

WHITE DRESS stated to ICKES that his brother-in-law, MARLIN SUN BEAR, RANDOLPH SUN BEAR and EARL JANIS were arrested by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Upon being arrested, they were placed in a BIA car which had a screened back seat. Shortly after their arrests, they were transferred to the Police car of JOHN LONG, whose car had no rear seat screen.

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The three arrestees were transported by JOHN LONG to a cafe in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, at which time JOHN LONG vacated the car, leaving the three arrestees unattended and also left the car keys in the ignition of the Police car.

MARLIN SUN BEAR jumped over the seat and started the car, at which time BIA Officer TWO BULLS jumped in and started hitting MARLIN SUN BEAR while the car was in motion. The car ran into a telephone pole. TWO BULLS, LONG, and another BIA Officer, LAVERNE YANKTON, dragged MARLIN SUN BEAR out of the vehicle and commenced beating him, including kicking and beating him about the face.

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On April 4, 1973, IVY GOINGS, Deputy Clerk of Court, Oglala Sioux Tribal Court, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, furnished the following arrest record for MARLIN SUN BEAR, Pine Ridge file number 7684:

Date of Arrest	Charge Against Defendant	Disposition
2/6/73	Assault and Battery Assault and Disorderly Conduct	Paid fine and cost in full of $48.00
12/6/68	Assault and Reckless Driving	Cases Closed; Accepted the $75.00 as cash bond Fore deiture
12/6/68	Bench Warrant	Served time in full
3/13/68	Disorderly conduct	$16.00 fine and $5.00 cost
1/22/65	Malicious Mischief	Put on Probation for the remainder of the School Year
6/26/66	Theft	To pay $4.50 in full
3/15/71	Resisting Arrest, Escape	$115.00 Fine and $24.00 Cost; served 40 days and paid balance of $24.00
5/6/70	Assault	$10.00 fine and $8.00 Cost suspended in lieu of 30 days good behavior
8/5/69	Disorderly Conduct	Released from custody 15 days modified to Good Behavior

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On April 4, 1973, JANICE KLEIN, Accredited Records Technician, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that MARLIN SUN BEAR last visited the hospital in July, 1972, in an out-patient status.

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Date of transcription 4/2/73

HERMIS EARL JANIS was interviewed at Manderson, South Dakota, regarding his knowledge of the alleged beating of MARLIN SUN BEAR by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officials at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973. JANIS furnished the following information:

"Manderson, South Dakota
March 31, 1973

"I, HERMIS EARL JANIS make the following free and voluntary statement to BILL D. COLVIN and JAMES E. BOWMAN who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. I was born November 24, 1953 in Pine Ridge, South Dakota and consider my residence Manderson, South Dakota. I completed 12 years of education and can read and write.

"Early in February of 1973, I don't remember the exact date, I was arrested at Wounded Knee, South Dakota by FRANCIS TWO BULLS and LAVERNE YANKTON, BIA officers from Pine Ridge. LEE WESTON, also a BIA officer, came to the car and spoke to TWO BULLS, but WESTON did not go to Pine Ridge in the car. I had been drinking all night and was very drunk at the time. TWO BULLS put me in a BIA car which I think may have had a glass plate across the back seat. There was another person in the back seat of the car, but I don't know who he was. Very shortly after getting in the car, I passed out or I just can't remember anything else until the time we arrived at the Pine Ridge Jail. Upon arriving at the jail, I remember seeing MARLIN SUN BEAR in the back seat of the BIA car. MARLIN SUN BEAR did not appear to me to have been beaten or hit, and in no way did he appear to have been kicked or beaten about the face. In the jail, MARLIN and I talked and MARLIN never told me anything about being beaten or struck in the face by any BIA officers. I heard that MARLIN SUN BEAR took a BIA car and ran the car into something, but I don't know where I was at that time. I do not know JOHN LONG.

Interviewed on 3/31/73 at Manderson, South Dakota File # MP 44-697

by SA JAMES E. BOWMAN
SA BILL D. COLVIN:sao Date dictated 3/31/73

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The last I heard, MARLIN SUN BEAR was in Wounded Knee. I do not know RANDOLPH SUN BEAR. EDWARD WHITE DRESS works at the school in Manderson, and he lives in Wounded Knee.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one other page. I have initialed each page and correction. This statement is true.

s/ "HERMIS EARL JANIS March 31, 1973
s/ "BILL D COLVIN, Special Agent, FBI, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 3/31/73
s/ "JAMES E. BOWMAN, Special Agent, FBI, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 31, 1973"

The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	HERMIS EARL JANIS
Alias	EARL JANIS
Address	Box 73, Manderson, South Dakota
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	November 24, 1953
Place of Birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	5' 11"
Weight	155 pounds
Build	Thin
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	The letter E between thumb and index finger of left hand
Social Security Account Number	504-68-3405
Occupation	Unemployed
Marital Status	Single
Relatives	Grandmother - MARY TALL Box 73 Manderson, South Dakota
	Sister - BEVERLEY JANIS Box 73 Manderson, South Dakota

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Brother - GEORGE JANIS
Box 73
Manderson, South Dakota

Admitted Arrests — Early February, 1973, drunk and disorderly by Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Police Department; 1972, contributing to the delinquency of a minor by Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Police Department; other drunkenness charges

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Date of transcription 4/2/73

FRANCIS TWO BULLS was interviewed at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, regarding his knowledge of the alleged beating of MARLIN SUN BEAR by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officials at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973.

"Pine Ridge, South Dakota
April 1, 1973

"I, FRANCIS TWO BULLS make the following free and voluntary statement to BILL D. COLVIN and JAMES E. BOWMAN who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. Mr. BOWMAN advised me of the nature of the inquiry and of my rights. He furnished me a warning and waiver form which I read and signed after stating that I understood my rights.

"I was born May 7, 1937 in Pine Ridge, South Dakota and consider my residence Manderson, South Dakota. I completed nine years of education and can read and write.

"I have been on the Police Force at Pine Ridge for about nine years altogether.

"Early in 1973 I was in the Wounded Knee, South Dakota Trading Post when a female came running into the store, and said that one of the persons arrested sitting in the back seat jumped in the front seat and was ready to go. I had brought a prisoner named EARL JANIS from Manderson and transferred him to JOHN LONG, a BIA officer. EARL JANIS was very drunk and had been passed out. After turning JANIS over to LONG, I then went into the store. Another officer, possibly LEE WESTON, a BIA policeman from Porcupine, South Dakota brought in a prisoner also and transferred him to JOHN LONG. I ran out of the store with LAVERNE YANKTON, a deputy with the Pine Ridge Police following me. I saw MARLIN SUN BEAR sitting on the front seat on the driver's side of JOHN LONG's Patrol car. SUN BEAR was backing the police car up and ran into a car owned by RUDY BISSONETTE of Manderson.

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by SA JAMES E. BOWMAN
SA BILL D. COLVIN:sao Date dictated 4/1/73

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BISSONETTE was in the car at the time. The car started spinning forward as he was really gunning it. I started running and opened the right front door and jumped in. The door slammed shut behind me and I think it smashed my thumb. The car started spinning around, and I grabbed SUN BEAR around the neck to prevent him from getting on the highway. We were fighting over the wheel too. The car went into a ditch and then hit a culvert, and I think a post, then the car came to a dead stop. I bumped my head on the windshield when the car hit the post, and I was knocked dizzy. I just hung onto SUN BEAR then. I don't think SUN BEAR was injured. JANIS was still in the back seat and was injured. JANIS busted his nose, I think. YANKTON, and I think LONG, came running over to the car, and I let SUN BEAR go. Then I sat on the seat and held my head, as I was dazed. They pulled SUN BEAR from the car, and that is all I saw. I then went to my own police car and called the Captain. Then I loaded the prisoners into my car and took them to the Pine Ridge Jail. SUN BEAR was still drunk at that time. He did not look like he had been beaten.

s/ "FRANCIS TWO BULLS

"I have read the above statement of this and two other pages. I have initialed each page &coerection, the statement is true.

s/ "FRANCIS TWO BULLS, April 1st 1973
s/ "BILL D. COLVIN, Special Agent, FBI, Minneapolis, Minnesota 4/1/73
s/ "JAMES E BOWMAN, Special Agent, FBI, Minneapolis, Minnesota 4/1/73"

The following information was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	FRANCIS TWO BULLS
Address	Manderson, South Dakota
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Nationality	American

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Date of Birth	May 7, 1937
Place of Birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	6'
Weight	185 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	Two 4" scars across chest; "F" between index and thumb of left hand
Social Security Account Number	507-28-8562
Education	Through the ninth grade
Occupation	Sergeant, Pine Ridge Police Department, Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Marital Status	Married (at Rapid City, South Dakota, on February 2, 1958)
Relatives	Numerous in area
Arrest Record	Approximately 1955 or 1956, disorderly conduct in Custer, South Dakota; approximately 1956, assault and battery in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, paid total of $60 in costs and fines.

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The Minneapolis Division of the FBI is currently conducting an investigation wherein RICHARD WILSON, Tribal President, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota, allegedly misappropriated or embezzled Oglala Sioux Tribal property and/or funds.

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The Minneapolis Division of the FBI is currently conducting an investigation entitled "RACHEL WHITE DRESS - Fugitive; CIR - Burglary, Larceny."

WHITE DRESS is an Indian female, born November 1, 1934, at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

On March 14, 1973, the Federal Grand Jury, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, returned a True Bill indicting RACHEL WHITE DRESS on a charge of Crime on an Indian Reservation - Burglary, Larceny; in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1153, and South Dakota Compiled Laws 22-32-9.

On March 23, 1973, the Clerk of U. S. District Court, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, issued a Bench Warrant of Arrest for WHITE DRESS based on the above-referred to indictment with a recommended Personal Recognizance Bond of $1,000.

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From March to June, 1970, the Minneapolis Office of the FBI conducted an investigation entitled "LAVERNE JOSEPH YANKTON; MARY ALICE CHASE ALONE - Victim; CIR - Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault," wherein YANKTON was the subject of the investigation.

On March 22, 1970, at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, YANKTON allegedly stabbed CHASE ALONE in the stomach and arm with a homemade spear.

On May 13, 1970, the Federal Grand Jury at Pierre, South Dakota, returned a True Bill charging YANKTON with two counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault with Intent to Inflict Great Bodily Injury, in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1153, and South Dakota Compiled Laws, 22-18-11.

On June 25, 1970, in U. S. District Court, Deadwood, South Dakota, YANKTON entered a plea of guilty to an Information filed that date charging him with Assault, a violation of Title 18, Section 1153, and South Dakota Compiled Laws, 22-18-11. He was then fined $5 and remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal for incarceration in a local jail for a period of 30 days.

On June 25, 1970, the charge of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon against YANKTON was dismissed by the judge.

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The folowing investigation was conducted by SAs BILL D. COLVIN and JAMES E. BOWMAN:

AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

On March 31, 1973, JOE JACOBS, Captain, Pine Ridge, South Dakota Police Department, furnished the addresses for the following individuals:

JOHN LONG
Manderson, South Dakota

FRANCIS TWO BULLS
Manderson, South Dakota

LAVERNE YANKTON
Manderson, South Dakota

MARLIN SUN BEAR
Wounded Knee, South Dakota

RANDOLPH SUN BEAR
Wounded Knee, South Dakota

EDWARD WHITE DRESS
Wounded Knee, South Dakota

RACHEL WHITE DRESS
Wounded Knee, South Dakota

HERMIS EARL JANIS
Manderson, South Dakota

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A search of the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, indices regarding MARLIN CLIFTON SUN BEAR, Indian male, age 20, revealed that he was arrested for disorderly conduct and drunkenness at a roadblock north of Wounded Knee. SUN BEAR was identified as being on the top of the Trading Post, Wounded Knee, South Dakota, armed with a rifle. SUN BEAR has threatened Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officers. SUN BEAR was arrested by FBI Agents for obstruction of a federal law enforcement officer.

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A search of the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, indices regarding RACHEL WHITE DRESS, Indian female, date of birth November 1, 1934, revealed that she is a resident of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and was seen taking material from the Wounded Knee Trading Post on March 28, 1973.

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A search of the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, indices regarding EDWARD JOSEPH WHITE DRESS, date of birth March 25, 1931, revealed that he is a resident of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and was seen taking material from the Wounded Knee Trading Post on March 28, 1973.

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A search of the Pine Ridge, South Dakota indices regarding LAVERNE YANKTON revealed that he is a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer assigned to Manderson, South Dakota.

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A search of the Pine Ridge, South Dakota indices regarding FRANCIS TWO BULLS revealed that he is a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer assigned to Manderson, South Dakota.

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A search of the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, indices regarding FRED THOMAS TWO BULLS, revealed that he is a police officer for the Pine Ridge police force and resides at Oglala, South Dakota. TWO BULLS has served at a roadblock at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

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On April 7, 1973, SA BILL D. COLVIN and SA JAMES E. BOWMAN discussed this matter with Departmental Attorney CARLTON STOIBER, Department of Justice, at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, at which time Mr. STOIBER advised that he preferred the victim MARLIN SUN BEAR be interviewed before he gave prosecutive opinion in this matter. Mr. STOIBER also advised that he felt SUN BEAR is the only remaining interview that need be conducted in this case.

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A search of the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, indices regarding all other names failed to reveal any references for these names.

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Date: 4/17/73

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:

From: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (44-722)(C) ☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD WILSON;
ET AL;
ERNEST WHITE HAWK - VICTIM
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☐ EID ☐ Bomb Threats ☐ Extremist Matters
☐ White Hate ☐ Black

Summary of Complaint:

On April 10, 1973, MARK LANE, Attorney for occupants in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, complained to Departmental Attorney R. DENNIS ICKES, United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, that ERNEST WHITE HAWK, Manderson, South Dakota Indian, was severely beaten by members of RICHARD WILSON's "goon squad."

REC-32 44-1-2478

Inasmuch as the ERNEST WHITE HAWKs in Manderson, South Dakota, deny knowing Attorney MARK LANE or that they were beaten by anyone in the recent past, no further investigation is being conducted.

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ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.
☐ FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

2 - Bureau
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1 - Minneapolis
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Approved: MAY 3 1973 Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

April 17, 1973

RICHARD WILSON;
ET AL;
ERNEST WHITE HAWK - VICTIM

Copies of this communication are being furnished to Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and to the United States Attorney, District of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On April 16, 1973, at the negotiating session with the occupants of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, MARK LANE, an attorney for the occupants, complained to Departmental Attorney R. DENNIS ICKES, that ERNEST WHITE HAWK, a residence of Manderson, South Dakota, and an Indian, was severely beaten by members of the goon squad alleged operating on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. According to LANE, WHITE HAWK can identify his assailants and there is at least one eyewitness to the incident. WHITE HAWK has no telephone.

ERNEST WHITE HAWK, SR., born December 20, 1914, at Manderson, South Dakota, advised on April 12, 1973, that he was employed by the Manderson Community School and worked at the laundry and as a cook at the school. WHITE HAWK advised that he did not know MARK LANE, an attorney, and that he had never been beaten by anyone within the past year on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He stated that he was not acquainted with an organization known as RICHARD WILSON's "goon squad" and that he had not experienced any pressure from any organization operating on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

ERNEST WHITE HAWK, SR., stated that he had two boys also named ERNEST WHITE HAWK. ERNEST WHITE HAWK, SR., said he had one boy approximately twenty or thirty-one years of age who lived with his natural mother on White Horse Trail in Manderson, South Dakota, and his mother's name was now EVE EAGLE ELK. ERNEST WHITE HAWK, SR., stated that he had another boy by his present wife whom he had named ERNEST WHITE HAWK. This boy is 18 years of age, lives with ERNEST WHITE HAWK, SR., and has never been beaten or attacked by anyone on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. ERNEST WHITE HAWK, JR., who is 18 years of age, had been a student at the Manderson Community School during the past year but was presently out of school with a health problem.

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ET AL
ERNEST WHITE HAWK - VICTIM

ELLEN WHITE HAWK, ERNEST WHITE HAWK, JR.'s stepmother, advised on April 12, 1973, that ERNEST WHITE HAWK, JR., 18 years of age, was ill and confined to bed; however, she assured Agents of the FBI that ERNEST WHITE HAWK, JR., had not been beaten by any group on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and that she was totally unfamiliar with RICHARD WILSON "goon squad."

RICHARD "DICK" WILSON is the duly elected President of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and in this position he has taken a strong stand against the American Indian Movement (AIM) and its objectives. Impeachment action has been taken against WILSON on numerous occasions by members of the Tribal Council sympathetic to AIM, and his removal has been a primary objective of AIM at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. He and his supporters, commonly referred to as his "goon squad," have been the subjects of numerous civil rights complaints that have been made during the negotiations at Wounded Knee.

Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 4/20/73

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:

From: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (44-719) [X] CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
[ ] DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD WILSON;
GLEN THREE STARS;
UNSUBS;
BIRGIL L. KILLS STRAIGHT - VICTIM;
RICHARD T. LITTLE - VICTIM;
C. HOBART KEITH - VICTIM
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[ ] PA [ ] PE [ ] PF [ ] E
[ ] EID [ ] Bomb Threats [ ] Extremist Matters
[ ] White Hate [ ] Black

Summary of Complaint:

This investigation was predicated upon a letter dated 3/5/73 addressed to RICHARD WILSON from TOM DI GRAZIA, member of the South Dakota State Bar. The letter states in part it had come to the writer's opinion that these three men had been threatened directly or indirectly by WILSON and his associates concerning their lives and personal safety.

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On 4/16/73 BIRGIL KILLS STRAIGHT upon interview could furnish no specific instances of threats having been made against him.

On 4/18/73 RICHARD T. LITTLE furnished no instance of an altercation between himself and GLEN THREE STARS.

ACTION: UACB:
[X] No further action being taken and
[X] LHM enclosed [X] Copy furnished to USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
[ ] FD-376 (enclosure to LHM) 1 - Special Assistant Attorney General CARLTON STOIBER, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice at Pine Ridge, S.D.
[ ] LHM being submitted
[ ] Report being submitted
[ ] Preliminary investigation instituted
[ ] Limited investigation instituted

2 - Bureau (Enc. 6)
1 - Minneapolis
JRT:sks
(3)

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Special Agent in Charge

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C. HOBART KEITH was not interviewed as he is currently the subject of a case involving GLEN THREE STARS as the victim. KEITH was arrested 4/6/73 charging him with violation Title 18, USC, Section 1153, consisting of an assault against GLEN THREE STARS.

On 4/19/73 Special Assistant Attorney General CARLTON STOIBER declined prosecution.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

April 20, 1973

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RICHARD WILSON;
GLEN THREE STARS;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BIRGIL L. KILLS STRAIGHT - VICTIM;
RICHARD T. LITTLE - VICTIM;
C. HOBART KEITH - VICTIM

Copies of this communication are being furnished to Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and to the United States Attorney, District of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

By letter of March 5, 1973, Tom Di Grazia, member of the South Dakota State Bar, advised Mr. Richard Wilson, Tribal President, Pine Ridge Oglala-Sioux Reservation, that it had come to his attention from various sources that the lives and personal safety of three men had been threatened directly or indirectly by Wilson. The three men were identified as Richard Little, Birgil Kills Straight, and C. Hobart Keith.

Richard "Dick" Wilson is the duly elected President of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and in this position he has taken a strong stand against the American Indian Movement (AIM) and its objectives. Impeachment action has been taken against Wilson on numerous occasions by members of the Tribal Council sympathetic to AIM, and his removal has been a primary objective of AIM at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. He and his supporters, commonly referred to as his "goon squad," have been the subjects of numerous civil rights complaints that have been made during the negotiations at Wounded Knee.

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GLEN THREE STARS;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BIRGIL L. KILLS STRAIGHT - VICTIM;
RICHARD T. LITTLE - VICTIM;
C. HOBART KEITH - VICTIM

On April 18, 1973, Richard T. Little furnished a signed statement to Special Agents of the FBI which is included herewith.

Birgil Kills Straight when interviewed April 16, 1973, by Agents of the FBI was unable to furnish any specific information concerning any threats or intimidation against him by Richard Wilson and his associates.

C. Hobart Keith, who is a member of the Oglala-Sioux Tribal Council, was not interviewed as he is currently under investigation as a result of an assault by him against Glen Three Stars, an associate of Richard Wilson.

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Date of transcription 4/19/73

On this date RICHARD T. LITTLE, Oglala, South Dakota, furnished the following signed statement:

"April 18, 1973
"Oglala, South Dakota

"I, RICHARD T. LITTLE, make the following true and voluntary statement to JOHN RYAN THAYER and JAMES ALAN HILVERDA, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"I am 39 years of age, having been born January 11, 1934, at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. I have completed four years of High School, having completed the Van Nuyes Adult Night School, Van Nuyes, California. I am a member of the Pine Ridge Reservation Tribal Council representing the white clay district.

"About the second week in March, 1973, I, along with several other persons, was at the BILLY MILLS parking lot in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. This was also known as the Sioux Nation parking lot. We were waiting for the appearance of Senators JIM ABOURESK and GEORGE MC GOVERN. We wished to obtain from the Senators the status of the Wounded Knee takeover. I would estimate there were 150 persons present. At one time RICHARD WILSON and two of his body guards, GLENN THREE STARS and POKER JOE MERRIVALO were in the parking lot. WILSON left for a period and then came back with approximately 25 other people who I would describe as his "goon squad". SKI JACOBS, a Captain of the Pine Ridge Police Department, called DAVE LONG over for the purpose of breaking up this group. JACOBS was informed that the group was peaceful and that no trouble was intended. JACOBS said, however,

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by SA JAMES A. HILVERDA and SA JOHN RYAN THAYER:sks Date dictated 4/18/73

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that this group of people should be broken up. DAVE LONG announced to the group that they should leave. I went to my Ford Ranchero accompanied by the past Tribal President ONE FEATHER. Upon approaching my pickup I was accosted by EARL DEON, JR. who stated that he would take me on at that time. I knew that some of WILSON's forces had been drinking and about that time SKI told the both of us to break it up. I got in my pickup and started out of the parking lot and at that time I was stopped by GLENN THREE STARS. GLENN THREE STARS approached my vehicle and took a swing at me which I blocked with my left arm and the blow of the force struck the car door. JACOBS again came over and stopped the incident and at that time I left the parking lot. I proceeded to the Wounded Knee junction where I met a priest who was leaving the Wounded Knee site.

"We, GERALD ONE FEATHER and myself met with this priest in order to obtain information concerning what had taken place at Wounded Knee. Upon leaving Wounded Knee Junction I then went back to Pine Ridge and stopped at a Husky Station in order to obtain gasoline. At that point the Area Director WYMAN BABBY and Superintendent STAN LYMAN came by and asked me if I desired to make a complaint. I decided that I would make a complaint and we proceeded to the Pine Ridge Police Department. While there Lieutenant MICHAEL O'ROURKE, a police officer who had been in the parking lot, made the statement that he had seen nothing. Though I knew he was there at the time of the incident. At that point I decided I would not make a complaint on this incident to the Pine Ridge Police Department as I felt that nothing would be done about it. I told off the officers at the Police Department telling them in affect "You can keep your damn complaint." I also stated this to BABBY and LYMAN.

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"Following this incident I never gave any of RICHARD WILSON's 'goons' or RICHARD WILSON himself an opportunity to perform any further harassment of this kind. I have made a similar statement to my attorney, TOM DIGRAZIA.

"I have read above statement which consists of two page and have initialed all corrections, and it is true and correct.

"RICHARD T. LITTLE
"4/18/73

"Witnesses:
"/s/ SA JOHN RYAN THAYER, Special Agent, FBI, Minneapolis, Minnesota

"/s/ SA JAMES ALAN HILVERDA, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, California"

The following description was taken through interview and observation:

Name	Richard T. LITTLE
Age	39
Date of birth	January 11, 1934
Place of birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	6'2"
Weight	280
Build	Large, corpulent
Marital status	Married
Wife	CYNTHIA, employed by Pine Ridge Moccasin Factory, One minor child
Social Security #	528-38-9812
Residence	Post Office Box 10, Oglala, South Dakota
Education	Completed equivalency of four years high school at the Van Nuyes High School, California

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BIRGIL L. KILLS STRAIGHT advised that it was his desire to discuss with him an allegation that certain threats may have been made against him by RICHARD WILSON, Tribal President of the Pine Ridge Oglala-Sioux Reservation. KILLS STRAIGHT advised that he is a member of the Tribal Council of the Oglala-Sioux Reservation and that he had been involved in bringing impeachment proceedings against RICHARD WILSON in about February, 1973, because of alleged violations by RICHARD WILSON of the tribal rules and regulations. KILLS STRAIGHT is aware that some threats of bodily harm had been made against his person at various times both before and after the takeover of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in late February, 1973. KILLS STRAIGHT advised, however, that these threats have come to him in an indirect manner. He knows the source of these threats of intimidation against him but refused to reveal the source. KILLS STRAIGHT refused to furnish a signed statement setting forth the nature and type of the threats. He stated that there is a principle known as "Indian Time" which means that an Indian at his own time and at his own pace would present whatever complaints he may have against the unknown source.

KILLS STRAIGHT refused to furnish any personal information about himself and also refused to give his date of birth, however, the following description was taken through observation. KILLS STRAIGHT did state that he is 31 years of age and a resident of Kyle, South Dakota, which is on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Race	American Indian
Height	5'8"
Weight	172
Build	Stocky
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Jet black

Interviewed on 4/16/73 at Kyle, South Dakota File # MP 44-719

by SA JAMES A. HILVERDA and SA JOHN RYAN THAYER:sks Date dictated 4/19/73

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RICHARD WILSON;
GLEN THREE STARS;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BIRGIL L. KILLS STRAIGHT - VICTIM;
RICHARD T. LITTLE - VICTIM;
C. HOBART KEITH - VICTIM

Carlton Stoiber, Departmental Attorney, on April 19, 1973, said that he would not entertain prosecution in this case as there does not appear to be any substantial threats or intimidation directed against the victims.

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PHOENIX	MINNEAPOLIS	4/28/75	4/25/75

TITLE OF CASE

ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, aka
Richard Wilson,
Dick Wilson;
DUANE BREWER;
LE ROY JANIS, aka
Sunshine Janis;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
WILLIAM ROSSMOORE- VICTIM;
MARTHA COPLEMAN - VICTIM;
ROGER A. FINZEL - VICTIM;
KATHERINE JAMES - VICTIM;
EDA GORDON - VICTIM;
BERNARD B. ESCAMILLA - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
MALLORY D. SMITH	lme

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Minneapolis airtel to Bureau, 4/8/75;
Minneapolis telephone call, 4/25/75;
Phoenix teletype to Bureau, 4/25/75.

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APPROVED [illegible] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U.S. Attorney, Minneapolis

Report of: MALLORY D. SMITH Office: PHOENIX
Date: April 28, 1975

Field Office File #: PX 44-834 Bureau File #:

Title: ORLIN WAYNE WILSON;
DUANE BREWER;
LE ROY JANIS;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
WILLIAM ROSSMOORE - VICTIM;
~~XXXXX~~ Character: MARTHA COPLEMAN - VICTIM;
ROGER A. FINZEL - VICTIM;
KATHERINE JAMES - VICTIM;
~~XXXX~~ Synopsis: EDA GORDON - VICTIM;
BERNARD B. ESCAMILLA - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Interview of STANLEY D. LYMAN, Trust Protection Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix, Arizona, Area Office, set forth in details.

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STANLEY D. LYMAN, Trust and Protection Officer, Phoenix, Arizona, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Area Office, furnished the following information:

During the latter part of 1972, LYMAN was the superintendent of the BIA located at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation. During that time, an attack was expected from American Indian Movement (AIM) members in an attempt to occupy the BIA building located at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. LYMAN and DICK WILSON, President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, formulated the idea of creating a security guard force to augment the BIA police force which was understaffed. LYMAN advised that he had more to do with the idea of creating the security guard force and the implementation than did WILSON. The idea was presented to the Area and Central Office of BIA who approved it and furnished the authority for the implementation of the security guard force. LYMAN did not remember that any specific tribal officer or body was involved regarding granting commissions to the security guard personnel. Applicants for the security guard positions were funneled through a special police officer of the BIA police force and when they were accepted, they were granted commissions and placed on the BIA payroll. LYMAN did not remember who signed the commissions, although he proferred the possibility that he might have signed them himself. The decision to hire each applicant was made by himself and the Area Director. The Personnel Area Office advised his office as to the rule procedure to follow in the issuance of the commissions and hiring procedure. DICK WILSON had nothing to do with granting the commissions although he did recommend some individuals as applicants. These applicants, along with other applicants, were funneled through the special police officer of the BIA police force prior to acceptance and being granted a commission as a security guard.

Interviewed on 4/25/75 at Phoenix, Arizona File # Phoenix 44-834

by SA MALLORY D. SMITH:lme -2- Date dictated 4/28/75

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After an applicant was accepted, he was given training by a BIA police officer and furnished a baton and mace. The security guards were not authorized to carry guns. LYMAN remembered nothing regarding the FBI training the security guards but did remember that the U.S. Marshals were giving training to BIA police officers and it was possible that some of the security guards could have been present during these training sessions. LYMAN recalled that after a number of the applicants had been processed, that there had been too many mixed-blooded Indians accepted and he had insisted on more full-blooded Indians.

LYMAN did not remember if DICK WILSON had been issued a commission as a security guard; however, he, WILSON, had applied for a permit to carry a gun. DUANE BREWER, according to LYMAN, was a member of the BIA Police force at the time and LYMAN did not think that there would be any reason for BREWER to have been issued a commission as a security guard and doubts that BREWER had been issued such a commission.

A copy of the resolution, number 72-55 dated November 10, 1972, of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council of the Oglala Sioux Tribe signed by LLOYD W. EAGLEBULL, Secretary of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council and attested to by DICK WILSON, President, Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, was furnished to LYMAN for his perusal.

After reading the above-described resolution, LYMAN stated he did not recall that the resolution had anything to do with the implementation of the security guard force, although he said the time would be almost exactly right and the possibility existed that it could have comprised part of the authority from which the commissions for the security guard force were issued.

After the threat of attack from AIM members had died down, the security guard force was disbanded and LYMAN believed that this included everyone involved with the force.

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During January, 1973, another attack from AIM members was expected so the security guard force was reactivated; however, control at this time of the force was lost and discipline became a problem. As a result, the security guard force was disbanded over a period of time and was completely defunct by the first part of March, 1973.

LYMAN was unable to recall any specific individuals to whom a commission for the security guard force was granted inasmuch as his memory was rather hazy regarding these individuals due to the passage of time.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (44-917) (P)

ATTENTION: JOHN C. GORDON, ROOM 5078, GENERAL CRIMES UNIT, GID; CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, OFFICE OF INDIAN RIGHTS, LEGAL COUNSEL.

ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, AKA; ET AL; WILLIAM ROSSMORE - VICTIM; CIR - ADW; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: MP.

RE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL TO DIRECTOR AND OMAHA, APRIL 24, 1975.

SPECIAL FEDERAL GRAND JURY (FGJ) RECONVENED RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, APRIL 28, 1975. IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE INDICTMENTS, FGJ RETURNED MISDEMEANOR INDICTMENTS AGAINST PINE RIDGE TRIBAL PRESIDENT RICHARD WILSON, SR.; RICHARD WILSON, JR.; DUANE BREWER, FRED BREWER, EVERETT BREWER, CHANFIELD FOLSON, AND TONY MOUSSEAUX, CHARGING ALL WITH ONE COUNT OF ASSAULTING ROGER FINZEL, WILLIAM ROSSMOORE, EDA GORDON AND BERNARD ESCAMILLA, EACH A NON-INDIAN, IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTIONS 2, 113(D), AND 1152, AND WITH CONSPIRACY TO ASSAULT THE SAME VICTIMS IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTIONS 113(D) AND 1152. IN ADDITION, DUANE BREWER WAS INDICTED ON A THIRD COUNT OF ASSAULTING MAREI KINGI, A NON-INDIAN, IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTIONS 113(D) AND 1152. REC-100

CRIMINAL SUMMONSES WILL BE ISSUED, RETURNABLE BEFORE USDC, RAPID

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CITY, MAY 9, 1975. NO DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING RETURN OF INDICTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SUMMONSES HAVE BEEN SERVED UPON DEFENDANTS, ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL (USM) DONALD HERMAN ADVISED HE HAS BEEN TELEPHONICALLY INFORMED BY REIS KASH, USM SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., THAT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF USM'S WILL BE DETAILED TO PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. NO TIME LIMIT FOR THIS TRAINING PROGRAM HAS BEEN SET TO HERMAN'S KNOWLEDGE. HE STATED IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING, AMONG OTHER DUTIES USM'S WILL RIDE IN PATROL CARS WITH BIA OFFICERS. PLAN APPARENTLY INCLUDES A U.S. MAGISTRATE TRAVELLING TO PINE RIDGE RESERVATION ONE DAY EACH WEEK.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY DENNIS ICKES STATED MAGISTRATE'S DUTIES ON RESERVATION WOULD BE TO HANDLE PRELIMINARY HEARINGS, APPEARANCES IN RESPONSE TO SUMMONSES AND POSSIBLY NON-JURY TRIALS.

MR. HERMAN ADVISED HE WAS TOLD BY KASH PLAN INCLUDES ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY FBI FIELD OFFICE AT RUSHVILLE, NEBRASKA.

MR. ICKES ADVISED ADDITIONAL AUSAS ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO SOUTH DAKOTA AND THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS REQUESTED CHIEF JUDGE OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT TO IMPLEMENT ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL MANPOWER TO SOUTH DAKOTA. HE SAID THIS INCLUDES STRENGTHENING OF THE U.S. MAGISTRATE'S OFFICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

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FGJ MET WITH FEDERAL JUDGE ANDREW BOGUE, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, APRIL 29, 1975. FGJ WAS INSTRUCTED BY THE COURT THAT UPON COMPLETING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SITUATION ON THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION THE RECOMMENDATION SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COURT IN SEALED FORM, AFTER WHICH THE COURT WILL REVIEW THEM AND MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN.

ICKES INDICATED FGJ IS DISTURBED AT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO RETURN ONLY MISDEMEANOR INDICTMENTS AND DESIRES TO MAKE PUBLIC RECOMMENDATIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE RESERVATION. ICKES POINTED OUT THE GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATION HAS NOT YET BEEN FURHISHED TO THE COURT BUT WILL PROBABLY MENTION THE DUPLICATION OF EFFORT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AT PINE RIDGE AND THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BIA POLICE DEPARTMENT EITHER BE PLACED UNDER THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OR UNDER A SEPARATE AGENCY.

BUREAU IS ADVISED THE ABOVE INFORMATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INFORMATION REGARDING RETURN OF INDICTMENTS, IS ORAL AND NO WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED BY MARSHALS OFFICE REGARDING REPORTED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PLANS FOR PINE RIDGE RESERVATION.

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May 1, 1975
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns a preliminary report issued by a Special Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) sitting at Rapid City, South Dakota, concerning its investigation of crimes on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Attached advises that on 4/29/75, the FGJ sitting at Rapid City returned a preliminary report concerning its investigation of crimes on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation which, in effect, concluded that confusion exists between the various law enforcement agencies as to who has authority on the reservation and that this confusion has resulted in a duplication of effort and occasionally friction between the different agencies.

The report acknowledged the Department of Justice is charged with the primary responsibility for enforcing the laws of the United States but that it is the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs that is primarily responsible for law and order on the reservation.

The three-page report contained no criticism of the FBI and recommended that the Department of Justice, or a similarly obligated Federal agency, be delegated the law enforcement responsibility on reservations. It did observe that persons living on an Indian reservation in South Dakota are subjected to a lesser quality of life in part due to a certain degree of failure by all branches of the Federal Government. The report concluded that the FGJ intends to further deliberate and expects to issue a final report.

1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Mooney
1 - Mr. Moore
1 - Mr. Wannall

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (70-8448) (P)

ATTENTION: ROBERT J. LALLY, JR.; ROOM 5078, GENERAL CRIMES UNIT, GID.

PINE RIDGE SUMMARY, SPECIAL GRAND JURY.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL 29, 1975, CAPTIONED "OLIN WAYNE WILSON, AKA; ET AL; WILLIAM ROSSMORE - VICTIM; CIR-ADW; CIVIL RIGHTS," MINNEAPOLIS FILE 44-917.

ON APRIL 29, 1975, THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY (FGJ) SITTING AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, RETURNED A "PRELIMINARY REPORT" CONCERNING ITS INVESTIGATION OF CRIMES ON THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, SD. THIS PRELIMINARY REPORT SAYS IN EFFECT THAT THERE IS CONFUSION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL, AS TO WHO HAS WHAT AUTHORITY ON THE RESERVATION AND THAT THIS HAS RESULTED IN DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND OCCASIONALLY FRICTION BETWEEN THE AGENCIES.

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THE THREE PAGE PRELIMINARY REPORT STATES THAT WHILE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS CHARGED WITH THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCING THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS OF THE U.S., IT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) THAT IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW AND ORDER ON THE RESERVATION.

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THE FGJ RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OR A SIMILARLY OBLIGATED ~~OBLIGATED~~ FEDERAL AGENCY, SHOULD BE DELEGATED THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY ON RESERVATIONS.

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THE GRAND JURY PRELIMINARY REPORT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY CRITICISM OF THE FBI. THE REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN RE MATTERS AT PINE RIDGE

"EARLIER THIS YEAR THIS GRAND JURY HEARD TESTIMONY FROM OVER 80 WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED AS TO SPECIFIC ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES ON THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION. FROM THESE WITNESSES' TESTIMONY IT HAS BECOME CLEAR TO US THAT NOT ALL AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE PERFORMING THEIR LAW AND ORDER RESPONSIBILITY IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER. BECAUSE OF OUR OATH AS GRAND JURORS WE CANNOT REVEAL SPECIFIC TESTIMONY WHICH LEADS US TO THIS CONCLUSION; THEREFORE, WE REFER TO SUCH TESTIMONY GENERALLY.

"IT IS APPARENT THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY CURRENTLY HANDLED BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY FUNDED TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER HUMAN AND PHYSICAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE A GOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM ON THE RESERVATION. IN ADDITION, WE LEARNED THAT THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMAND STRUCTURE PRECLUDES PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND AREA SPECIAL OFFICERS FROM DIRECT AUTHORITY OR CONTROL OVER SUBORDINATE OFFICERS. THIS CONDITION PLACES NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINED

PERSONS IN COMMAND OF A HIGHLY TECHNICAL FIELD. TESTIMONY SHOWED

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THAT BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS SUPERINTENDENTS AND AREA DIRECTORS ARE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF SKILLS OTHER THAN ANY TRAINING, EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN LAW AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. THUS, THE ALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL AND FISCAL RESOURCES IS MORE LIKELY TO REFLECT A LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS. IN LIGHT OF THIS, IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO HAVE MORE DIRECT CONTROL OVER LAW ENFORCEMENT ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

TESTIMONY ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THERE IS A CONFUSION OF RESPONSIBILITY AS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER STATE, TRIBAL OR FEDERAL COURTS HAVE JURISDICTION OVER A GIVEN SITUATION IS STILL NOT SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WHICH IS PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW AND ORDER, ALTHOUGH NOT PRIMARILY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, HAS HAD TO USE THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL SERVICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, AND ITS LITIGATIVE COMPONENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO SHARE ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS. THIS HAS APPARENTLY RESULTED IN DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, CONFUSION OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND OCCASIONALLY FRICTION BETWEEN THE AGENCIES. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF JUSTICE IN OUR OPINION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD

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RESIDE WITHIN ONE AGENCY. BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS CHARGED WITH THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCING THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING SOCIAL SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES, WE BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OR A SIMILARLY OBLIGATED FEDERAL AGENCY, SHOULD BE DELEGATED THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

'WE ARE ALSO DISMAYED TO LEARN THROUGH OUR INVESTIGATION THAT THE TRIBAL COURT SYSTEM IS NOT ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED BY FUNDS, PERSONNEL, OR OTHER RESOURCES WHICH NORMALLY ARE AVAILABLE TO STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS. THE MOST STRIKING INADEQUACY WAS THE LACK OF FUNDS TO HOLD JURY TRIALS WHEN TRIAL BY JURY WAS DEMANDED BY TRIBAL COURT DEFENDANTS. THIS APPARENTLY HAS RESULTED IN A LARGE BACKLOG OF CRIMINAL CASES AND A LONG DELAY IN BRINGING THOSE CHARGED WITH COMMITTING CRIMINAL OFFENSES TO TRIAL.

'IT IS OUR OBSERVATION THAT PERSONS WHO LIVE ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION IS SOUTH DAKOTA, BOTH INDIAN AND NON-INDIAN, ARE SUBJECT TO A LESSER QUALITY OF LIFE, IN PART DUE TO A CERTAIN DEGREE OF FAILURE BY ALL BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

'INASMUCH AS THIS GRAND JURY HAS HEARD NUMEROUS WITNESSES AND EXAMINED MANY EVIDENTIARY ITEMS, AND BECAUSE THE SITUATION DEMANDS

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IMMEDIATE CONCERN BY THE RELEVANT PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES, WE SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENT AS A PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY. THIS GRAND JURY INTENDS TO FURTHER DELIBERATE THESE MATTERS AND EXPECTS TO ISSUE A FINAL REPORT.

"THIS PRELIMINARY REPORT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THIS GRAND JURY AND TRANSMITTED TO THE COURT ON THE 29TH DAY OF APRIL, 1975."

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Date: April 29, 1975

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (44-591) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, aka;
ET AL;
WILLIAM ROSSMOORE - VICTIM
CIR - ADW;
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MINNEAPOLIS)

Re Minneapolis airtels, 4/8/75 and 4/17/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies and for Minneapolis 6 copies of an FD-302 setting forth results of interview with victim WILLIAM ROSSMOORE.

Indices of the New Haven Office contain no prior reference to ROSSMOORE.

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302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription April 29, 1975

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On April 29, 1975, Mr. WILLIAM ROSSMOORE, Attorney, 218 Bedford Street, Stamford, Connecticut, was shown in a photograph spread photographs of 43 individuals. After viewing the photograph spread, Mr. ROSSMOORE stated that he could not identify positively any of the photographs as being identical with any of the individuals who had accosted him on February 26, 1975 nor could he positively identify any of them as being participants in the activity at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on February 26, 1975.

Interviewed on 4/29/75 at Stamford, Connecticut File # NH 44-591

by SA WILLIAM C. BRADSHAW /jw Date dictated 4/29/75

44-64479-6

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11:35 AM NITEL 4/23/75 SKH

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

MINNEAPOLIS (44-917)

FROM: OMAHA (44-620) (P)

ATTENTION: GID, CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, OFFICE OF INDIAN RIGHTS

ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, AKA; ET AL; WILLIAM ROSSMORE - VICTIM;

ET AL; CIR - ADW; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL 8, 1975, AND MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL TO NEW HAVEN, APRIL 17, 1975.

ON APRIL 23, 1975, CONTACT WITH WOUNDED KNEE LEGAL DEFENSE-OFFENSE COMMITTEE OFFICE, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, REVEALED VICTIMS MARTHA COPLEMAN AND KATHERINE JAMES CURRENTLY IN RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WHERE THEY WILL REMAIN FOR AN UNKNOWN PERIOD OF TIME AND CAN BE REACHED AT TELEPHONE 605-348-5846. VICTIM BERNARD B. ESCAMILLA CURRENTLY PATIENT AT DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND CONTACT WITH DR. CECILE ZIELINSKI, CHIEF SURGEON, REVEALS ESCAMILLA UNDERWENT SERIOUS SURGERY APRIL 21, 1975, AND INTERVIEW NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL WEEK OF APRIL 28, 1975 - MAY 3, 1975.

MINNEAPOLIS AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA. CONTACT COPLEMAN AND JAMES.

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OMAHA AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA. WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH DR. ZIELINSKI RE INTERVIEW OF ESCAMILLA.

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MINNEAPOLIS (44-917)

FROM: NEW HAVEN (44-591) (P) 1P

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ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, AKA; ET AL; WILLIAM ROSSMOORE-VICTIM

CIR-ADW; CR. OO MP

RE MINNEAPOLIS AIRTELS APRIL 8,1975, AND APRIL 17,1975.

FOR INFORMATION, VICTIM ROSSMOORE ON APRIL 29,1975 AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS AS BEING INVOLVED IN ANY ACTIVITY AT THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION ON FEB. 26,1975.

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TO DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS (44-917)

FROM PHOENIX (44-834) (P)

ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, AKA; ET AL. CIR-ADW. OO: MP.

RE MP AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED APR 8, 1975.

ON APR 25, 1975, STANLEY D. LYMAN, TRUST PROTECTION OFFICER, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA), PHOENIX AREA OFFICE, ADVISED THAT DURING LATTER PART 1972 A SECURITY POLICE FORCE TO AUGMENT BIA POLICE FORCE HAD BEEN CREATED DUE TO THREATENED ATTACK BY AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) MEMBERS. THE APPLICANTS WERE FURNISHED TRAINING BY BIA POLICE OFFICERS AND WERE NOT AUTHORIZED TO CARRY GUNS BUT WERE GIVEN BATONS AND MACE. AFTER THEIR TRAINING, THEY WERE ASSINGED TO WORK UNDER BIA POLICE OFFICERS AND STATIONED AT VARIOUS BUILDINGS IN EVENT OF ATTACK FROM AIM MEMBERS. LYMAN STATED IDEA OF SECURITY POLICE FORCE WAS MORE HIS DOING ALTHOUGH DICK WILSON HAD COOPERATED WITH BIA IN MATTER BUT ACTUALLY HAD LITTLE TO DO WITH ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OTHER THAN RECOMMENDING WHO WERE THEN FUNNELED THROUGH SPECIAL OFFICER OF BIA POLICE FORCE. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH SECURITY GUARD FORCE APPROVED BY

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CENTRAL AND AREA OFFICES ALONG WITH LYMAN'S APPROVAL. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM PERSONNEL AREA OFFICE AS TO PROCEDURE AND APPLICANTS, AFTER APPROVAL, WERE PLACED ON BIA PAYROLL. LYMAN STATED HE DOES NOT RECOLLECT WHO SIGNED AND/OR GRANTED COMMISSSIONS ALTHOUGH HE MAY HAVE SIGNED A FEW HIMSELF. TO BEST OF HIS MEMORY, NO SPECIFIC TRIBAL OFICER OR BODY INVOLVED AS REGARDS SOURCE OF AUTHORITY BY WHICH COMMISSIONS GRANTED. HE ADVISED DICK WILSON HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH GRANTING COMMISSIONS AND ONLY MADE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GRANTING OF COMMISSIONS TO APPLICANTS HE RECOMMENDED. LYMAN DOES NOT RECALL DICK WILSON HAD OBTAINED PERMIT TO CARRY GUN AND DUANE BREWER WAS ON BIA POLICE FORCE AT THE TIME. LYMAN DOES NOT RECALL NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING COMMISSIONS. LYMAN WAS SHOWN COPY OF TRIBAL RESOLUTION 72-55 DATED NOV 10, 1972, AND ADVISED IT DID NOT COMPOSE PART OF AUTHORITY FROM WHICH COMMISSIONS ISSUED ALTHOUGH THE DATE WOULD BE RIGHT AND THAT IT IS POSSIBLE IT DID CONSTITUTE PART OF AUTHORITY; HOWEVER, TO BEST OF HIS MEMORY, IT DID NOT.

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AFTER THREAT OF ATTACK FROM AIM DURING LATTER PART OF 1972 DEGENERATED, SECURITY FORCE WAS DISBANDED. DURING EARLY JANURAY, 1973, ATTACK FROM AIM MEMBERS AGAIN FEARED AND SECURITY GUARD FORCE RESURRECTED. HOWEVER, DURING THIS PERIOD, BIA LOST CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE BECAME PROBLEM. AS RESULT, SECURITY GUARD FORCE AGAIN DISBANDED AND FOR FIRST PART OF MARCH, 1973, WAS COMPLETELY DEFUNCT.

REPORT FOLLOWS. END

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

OMAHA 44-620

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 44-917 (P)

ATTN: GID, CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, OFFICE OF INDIAN RIGHTS.

ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, AKA, ET AL; WILLIAM ROSSMORE - VICTIM; CR;

OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL 8, 1975; MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL TO NEW HAVEN, APRIL 17, 1975, AND OMAHA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL 23, 1975.

KATHERINE JAMES CURREN ADVISED APRIL 24, 1975, THAT MARTHA COPLEMAN HAD RETURNED TO COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, AND COULD BE REACHED AT THE PREVIOUSLY SET OUT ADDRESS.

OMAHA AT COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

PRESENT PHOTO SPREAD TO MARTHA COPLEMAN AS SET OUT IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS.

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Date: APRIL 22, 1975

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Via NITEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI; SAC MINNEAPOLIS (44-917)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (44-391) (P)

ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, AKA - ET AL; WILLIAM ROSSMORE ET AL - VICTIMS, CIR - ADW; CR, CO: MINNEAPOLIS

RE: MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL APRIL 8, 1975 AND APRIL 17, 1975.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE VICTIM WILLIAM ROSSMORE AT STAMFORD, CONN. HAVE DETERMINED THAT HE IS PRESENTLY ON VACATION AT ANTHONY'S KEY RESORT, ROATON, HONDURAS AND WILL NOT RETURN TO STAMFORD UNTIL APRIL 28, 1975.

APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED UPON HIS RETURN.

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Date: 4/23/73

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:

From: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (44-724) (C) ☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION ☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV. ☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD WILSON,
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN;
EUGENE ROOKS, OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL HOUSING DIRECTOR;
THEODORE TIBBETTS, OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL JUDGE;
MINERVA LOOKING ELK, aka Minerva Walks Out - VICTIM

☒ CR ☐ EL ☐ DIH ☐ CRA-64 ☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF ☐ E

☐ EID ☐ Bomb Threats ☐ Extremist Matters ☐ White Hate ☐ Black

Summary of Complaint:

On 4/11/73, BARBARA MEANS advised that she had determined from various individuals that Tribal Chairman RICHARD WILSON was having Tribal Judge TIBBETTS issue court orders evicting from their homes all reservation residents who have been actively opposing the present tribal government.

MEANS stated that she had seen one court order issued 4/10/73 in the name of MINERVA LOOKING ELK, also known as MINERVA WALKS OUT. MEANS stated EUGENE ROOKS, Housing Director, is assisting WILSON.

Subsequent investigation at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, has determined that no one has been evicted from their homes for

ACTION: UACB:

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☐ No further action being taken and

☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Sioux Falls, S.D. and Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, Dept. of Justice, at Pine Ridge, S.D.

☐ FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)

☐ LHM being submitted

☐ Report being submitted

☒ Preliminary investigation instituted

☐ Limited investigation instituted

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actively opposing the present tribal government. Departmental Attorney R. DENNIS ICKES advised that no prosecutive action would be taken in view of the above facts. No further investigation is being conducted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.
MP 44-724

Pine Ridge, South Dakota
April 23, 1973

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RICHARD WILSON,
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN;
EUGENE ROOKS,
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL HOUSING DIRECTOR;
THEODORE TIBBETTS,
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL JUDGE;
MINERVA LOOKING ELK, ALSO KNOWN AS
MINERVA WALKS OUT - VICTIM

The following is the result of investigation at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, concerning alleged Federal violations by above subjects who allegedly were attempting to evict reservation residents from their homes for opposing the Tribal Government. Those evictions were to be accomplished by the issuance of court orders.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/22/73

Mrs. WYNEMIA JANIS was contacted by SA JOSEPH C. McDONALD and SA MARVIN J. BRACKEN and after she was advised of the identities of the Agents, she furnished the following information:

Mrs. JANIS is the secretary of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Housing Authority and also the Director of the Crazy Horse housing development, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The Oglala Sioux Tribal Housing Authority has jurisdiction over all low and high rent tribal housing located at Pine Ridge, Wounded Knee, Manderson, Kyle, Wanblee, Potato Creek, Allen, and Martin on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

MINERVA WALKS OUT, who is also known as MINERVA LOOKING ELK, resides at house number 34, Northridge low rent housing development, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. No action has ever been taken to evict MINERVA WALKS OUT nor, according to her records, has any eviction action been contemplated against her. MINERVA WALKS OUT's rent has been paid for the current period and her next payment is due in May, 1973.

Interviewed on 4/19/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 4-734

by SA MARVIN J. BRACKEN
SA JOSEPH C. McDONALD:sno Date dictated 4/20/73

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Date of transcription 4/22/73

SIDNEY WITT, Oglala Sioux Tribal Prosecutor, was interviewed by SA JOSEPH C. McDONALD and SA MARVIN J. BRACKEN and he furnished the following information:

He processes all eviction orders requested by EUGENE ROOKS, Director of Low Rent Housing, and WINEMA JANIS, Director of Crazy Horse Housing, which comprises all tribal housing on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. WITT stated that no eviction orders have been issued by the Tribal Court since March 15, 1973.

Interviewed on 4/18/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 44 724

by SA MARVIN J. BRACKEN
SA JOSEPH C. McDONALD:sao Date dictated 4/20/73

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FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/21/73

MINERVA WALKS OUT, also known as MINERVA LOOKING ELK, house number 34 North Hiwa, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. Prior to the interview MINERVA was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. She then furnished the following information:

She had heard rumors that RICHARD WILSON, Tribal Chairman, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, was planning to evict everyone from their homes who had recently been terminated from their employment as Community Health Representatives. Her employment as a Community Health Representative Secretary was terminated on April 5, 1973, as a direct result of being politically active and demonstrating against the political policies of WILSON and the Tribal Government.

She further advised that she had not received any eviction notices from the Oglala Sioux Tribal housing authority and that her rent was paid up through May 9, 1973.

MINERVA WALKS OUT is described as a female Indian, 5'7", 140 pounds, Social Security Number 503-50-2053, black hair, brown eyes, wears glasses, and medium build.

She prefers not to sign a signed statement.

Interviewed on 4/20/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 44-734

by SA MARVIN J. BEACKEN and SA JOSEPH C. MC DONALD/jjf Date dictated 4/20/73

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RICHARD WILSON;
EUGENE ROOKS;
THEODORE TIBBETTS;
MINERVA LOOKING ELK

The facts of this case were presented to R. Dennis Ickes, Departmental Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, on April 21, 1973, by Special Agents Marvin J. Bracken and Joseph C. Mc Donald of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he advised that no prosecutive action would be taken inasmuch as no violation of the Civil Rights Statute exists.

Richard "Dick" Wilson is the duly-elected President of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and in this position he has taken a strong stand against the American Indian Movement (AIM) and its objectives. Impeachment action has been taken against Wilson on numerous occasions by members of the Tribal Council sympathetic to AIM, and his removal has been a primary objective of AIM at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. He and his supporters, commonly referred to as his "goon squad," have been the subjects of numerous civil rights complaints that have been made during the negotiations at Wounded Knee.

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TITLE OF CASE

RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD";
SEVERT YOUNG BEAR - VICTIM;
ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY: CARL E. UNDERHILL — TYPED BY: sks

CHARACTER OF CASE

ER 89 70

REFERENCE

Minneapolis report of SA JOHN RYAN THAYER dated 4/26/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons interviewed in connection with this matter were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the request of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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APPROVED _____ SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
1 - Departmental Attorney, Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Report of: CARL E. UNDERHILL
Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: May 21, 1973

Field Office File #: 44-730
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Title: RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD";
SEVERT YOUNG BEAR - VICTIM;
ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: SEVERT YOUNG BEAR not home when residence of his sister and husband shot at. YOUNG BEAR had no suspects other than the possibility of ELMER WINTERS. Witnesses indicate vehicle WINTERS driving broken down at Batesland, South Dakota, before time of shooting. R. DENNIS ICKES, Departmental Attorney, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised no further investigation necessary at this time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription May 1, 1973

RICHARD RED OWL was located at the grade school at Batesland, South Dakota. RED OWL advised that he is employed in a liaison capacity between the school and the community and has been so employed since January, 1973.

RED OWL was advised of the nature and purpose of the interview. He advised that he was acquainted with ELMER WINTER and that WINTER was well known in the area as a common drunk. He did not know if WINTER was presently employed.

Approximately two weeks ago, sometime around news time which is 10:00 p.m., WINTERS walked up to RED OWL's door and asked if he could use the telephone. He said his car had thrown a rod. He smelled like he had been drinking but he walked okay and talked without slurring his words. He said he wanted to call Pine Ridge and even though it was a toll call RED OWL said he went ahead and let WINTER use the telephone just to get rid of him.

WINTER called and talked to someone and it sounded as if he were talking with his father-in-law at Pine Ridge; he asked him to come get them. RED OWL pointed out that when asked who them was, WINTER was accompanied by his wife. Apparently the father-in-law said he would not come get them because WINTER then asked RED OWL to take them to Pine Ridge and said he would pay for it but RED OWL said he was not going any where.

WINTER and his wife left at this time and at the same time MARVIN GHOST BEAR, who had been visiting the RED OWL residence, said he was going home and he left at the same time the WINTERs did. RED OWL said that he watched out the window and he saw a Bureau of Indian Affairs Police car pull up in front of the Co-Op Gas Station and then a short time later pulled out and turned around and headed back towards Pine Ridge. He thought the car belonged to DARWIN COATES, a Bureau of Indian Affairs Policeman, and he kind of assumed that COATES may have picked WINTER and his wife up and taken them to Pine Ridge.

Interviewed on 5/1/73 at Batesland, South Dakota File # MP 44-739

SA CARL E. UIDERHILL (Call)

by SA MERLE E. NELSON CEU:skh Date dictated 5/1/73

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RED OWL advised he never saw what car was driven by WINTER. He said that he does not know if WINTER has a gun or not. He claimed that he had heard that WINTER was on RICHARD WILSON's "goon squad;" and he knew that WINTER had interferred with a women's march at Pine Ridge several weeks ago. He has no use for WINTER at all.

RICHARD RED OWL is a slightly built male Indian who is 32 years of age. RED OWL advised that the house he now owns behind the Co-Op Station is the first thing he has ever owned in his life and his life and his only desire is now that he is doing all right to keep his job and his house.

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Mrs. LORENE BURESH was located at the Co-Op Gas Station. She advised that her residence is at Martin, South Dakota. Mrs. BURESH was advised that information was being sought concerning a light green Chevrolet which had allegedly been abandoned in front of the Co-Op Station. She advised that when she opened the station one morning about two weeks ago, a light green colored Chevrolet had been sitting just off the cement platform by the gas tanks. It was locked but on the dashboard of the car, visible from outside through the windshield, was a letter addressed to someone named THREE STARS at what she thought was probably Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Nothing else was observed in the car.

Later that same morning a young Indian in his early 20's came to the station and since he had keys to the car she thought it was his and made no direct inquiry about it. She did not obtain this young male Indian's name.

This Indian told her that the car had sounded bad the night before and he had pulled it into the station. He said that while he was fooling around with the car a police officer had come up to him and asked if he was trying to break into the station and he told the police officer that he was not, he had just had car trouble. He next told Mrs. BURESH that he had not known what to do so he had walked up to RED OWL's house and had been hesitant about going in since he saw two men in RED OWL's house who were American Indian Movement supporters; and he thought they might beat him up. He needed to call though so he asked to use the telephone and RED OWL let him and he got a ride back to Pine Ridge.

On the morning he came to claim the car he put in three quarts of oil and bought two more quarts to take along and said he was taking the car to Gordon, Nebraska, to be repaired.

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SA MERLE E. NELSON

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This young male Indian was brought to the station by a man who appeared to be white who was driving a red pickup. This man's identity was also unknown to Mrs. BURESH.

Mrs. BURESH, when queried if she knew about shots having been fired into the house of SEVERT YOUNG BEAR over near Porcupine, advised that she had never heard of the shooting.

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HAROLD "BUCK" BUCKMASTER, Co-Op Gas Station, Batesland, South Dakota, advised that he could furnish no information other than that furnished by LORENE BURESH.

BUCKMASTER did advise that he had heard that the shooting at the YOUNG BEAR place had occurred but he had never heard any discussion as to who did it or any names mentioned in connection with it.

BUCKMASTER said he had no further information.

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EUGENE SWIFT HAWK was located at his residence at Unit Number 256 located in the new housing area in Wanblee, South Dakota.

After being advised of the nature and purpose of the interview SWIFT HAWK stated that he, along with Officer DANIEL MESTETH, a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer, at Kyle, South Dakota, had gone to the residence of ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT on Tuesday, April 17, 1973. SWIFT HAWK advised that there were four spent rifle shells found a short distance inside the gate from the road leading past the SQUIRREL COAT house. SWIFT HAWK advised that it was his recollection that of the four shells two had been for a 7mm rifle and two had been for a 308 rifle. The two windows had been broken in the SQUIRREL COAT residence which led to speculation that a shot may have gone in one window and exited another window. SWIFT HAWK said he had been informed that more shots had supposedly been fired than the number of shells recovered. Originally, the information had been received that it had been SEVERT YOUNG BEAR's house that had been fired at, but it was actually the SQUIRREL COAT house that had been shot and there had been children in the house at the time.

SWIFT HAWK said that no suspects were developed in the shooting and that the shells had been forwarded to the BIA Office in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and a brief report had been made in connection with this incident.

SWIFT HAWK advised that no suspects had been developed during the course of their investigation but he had since heard that ELMER WINTERS had supposedly done the shooting but he could never find anyone who could furnish any evidence concerning this. He said that supposedly WINTERS' car had broken down over in Batesland, South Dakota, on the night of the shooting and that WINTERS had been picked up in Batesland by his uncle who was Captain JOE JACOBS of the BIA Police in Pine Ridge. SWIFT HAWK said he had no further information.

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By SA MERLE E. NELSON and SA CARL E. UNDERHILL CEU:skw Date dictated 5/9/73

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ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT advised that she had been previously contacted by FBI Agents. She stated that she is now of the opinion that the shooting at the residence of herself and her husband was done by ELMER WINTERS. This is based on being told by LEOLA HALL that she had heard that WINTERS did it. Mrs. SQUIRREL COAT said that WINTERS is one of DICK WILSON's goons. She said that something suspicious had happened, in that right after the shooting their electricity went off which included all the lights for all the houses and the big outside light. When asked how soon "right after the shooting" was Mrs. SQUIRREL COAT admitted that the shooting had been on Monday night and that the lights had gone off on the following Saturday night. When queried if she really believed there was any connection between the two she said she thought there was. She admitted that she called the electrical company and they came out and replaced something on the pole that held both the big outside light and the transformer. Mrs. SQUIRREL COAT advised that she had nothing further to add.

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GEORGE SQUIRREL COAT advised that he and his wife, ELIZABETH, who is the sister of SEVERT YOUNG BEAR, had been away from home on the night of Monday, April 16, 1973, and that they were at the Episcopal Church at St. Alban, South Dakota, attending a wake for ELIZABETH's deceased niece. They were notifed by someone who he does not remember that their house had been shot at and they went home immediately. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) did not show up until the next day and he thinks that the BIA believe that the whole incident is phony and was set up by them and SEVERT YOUNG BEAR.

SQUIRREL COAT said that he did not undersand really the fact that the young SMOKE boy claimed to hear nine shots when only four shells were recovered.

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SEVERT YOUNG BEAR was located at his residence approximately three miles southeast of Porcupine, South Dakota. YOUNG BEAR advised that on Monday night, April 16, 1973, he had been at the Episcopal Church at St. Albans, South Dakota, attending a wake for his niece. He had left his residence at approximately 10:30 p.m. as best he could recall on that Monday night. His sister, ELIZABETH and her husband GEORGE SQUIRREL COAT, had left earlier since ELIZABETH had to take some food down to the wake and needed to be there earlier than he did. YOUNG BEAR said that actually the property where he resides has three houses on it. The first house closest to the road is occupied by the SMOKE family. The next house, which is in the middle, is occupied by his sister and her husband, GEORGE and ELIZABETH SQUIRREL COAT. YOUNG BEAR said he resides in the house furthest from the road where he lives by himself. BERTHA SMOKE was baby-sitting with some other children that evening while their parents attended the wake that evening. When he left the area there were only lights on in the SQUIRREL COAT residence and, of course, the outside light which is located on a telephone pole between the SQUIRREL COAT and SMOKE residences. YOUNG BEAR said he heard about the shooting some time after 11:30 p.m. and he presumed that it happened between 11:00 and 11:30 p.m. He said he did not know for sure who had fired the shots but that it had undoubtedly been an attempt by DICK WILSON's goons to harass and intimidate him. He said that he had heard through a woman named LEOLA HALL that she had heard from some source, unknown to him, that ELMER WINTERS had done the shooting. He said that WINTERS was one of WILSON's goons. YOUNG BEAR said that he was not frightened and had sent word down to Pine Ridge that he would meet anybody anywhere but that he did not appreciate a house being shot at where there were children present.

YOUNG BEAR said that he did not know if WINTERS actually knew which house was his or whether the shots had been fired at the only house which had lights on. When

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queried as to whether any of the houses contained bullet holes YOUNG BEAR said that he had not located any bullet holes in any of the houses and that the only damage had been the two broken windows.

YOUNG BEAR said that he had never had any trouble with ELMER WINTERS and that he had known different members of the WINTERS family for a considerable amount of time. He claimed that things on the reservation were bad and alleged that the white man was getting favorable treatment over the Indian. He alleged that a white man had mowed some hay on his land and when he seized the white man's farm equipment the Tribal Judicial Council had given the white man a court order to force YOUNG BEAR to release the farm equipment. In this connection it was noted that FRANK GROOMS, an Indian who resides across the road from YOUNG BEAR, has alleged that the farm equipment was his. YOUNG BEAR stated that he is the director representative for Porcupine and as such is permitted to attend Tribal Council meetings although he has no vote. He stated that he will run for the Tribal Council in the next election but that he will not oppose DICK WILSON as president because he does not know how to steal money yet.

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JOE JACOBS, Captain, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that he is the uncle by marriage of ELMER WINTERS. He said his wife is WINTERS' natural aunt.

When queried if he was aware of any shooting that took place out near the SEVERT YOUNG BEAR house JACOBS advised that he had heard about the shooting. JACOBS said that he did not know much about WINTERS although he knew that he drank considerably. He did not know whether WINTERS owned a gun, but he doubted it. When asked if he had talked with ELMER WINTERS on the night of April 16 he said he had not talked to him directly but he had talked with Officer COATS who was in contact with WINTERS at Batesland, South Dakota, when the car broke down. JACOBS said that he went to Wanblee, South Dakota, at 8:43 p.m. He was in contact with ALEXANDER SWALLEY at Wanblee and that it was while he was in touch with SWALLEY that he received the communication from COATS asking him his time of arrival at Batesland would be since the car that ELMER WINTERS had been driving had broken down. He said that he told COATS that he would be at least an hour and that if a ride had not been obtained he would stop at the Co-op Station where the car had broken down and pick up WINTERS.

JACOBS advised that his log showed that he had left Wanblee at 10:20 p.m. so he would estimate that his conversation with COATS took place 10 or 15 minutes before. He had another entry on his log that he arrived at Batesland at 11:19 p.m. and the 1965 green Chevrolet was sitting on the dirt in front of the station but WINTERS was no where to be seen. He later found out that he got a ride in with ALFRED DEAN.

JACOBS advised that WINTERS is now separated from his wife and he does not know the whereabouts of his wife. WINTERS himself usually stays at the house of SONNY DEON. If he could not be located at the DEON residence he could probably be located at the residence of GLENN THREE STARS.

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by SA CARL E. UNDERHILL:skw Date dictated 5/13/73

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JACOBS advised that in regard to the so called goon squad this name had been applied by members and supporters of the AIM organization and they labeled anyone who opposed them or who did not support them as a member of this squad. JACOBS stated that when the trouble with AIM first began there was concern among many people on the reservation for the safety of Tribal officers and for the security of Tribal buildings and records. For this reason a volunteer group was formed which furnished protection to the Tribal office building. These individuals were paid nothing for this duty or service and had no legal authority other than to be present at the building to prevent possible violence or destruction. These persons have no authority as such and are not to act in any capacity as a Tribal employee or police official anywhere on the reservation.

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GLEN THREE STARS was located at his residence and he advised that on the night of April 16, 1973, he had loaned his green 1965 Chevrolet 4-door to his friend, ELMER WINTERS. WINTERS told him early on the morning of April 17, 1973, something was wrong with the car and so WINTERS borrowed SONNY DEON's pickup and they went out to the Co-op Gas Station in Batesland, South Dakota, where WINTERS had left the car. They put oil in the car and he bought a couple more quarts and he was going to try to get the car to Rushville, Nebraska. They only made it as far as Pine Ridge, South Dakota, when the engine quit completely, and he had people from Rabler Chevrolet in Rushville come tow the car in. THREE STARS said he had no information as to what WINTERS had been doing prior to the time the car broke down the night of April 16, 1973.

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CHARLES D. WINTERS was located at the residence of SONNY DEON in the East Ridge Housing area of Pine Ridge, South Dakota. WINTERS advised that when he was little, he had been nicknamed ELMER and many people thought that was his name. WINTERS was advised of the nature and purpose of the interview and was furnished a Waiver of Rights Form which he read, stated he understood, but declined to sign.

WINTERS advised that on the night of April 16, 1973, he had been out in the Batesland, South Dakota, area with his wife in a car borrowed from his friend, GLEN THREE STARS.

WINTERS stated that it was about 10:00 p.m. or a little after on that night when the engine had been knocking so bad that he pulled in at the Co-op Gas Station and was afraid to drive the car any further. He said he got a ride home and the next morning he and GLEN THREE STARS went back out to Batesland and got the car.

WINTERS advised that he did not own a gun, that he knew SEVERT YOUNG BEAR but that he had never shot any weapons at any of the houses in the area where SEVERT YOUNG BEAR lived. He said that from what he had heard about the shooting that the car had broken down and he was already back in Pine Ridge before the shooting had even occurred. He said that somebody was just trying to make trouble for him and he did not appreciate it and did not appreciate being questioned about something in which he had no part.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	CHARLES D. WINTERS
Alias	ELMER WINTERS
Sex	Male
Race	Sioux Indian
Age	29
Date of birth	April 15, 1944
Place of birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota

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Height	5'9"
Weight	140
Education	High School
Mother	LEONA WINTERS Pine Ridge, South Dakota

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HENRY RABLER, proprietor, Rabler Chevrolet-Pontiac Garage, Rushville, Nebraska, advised that there was sitting on his back lot a 1965 green Chevrolet, four-door, which had been towed in from Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on April 17, 1973. The engine was blown up on this car and had been removed and they were looking for a used engine that could be used to replace the blown engine. Records of the company showed that the car was the property of ELLEN THREE STARS of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and would be no way at present of determining whether the muffler system was sound on the car at the present time but the visible manifold pipes appeared to be okay.

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On May 15, 1973, R. DENNIS ICKES, Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that in view of the apparent clearance of suspect WINTERS by virtue of the time element of the car situation that he would recommend no additional investigation be conducted in this matter at this time.

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To: SAC, Minneapolis (44-730)

From: Acting Director, FBI 44- 56301-

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RICHARD WILSON;
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ReMPrep of SA John Ryan Thayer, dated 4/26/73.

Bufiles fail to indicate any prior information regarding investigation set forth in rerep. In the future, you will be expected to fully adhere to existing Bureau instructions regarding the handling of Civil Rights complaints as set forth in Section 27, Volume II, Manual of Instructions.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	4/26/73	4/17/73 - 4/26/73

TITLE OF CASE

RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD";
SEVERT YOUNG BEAR - VICTIM;
ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY: JOHN RYAN THAYER

TYPED BY: sao

CHARACTER OF CASE

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Numerous attempts have been made to locate and interview SEVERT YOUNG BEAR at his residence in Porcupine, South Dakota, and he has been unavailable for interview.

LEADS

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AT PORCUPINE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will locate and interview SEVERT YOUNG BEAR at his residence 1½ miles southeast of the village of Porcupine.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☑ NONE					ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☑ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☑ NO

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AT WANBLEE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will interview BIA police officer EUGENE SWIFT HAWK concerning his investigation of the shooting incident. It is noted that SWIFT HAWK is the subject of Minneapolis files 44-728, 44-710, and 70-4042.

AT BATESLAND, SOUTH DAKOTA

Interview RICHARD RED OWL concerning the activities of ELMER FUDD WINTER on the evening of April 16-17, 1973.

AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

1. Will attempt to locate one BISSONETTE, operator of a junk yard concerning a 1962 light green Chevrolet which he may have towed in from Batesland, South Dakota.

2. Will consult with Departmental Attorney and obtain his opinion on possible prosecution after above investigation has been completed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: United States Attorney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Departmental Attorney, Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Report of: JOHN RYAN THAYER Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: April 26, 1973

Field Office File #: 44-730 Bureau File #:

Title: RICHARD WILSON;
"GOON SQUAD;"
SEVERT YOUNG BEAR - VICTIM;
ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Approximately nine shots were fired into and around the residence of SEVERT YOUNG BEAR and his sister ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT at approximately 11:00 P. M., 4/16/73. Complainant believes the shooting is the responsibility of RICHARD WILSON and his goon squad. Preliminary investigation has revealed one possible suspect, ELMER FUDD WINTER.

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Details: This investigation is predicated upon a report made by MARK LANE, an attorney temporarily residing in Pine Ridge, who reported to Departmental Attorney JAMES SCHERMERHORN that several shots had been fired into the home of SEVERT YOUNG BEAR at Porcupine, South Dakota. Mr. SCHERMERHORN desired that a preliminary investigation be conducted to ascertain if there is a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 241 and/or 242.

On April 17, 1973, MARK LANE advised that at about 11:00 P. M. on April 16, 1973, four unknown occupants of a purple Plymouth drove into the village of Porcupine, South Dakota, and fired shots into a home owned by ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT. Mr. LANE characterized this shooting as an attempt to murder SEVERT YOUNG BEAR by DICK WILSON's "Goon Squad." Neither YOUNG BEAR nor ELIZABETH SQUIRREL COAT were in the house at the time; however, his home was occupied by some children. LANE further pointed out that LEE WESTON, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police officer in Porcupine, was notified at 12:30 A. M. and again at 1:30 A. M., April 17, 1973, but no investigation had been conducted by the BIA.

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MICHAEL LITTLE BOY was in the SMOKE residence just northeast of the home of ELIZABETH and GEORGE SQUIRREL COAT on the evening of Monday, April 16, 1973. At approximately 11:00 P. M. on that evening LITTLE BOY heard two quick shots fired. Within a short space of time he heard seven more shots in quick succession. LITTLE BOY immediately exited from the SMOKE residence into the front yard and he saw an automobile about 300 yards distant situated near a triangular patch of grass between the outer and inner gates on the dirt road leading from the YOUNG BEAR residence. It was a moonlit night and the front yard light was on. This car was in the process of turning around and could have been either a 1961 or 1962 Plymouth or Chevrolet and purple in color; however, because of the light reflection LITTLE BOY could not be certain that the car was purple. He believes there were four occupants of the car..

LITTLE BOY was very frightened and he took the SMOKE children and ran to the home of COLLINS HOBSON which is nearby and then found that HOBSON was actually at the home of SUSAN CRAGG. They immediately notified SEVERT YOUNG BEAR who was at a wake at Sharps Corners and then notified the wife of LEE HARRY WESTON, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) policeman. No investigation was conducted on that evening but there was an investigation conducted by BIA on the following day, Tuesday, April 17. At the time of this shooting there were present in the LIZA SMOKE home BONNIE SMOKE, age 15, EDWARD SMOKE, age 16, ROBERT SMOKE, age 11.

In the YOUNG BEAR home were DARLENE JEALOUS OF HIM, CLYDE SQUIRREL COAT, age seven months, and BERTHA SMOKE, age 15. The one shot that entered the home actually penetrated the SEVERT YOUNG BEAR log house situated between the SMOKE residence and the residence occupied by SEVERT YOUNG BEAR. The automobile which LITTLE BOY observed left the vicinity of YOUNG BEAR residence at a rapid rate of speed proceeding southeast toward Batesland. LITTLE BOY is not certain that he could recognize this automobile if he saw it again. Four cartridges were found in the vicinity of where the car had been seen and these were protected by some boards. They were later taken by the BIA police.

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The four empty cartridges came from 7 mm. and 303 rifles. LITTLE BOY advised that he lives near the WESTON residence but is usually at YOUNG BEAR's in order to perform chores and take care of the SMOKE children. He could furnish no individuals who he believes might be responsible for the shooting.

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JAMES DEAN, Postmaster, Porcupine, South Dakota, heard about the shooting on Monday night at the SEVERT YOUNG BEAR home southeast of Porcupine at which time YOUNG BEAR was attending a wake. There has been very little talk around the Porcupine area about this shooting. DEAN does not know any person in this area who owns a 1961 or 1962 purple Ford or Chevrolet.

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DALE PARCHALL, operator of a Standard oil service station at Sharps Corners, advised that he is very familiar with automobiles driven by residents and persons who frequent the Porcupine-Sharps Corners area. PARCHALL said that he does not know of any person in this area who owns and operates a 1961 or 1962 Ford or Chevrolet automobile. PARCHALL knows SEVERT YOUNG BEAR who is the chairman of the local American Indian Movement (AIM) chapter. YOUNG BEAR is also the representative of the Oglala Tribal Council for the Porcupine District. PARCHALL understands that the shot fired on the YOUNG BEAR place actually went into the home of ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT and that SEVERT YOUNG BEAR was not present at the time.

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ROBERT WESTON, brother of LEE HARRY WESTON, who is the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police officer at Porcupine, South Dakota, advised that his home is southeast of the YOUNG BEAR residence on the north side of the road between Porcupine and Batesland. WESTON said that last Monday, April 16, 1973, between 11:00 and 11:30 P. M. he heard the sound of three or four shots coming from the vicinity of the YOUNG BEAR residence. At this time his mother, NANCY WESTON, was also home. Immediately after the shots were fired, and possibly related to it, WESTON heard the sound of a car going southeast on the gravel road toward Batesland. WESTON did not see the car and could only say that it was extremely loud as though it had a defective muffler. WESTON said he had no information to connect any person with the firing of these shots.

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Mr. COLLINS HOBSON advised that he is a Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) worker at Porcupine and that his residence is the second home proceeding northeast from the YOUNG BEAR residence. HOBSON did not hear any shots coming from the vicinity of the YOUNG BEAR residence on last Monday evening. At about 11:30 that evening HOBSON was at the home of SUSAN CRAGG which is the house next to that of YOUNG BEAR's in a northeast direction.

At about 11:30 or shortly thereafter on Monday, April 16, MICHAEL LITTLE BOY, who resides on the YOUNG BEAR place, accompanied by some of the SMOKE children, came to the CRAGG residence and told them there had been a shooting at YOUNG BEAR's. HOBSON also learned that SEVERT YOUNG BEAR was attending the wake of a niece of his near Sharps Corners. HOBSON proceeded immediately and notified YOUNG BEAR about the shooting and thereafter went to the home of LEE HARRY WESTON, the local Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police officer who at that time was not at home. The shooting was reported to the wife of WESTON. It was well after 12 midnight on the morning of Tuesday, April 17, 1973, before HOBSON reported the matter to Mrs. WESTON.

HOBSON has known SEVERT YOUNG BEAR for about two to three years and considers him to be a community leader who has done a good many helpful things for the community. He is President of the Porcupine Chapter of American Indian Movement (AIM) and is on the Tribal Council. He believes that YOUNG BEAR has a good reputation in this area.

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LOREN A. ROBINSON advised that he was a former juvenile officer at Porcupine and is now a member of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police. ROBINSON heard about the shooting at the SEVERT YOUNG BEAR place on April 16. He had no suspects and knows no person who owns or operates a 1961 or 1962 purple Ford or Chevrolet car. ROBINSON has known SEVERT YOUNG BEAR for several years. YOUNG BEAR formerly was well liked and had an excellent reputation at Porcupine. He was the organizer of the American Indian Movement (AIM) chapter in Porcupine and ROBINSON believed that 80% of the families in this area belong to AIM.

ROBINSON firmly believes that the shooting at the YOUNG BEAR place would not have been perpetrated by RICHARD WILSON, President of the Tribal Council, or any of the so-called goons. ROBINSON heard that on the night of the shooting AIM members set up a roadblock at the YOUNG BEAR residence and would allow no one to enter. ROBINSON would not be surprised if the shooting actually was perpetrated by AIM itself. On the same night that the shooting took place a building was burned on the farm place of BILL DECKER about five miles east of Porcupine. Some of the white ranchers in this area had become very unfriendly to YOUNG BEAR because of his AIM activities.

It has been rumored that the YOUNG BEAR residence is being used as a jumping-off point for sending supplies such as food, guns, and ammunition into Wounded Knee. It has also been stated that SEVERT YOUNG BEAR would not allow anyone but a card-carrying member of AIM on his place.

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EDWARD SMOKE who resides in the residence northeast of ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT advised that he was in the SMOKE residence on the evening of April 16, 1973, when he heard nine shots fired from the direction of the gate on the road leading into the YOUNG BEAR place. The yard light was on at the time and it was a clear moonlit night. SMOKE immediately went out into the front yard and could faintly see an automobile which appeared to turn around between the inner gate and the outer gate on the road leading off the main road into the YOUNG BEAR place. The car apparently had a bad muffler as it was very loud. SMOKE could not make out the color or make of the car and could not determine how many occupants were in the car. The car proceeded in a southeasterly direction on the road which would lead into Batesland. SMOKE could not furnish the names of any suspects.

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BERTHA SMOKE, age 15, was in the ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT home on the evening of April 16, 1973. This home is occupied by ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT and her husband, GEORGE SQUIRREL COAT. At this home at the time were, including herself, DARLENE JEALOUS OF HIM, age 9, and a baby, CLYDE SQUIRREL COAT, age 7 months. The baby was in the crib. BERTHA SMOKE was standing but was in a bent-over position near the stove which is located directly behind the southeast window of the SQUIRREL COAT home. At about 11:00 P. M. she heard a shot come through that window and exit through a window on the northwest side of the home. The bullet passed through the window frame and the window. BERTHA SMOKE immediately dropped to the floor and began to cry. She did not hear any other shots as she was so frightened. She does not recall hearing a car and did not leave the house immediately. She could furnish no information as to the participant in this shooting.

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ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT advised that on the evening of April 16, 1973, she and her husband were attending a wake near Sharps Corners. On that evening she and her husband were notified by MICHAEL LITTLE BOY and COLLINS HOBSON that there had been a shooting at their home and that a bullet had gone through her residence. Mrs. SQUIRREL COAT could furnish the name of no individual person who she believes may have perpetrated the shooting but stated that in her opinion it had to be RICHARD WILSON's goons. She bases this statement on the fact that "a lot of things" have been done by RICHARD WILSON against the SEVERT YOUNG BEARs. She advised that SEVERT YOUNG BEAR is her brother and he resides in a white home directly behind hers. Among the things done against them by RICHARD WILSON was the fact that they were shorted about $132 to $144 on some leased property. The money owing to them was in the amount of $400 which should have been paid in December, 1972. The money was paid but they actually received $268 instead of $400. Mrs. SQUIRREL COAT could not furnish the name of any particular individual she believes to be responsible for the shooting. Mrs. SQUIRREL COAT advised that at this time SEVERT YOUNG BEAR, her brother, is in Denver, Colorado.

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FRANK GROOMS advised that he farms 160 acres of land as owner on the north side of the graveled Porcupine road about 3/4 mile from the home of SEVERT YOUNG BEAR and his sister ELIZABETH SQUIRREL COAT. GROOMS was at his home on the evening of April 16, 1973; however, he does not recall hearing any shots from the direction of the YOUNG BEAR place. GROOMS also did not take particular note of any loud automobile on the gravel road that evening.

GROOMS has known SEVERT YOUNG BEAR since he was a young child. Prior to 1972 GROOMS and SEVERT were good friends. However, after YOUNG BEAR became associated with the American Indian Movement (AIM) they have become enemies. GROOMS explained that YOUNG BEAR leases about 400 acres of land to one NIMITZ. NIMITZ orally agreed to allow GROOMS to take the hay off the leased property. GROOMS had the equipment, including his baler and two tractors, on this land. Sometime in June, 1972, all of his equipment was impounded by members of AIM under the direction of YOUNG BEAR. It was necessary for GROOMS to obtain a court order through the Tribal Judge in order to get his property back and when he did he found that his equipment had been badly vandalized. SEVERT YOUNG BEAR is very close to AIM leader RUSSELL MEANS and GROOMS believes that RUSSELL MEANS has indicated that he is a cousin of SEVERT.

GROOMS could furnish the names of no suspects. He described SEVERT YOUNG BEAR as follows:

Race	American Indian
Age	Approximately 33
Height	6' 1"
Weight	240 pounds
Build	Muscular
Marital Status	Single
Employment	None known

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DEL EASTMAN, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police, advised that the shooting of April 16, 1973, at the Porcupine residence of ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT was investigated, according to his beliefs, by BIA Officers LEE HARRY WESTON and the officer at Kyle, South Dakota.

EASTMAN knows SEVERT YOUNG BEAR to be a card-carrying member of American Indian Movement (AIM). YOUNG BEAR has given orders that only card-carrying members of AIM will be allowed on his place. It is strongly believed that the YOUNG BEAR residence is being used as a jumping-off place for entry into Wounded Knee and has been so used from the beginning of the takeover. EASTMAN said he is of the firm belief that the shooting at the YOUNG BEAR residence was not perpetrated by RICHARD WILSON or any of his so-called "goons." WILSON is not known to perform any type of covert action such as this or allow any of his associates to perpetrate this type of action. There is a possibility that members of AIM could have done this operation themselves for some kind of cover.

There were four cartridge casings obtained at the ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT residence which are in the possession of the BIA police at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. This office has developed no suspects in the shooting.

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SAM ROUILLARD, Presbyterian minister, advised that he has known SEVERT YOUNG BEAR for a good many years. SEVERT YOUNG BEAR has been "pushed around" by RUSSELL MEANS, American Indian Movement (AIM) leader. After the takeover Rev. ROUILLARD and Father CHARLES were asked to be mediators at Wounded Knee. During a period early in the takeover in March, 1973, Rev. ROUILLARD overheard MEANS tell YOUNG BEAR that he was not doing his job. By not doing his job MEANS meant that YOUNG BEAR was not adequately furnishing food, oil, warriors, guns and ammunition to the persons who took over Wounded Knee.

Rev. ROUILLARD said he is firmly convinced that the type of action that took place would not have been done by RICHARD WILSON and his associates. It is very easy to blame RICHARD WILSON for this type of thing as he is opposed 100% to AIM and is considered the enemy. Rev. ROUILLARD has known RICHARD WILSON for many years and said that he is not the type of man to take part in any after-dark cowardly action. WILSON is the type of man who believes in direct overt action and would never take part in this kind of thing.

Rev. ROUILLARD had no information bearing on the perpetrators of this incident. It has been rumored that food and supplies are being taken through the SEVERT YOUNG BEAR place into Wounded Knee. Rev. ROUILLARD believes that YOUNG BEAR desires to obtain some publicity from the shooting as he asked Father CHARLES, the Catholic priest, to take him to Pine Ridge to call President NIXON on Thursday, the 19th of April. Rev. ROUILLARD advised Father CHARLES not to do this. He could furnish no suspects.

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On the evening of Monday, April 16, 1973, LEE HARRY WESTON was accompanied by a deputy, NELSON ELK BOY. He was to go off duty at 12 midnight and about that time was taking NELSON to his residence. After WESTON arrived at his own residence early Tuesday morning he was notified by his wife that COLLINS HOBSON had come to the WESTON house and advised that SEVERT YOUNG BEAR's home had been shot at. SEVERT was not home at the time and was allegedly attending a wake. WESTON's mother, NANCY, who resides near the YOUNG BEAR residence, heard three shots fired and heard a car with a loud muffler. WESTON did not make any investigation of this shooting and the investigation was actually made by DAN MESTETH, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officer at Kyle, South Dakota.

WESTON did not make the investigation because Tuesday was his day off and he himself notified MESTETH. SEVERT YOUNG BEAR is the chairman of the local Porcupine American Indian Movement (AIM) chapter. He has indicated that he will not allow anyone on his place unless he is a card-carrying member of AIM. Mr. YOUNG BEAR has a 1963 Oldsmobile and he spends a considerable amount of time away from his home on AIM matters.

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DANIEL MESTETH advised that he is a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police officer stationed at Kyle, South Dakota, and that he, along with EUGENE SWIFT HAWK of Wanblee, South Dakota, conducted an investigation at the residence of ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT on Tuesday, April 17. The major investigation was actually conducted by Officer EUGENE SWIFT HAWK who was in the possession of a report. The cartridge cases recovered at the scene have been turned over to themBIA police officer at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

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ELIZABETH YOUNG BEAR SQUIRREL COAT advised that her brother, SEVERT YOUNG BEAR, has been attending meetings of an all South Dakota Indian group at Kyle, South Dakota, and will be unavailable for contact during this entire week. Mrs. SQUIRREL COAT said she had obtained some information from MARVIN GHOST BEAR of Batesland, South Dakota, concerning some unusual activities of one ELMER WINTER during the early morning of April 17, 1973.

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MARVIN GHOST BEAR of Batesland, South Dakota, advised that on the late evening of April 16 or early morning of April 17, 1973, he was at the home of a friend of his, RICHARD RED OWL, in Batesland. While he was watching the Johnny Carson show that evening one ELMER WINTER came to the RED OWL home asking for help as his automobile had broken down. GHOST BEAR and RED OWL went out and observed that there was a car parked at the Coop Grocery store in Batesland. The car was a 1965 light green Chevrolet. The car was steaming and could be started; however, it was apparently inoperable and it was making a lot of noise as though a rod had been thrown.

GHOST BEAR later learned that there had been a shooting incident at the home of SEVERT YOUNG BEAR in Porcupine around 11:00 P. M. The car was left at the same place and GHOST BEAR later learned that it was hauled into Pine Ridge by a junk dealer whose name is BISSONETTE (ph). GHOST BEAR is of the belief that that particular car is the property of GLENN THREE STARS. ELMER WINTER is reputedly employed in some capacity by RICHARD WILSON, President of the Pine Ridge Tribal Council. GHOST BEAR described ELMER WINTER as approximately age 28, 5' 5½", 155 pounds, and stocky build, large round eyes, and generally wears western clothing, including boots. His closest associates are GLENN THREE STARS, BENNY and CHUCK RICHARDS, and EARL DEON.

WINTER originally came from Wanblee, South Dakota, but has been staying in Pine Ridge. GHOST BEAR advised that he usually can be located through RICHARD RED OWL, telephone number 288-1838. RICHARD RED OWL is employed at the Pine Ridge School. GHOST BEAR advised that he also wished to point out that the trip from Porcupine, South Dakota, over a gravel and dirt road could be made to Batesland in about thirty minutes.

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NANCY WESTON, house number 7 at Porcupine, South Dakota, advised that on the evening of April 16, 1973, at about 11:00 P. M. she was outside her home temporarily and heard several shots, number unknown, coming from the direction of the SEVERT YOUNG BEAR residence. She did not see but heard a car with a loud motor proceeding at a rapid rate down the gravel road toward Batesland. She could furnish no description of the automobile and did not see any occupants.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	5/9/73	5/2 - 5/13

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
RICHARD WILSON "GOON SQUAD"; MRS. LUCY YELLOW BOY - VICTIM	SA P. BRYCE CHRISTENSEN	smo
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	CIVIL RIGHTS	

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ADMINISTRATIVE

All individuals interviewed in connection with this investigation were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the request of Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED				☒ NONE	ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

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1 - Minneapolis (44-735)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Sioux Falls
1 - Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Report of: SA P. BRYCE CHRISTENSEN Office: Minneapolis, Minn.
Date: May 6, 1973

Field Office File #: 44-735 Bureau File #:

Title: RICHARD WILSON
"GOON SQUAD";
MRS. LUCY YELLOW BOY - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Mrs. LUCY YELLOW BOY advised she had not been threatened or warned that her house would be burned down and she is confident it was the result of an accident. Interviews with Executive Director of Oglala Sioux Housing Authority, neighbor who discovered fire and individual at beer party held in house shortly before fire indicated that fire was most likely accidental.

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DETAILS: AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Investigation in this matter was instituted upon request of R. DENNIS ICKES, Attorney, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, to determine if a house occupied by Mrs. YELLOW BOY had been burned down as a reprisal by representatives of RICHARD WILSON's "goon squad."

RICHARD "DICK" WILSON is the duly elected President of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and in this position he has taken a strong stand against the American

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Indian Movement (AIM) and its objectives. Impeachment action has been taken against WILSON on numerous occasions by members of the Tribal Council sympathetic to AIM, and his removal has been a primary objective of AIM at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. He and his supporters, commonly referred to as his "goon squad," have been the subjects of numerous civil rights complaints that have been made during the negotiations at Wounded Knee.

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FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 5/4/73

Mr. EUGENE B. BROOKS, Executive Director, Oglala Sioux Housing Authority, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that all housing in the Northridge area of Pine Ridge is owned by the Oglala Sioux Housing Authority. House Number 7 was being rented by Mrs. LUCY YELLOW BOY until it burned down the second week of March, 1973. An investigation had been made of the fire by the fire marshal and he had concluded that the fire was probably caused by faulty wiring.

Mr. BROOKS advised that Mrs. YELLOW BOY is an elderly lady who lost her husband a couple of years ago and since the fire, she has been staying at the home of her daughter, FLORENCE LITTLE BEAR in Eastridge, Number 94, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Mr. BROOKS knows of no reason that Mrs. YELLOW BOY's house would be singled out to be intentionally burned because she does not participate in any politics which would cause any faction in Pine Ridge to be displeased with her.

Interviewed on 5/2/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 44-735

by SAs P. BRYCE CHRISTENSEN and JESSE R. BOLIN / ERC: clo Date dictated 5/4/73

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An examination was made of House Number 7, Northridge, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, by Special Agents P. BRYCE CHRISTENSEN and JESSE R. BOWIE on May 2, 1973, and it appeared the fire started in the living room area of the house since this was the only area where the rafters had been burned. The basement was not touched by flames and the rafters above the rooms other than the living room were either in tact or barely scortched.

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Date of transcription 5/4/73

Mrs. LUCY YELLOW BOY, presently residding at ~~Number 94~~, Mastridge, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, with her daughter, [illegible] LITTLE BRAVE, advised that she was staying at her daughter's house the evening of March 15, 1973. At approximately 1 a.m., March 16, 1973, SOPHIA YELLOW BOY aroused Mrs. YELLOW BOY and advised her that her house was on fire. Mrs. YELLOW BOY, accompanied by ABIGAIL BURNING HAWK, PERLLIS YELLOW BOY BALD EAGLE and BERNADETTE YELLOW BOY, immediately went to Mrs. YELLOW BOY's house and upon arrival discovered that the fire department was putting out the blaze. Mrs. YELLOW BOY advised that she has not been threatened or had any indication given to her either before or after the fire that her house was burned as a result or intentionally for any other reason because of any political activity. Mrs. YELLOW BOY stated she is too old to be active with any of the factions at Pine Ridge.

Mrs. YELLOW BOY speaks very little English and her comments were interpreted by ABIGAIL BURNING HAWK.

Mrs. YELLOW BOY feels confident her house burned down as a result of an accident.

Interviewed on 5/2/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 44-735

by SAs P. [illegible] CHRISTENSEN and JESSE R. RUTH / [illegible] Date dictated 5/4/73

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Date of transcription 5/4/73

Mr. LAWRENCE "OAKIE" CROSS, House Number 25, Northridge, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that in the early evening of March 15, 1973, GARYARD A. GOOD PLUME, BILLY CROW and WILSON YELLOW BOY, LUCY YELLOW BOY's son, held a beer party at LUCY YELLOW BOY's house. Approximately 11 p.m., Mr. CROSS noticed Mr. GOOD PLUME and the two other individuals driving away in Mr. GOOD PLUME's car. Mr. CROSS could not sleep and gazed out his bedroom window and about 15 to 20 minutes after the automobile left, he noticed a dim light flickering through the front window of Mrs. YELLOW BOY's house. Approximately 20 minutes later, he saw the light was becoming increasingly brighter and became alarmed and ran across the street entering Mrs. YELLOW BOY's house through the front door. He noticed that the couch in the living room was completely engulfed in flames. He immediately ran back to his house and telephoned the fire department and police and then awakened his neighbors. Approximately 45 minutes later, the fire department arrived and began putting out the fire. Mr. CROSS advised further that when he first entered Mrs. YELLOW BOY's house, the front window was not broken but he felt that it would be a help to the firefighters and broke the front window after calling the fire department.

Interviewed on 5/2/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 44-135

by SAs P. BRYCE CHRISTENSEN and JESSE R. BOWIE / ERC:smb Date dictated 5/4/73

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Date of transcription 5/5/73

Mr. GARVARD A. GOOD PLUME, presently a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Hot Springs, South Dakota, advised that he, WILSON YELLOW BOY and BILLY CROW were drinking beer the night Mrs. YELLOW BOY's house burned down. He recalls that he and the other two were quite drunk and he feels someone could have left a lighted cigarette on the couch when they departed the house that evening. He advised that he and the other two individuals left Mrs. YELLOW BOY's house after dark and travelled to Gordon, Nebraska, and then returned to the house and noticed that it had been burned and the firefighting equipment was just cleaning up. He is confident that no one intentionally burned down Mrs. YELLOW BOY's house and he himself has been accused of being a member of DICK WILSON's "goon squad."

Interviewed on 5/2/73 at Hot Springs, South Dakota File # MP 44-735

by SA P. BRYCE CHRISTENSEN and SA JESSE R. BOWIE / PBC: cmb Date dictated 5/4/73

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On May 3, 1973, Mr. R. DENNIS ICKES, Attorney, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was apprised of the substance of the interviews in this matter and he requested no additional investigation.

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(Priority)

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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION: 4

From: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (44-NEW) (C)

☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD WILSON, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman; EUGENE ROOKS, Oglala Sioux Tribal Housing Director; THEODORE TIBBETTS, Oglala Sioux Tribal Judge; Alleged Eviction Orders Issued by Oglala Sioux Tribal Court Against Residents of Oglala Sioux Tribal Housing for Opposition to RICHARD WILSON's Administration; UNKNOWN VICTIMS

☒ CR ☐ EL ☐ DIH ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF E
☐ EID ☐ Bomb Threats ☐ Extremist Matters
☐ White Hate ☐ Black

Summary of Complaint:

J. STANLEY POTTINGER, Civil Rights Division, requested by letter dated 4/14/73 that copies of all eviction orders issued by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court or by the appropriate Department of the Interior agency be obtained for the period between 3/15/73 and the present as an allegation had been made that unknown persons were being evicted from tribal housing for opposing the administration of RICHARD WILSON, Oglala Sioux Tribal chairman. Investigation indicated no eviction orders have been issued by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court.

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1 - Minneapolis (44-NEW)
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ACTION: UACB:
☐ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice at Pine Ridge.
☐ FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

20 MAY 18 1973

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Special Agent in Charge

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R. DENNIS ICKES, Departmental Attorney, U. S. Department of Justice, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised on 4/21/73 inasmuch as no eviction orders have been issued no violations exist. No further investigation being conducted in this matter.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 24, 1973

RICHARD WILSON, OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN;
EUGENE ROOKS, OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL HOUSING DIRECTOR;
THEODORE TIBBETTS, OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL JUDGE;
ALLEGED EVICTION ORDERS ISSUED BY OGLALA SIOUX
TRIBAL COURT AGAINST RESIDENTS OF OGLALA SIOUX
TRIBAL HOUSING FOR OPPOSITION TO RICHARD WILSON'S
ADMINISTRATION; UNKNOWN VICTIMS

J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, requested by letter dated April 14, 1973, that copies of all eviction orders issued by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court or by the appropriate Department of Interior agency be obtained for the period between March 15, 1973, and the present as an allegation had been made that Richard Wilson, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, through Eugene Rooks, Oglala Sioux Tribal Housing Director, and Theodore Tibbetts, Oglala Sioux Tribal Judge, was causing eviction orders to be issued evicting unknown persons opposed to his administration from Oglala Sioux tribal housing.

Sidney Witt, Oglala Sioux Tribal Prosecutor, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, advised on April 18, 1973, that he processes all eviction notices requested by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Housing Authority. He stated that no eviction orders have been issued by the Tribal Court since March 15, 1973, and that he could not recall any person having been evicted in the past three or four years. He advised it was his understanding that the Housing Authority was planning eviction orders against several individuals at the time of the Wounded Knee takeover but that these requests had not been made as yet due to the turmoil created by the takeover.

Mrs. Wynema Janis, Secretary of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Housing Authority, Pine Ridge, advised on April 19, 1973, that the last person to be evicted by the Tribal Housing Authority was Ethel Rodriquez on December 31, 1972, when she moved to Kyle on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation where she has been residing in a house owned by the American Legion. At the time of her eviction, she was $435.08 in arrears in rental payments and the apartment had been considerably damaged.

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On February 6, 1973, Ethel made a payment of $200 and on April 12, 1973, she made a $261.08 payment to liquidate her debt even though she had vacated the apartment in December, 1972. Mrs. Janis advised she believes Ethel Rodriquez wished to obtain a housing authority apartment in Kyle and in order to do so would have had to clear her past rental debt. She stated whether or not Ethel Rodriquez receives another low rent apartment depends on the review of her application by the local Kyle screening board which is composed of local Kyle residents appointed by the local Kyle District Council.

Mrs. Janis advised the housing authority is currently in the process of obtaining eviction orders through the Tribal Court against the following individuals who had been mailed eviction notices on the dates indicated, inasmuch as they were in rental arrears in the amounts of money indicated and as yet, had not appeared at the housing office to make arrangements for a mutual agreement or future payments:

Duane Bordeaux
January 30, 1973
$330 (has since moved out on own volition)

James Little
February 2, 1973
$715.15

Thelma Bettelyours
July 27, 1972
$397.95

George Twiss
June 2, 1972
$288

Pauline Clifford
January 30, 1973
$799.23

Adolph Hollow Horn
March 2, 1971
$422.86

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:

From: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (44-696) - C - [X] CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION [ ] GENERAL INVEST. DIV. [ ] DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD WILSON
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN;
OTHER UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
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[X] CR [ ] EL [ ] DIH [ ] CRA-64 [ ] PA [ ] PE [ ] PF

[ ] EID [ ] Bomb Threats [ ] Extremist Matters [ ] White Hate [ ] Black

Summary of Complaint:

CARLTON STOIBER, Departmental Attorney, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that PEDRO BISSONETTE, American Indian Movement leader, had, during negotiations at Wounded Knee, furnished the names of eight people in the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, who could give leads to specific instances of police harassment, intimidation and brutality.

Eight persons interviewed and furnished specific allegations as indicated above which were investigated under separate captions. Departmental Attorney DENNIS ICKES advised 4/29/73 that no further investigation is desired.

REC-5 44-696-24

ACTION: UACB:

[X] No further action being taken and

[X] LHM enclosed [ ] Copy furnished to USA Sioux Falls, S.D. and Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, DJ, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

[ ] FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)

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Pine Ridge, [illegible]

April 30, 197

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RICHARD WILSON
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN;
OTHER UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of a memorandum from Carlton Stoiber, Departmental Attorney, United States District Court, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, dated March 30, 1973. Stoiber indicated that Pedro Bissonett, a leader of the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, furnished the following names of persons, members and/or officials of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, who could give specific instances of police harassment, intimidation, and brutality:

Harry Steele
Hobart Keith
Richard Little
Virgil Kills Straight
Delores Swift Bird
Mario Gonzales
Bill Mathison
Gary Thomas

All of the above persons were interviewed during March and April, 1973, and furnished names of several alleged victims of police harassment, intimidation, or brutality. In each instance a separate investigation was instituted and the victims interviewed and signed statements were obtained concerning the allegations.

On April 29, 1973, Departmental Attorney Dennis Ickes advised that no further investigation was necessary in this matter, inasmuch as, separate investigations had been instituted as a result of the allegations of the above members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

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FBI

Date: 6/12/74

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (44-840) (C)

SUBJECT: RICHARD WILSON, ET AL
HOBART KEITH, ET AL - VICTIMS
DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL ~~PROTECTION~~
CR

Re Minneapolis report of SA DEAN HOWARD HUGHES, 4/2/74; and Bureau nitel to Minneapolis, 5/31/74.

On 6/5/74, Special Agents EDWARD A. SKELLY, JR. and CHARLES S. RESCHICK, in the presence of U. S. Deputy Marshal BRUCE JACOBS; JOHN K. MC DONALD, Departmental Attorney, U. S. Justice Department; and ROBERT T. COULTER, United States Commission on Civil Rights, were allowed to make copies of the following documents pertaining to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election, Pine Ridge, South Dakota:

Copy of Official Voters List for each precinct on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Copy of Supply List for each precinct.

Copy of Registration List for each of 23 precincts.

These documents, per court order, were under the custody and control of the U. S. Marshal, Rapid City, South Dakota, and were made available at the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Federal Building, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Upon the completion of the copying of these documents, SAs SKELLY and RESCHICK turned over all copies of these documents to JOHN K. MC DONALD, U. S. Departmental Attorney, Justice Department and MC DONALD took the copies of these documents with him.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 6/17/74

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: RICHARD WILSON, ET AL
HOBART KEITH, ET AL - VICTIMS
DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL PROTECTION
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated 5/30/74 (your file JSP:CRS:JMcD:vek). DJ 144-69-193

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____ dated _____ at _____.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. XX(The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc.

Note: A review of our files reveals all requested investigation has been completed.

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5/31/74

To: SAC, Minneapolis

From: Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. McDonough

RICHARD WILSON, ET AL.
HOBART KEITH, ET AL. -
VICTIMS
DUE PROCESS AND
EQUAL PROTECTION
CIVIL RIGHTS

EX-105

Enclosed is one copy of Departmental letter dated 5/30/74.

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Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: MAY 30 1974

JSP:CRS:JMcD:vek
DJ 144-69-193

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Richard Wilson, David Brewer, and
Unknown Subjects, Election Officials,
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation
Pine Ridge (Shannon County), South Dakota;
Hobart Keith, Sarah Thunder Hawk,
Irma Bear Stops, Myrtle Johnson,
Bernice White Hawk, Sophie Poorbear,
Richard Little, James Charging Crow,
and Unknown - Victims
Due Process and Equal Protection
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 13, 1974 captioned as above. A report by Special Agent Dean Howard Hughes, dated April 2, 1974 indicated that certain requested election materials were unobtainable. Those required materials were impounded by order of Federal District Court Judge Andrew Bogue.

On May 30, 1974 Harvey C. Jewett, Law Clerk to Judge Bogue, telephonically contacted a Departmental Attorney to advise that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be allowed to copy the impounded materials on June 5-6, 1974.

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Because a copy of these materials is necessary to determine if there are violations of 18 U.S.C. 242, please have two agents with one Recordak camera meet Departmental Attorney, John K. McDonald, at 9:00 A.M., June 5, 1974 at the U.S. Marshal's Office in Rapid City, South Dakota. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 1,000 documents all of which are approximately 8 1/2" x 11" in size.

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MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	4/2/74	3/25/74 - 4/1/74

TITLE OF CASE
"CHANGED"
RICHARD WILSON;
DAVID OLIVER BREWER;
FRANK JOSEPH CRAZY THUNDER;
JAMES CHARGING CROW;
BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW;

(TITLE CONTINUED ON COVER PAGE B)

REPORT MADE BY: DEAN HOWARD HUGHES

TYPED BY: klk

CHARACTER OF CASE: CR

Title is marked changed to indicate additional subjects.

REFERENCE

Bureau airtel to Minneapolis, March 15, 1974.

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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of Pine Ridge Reservation Election Ordinances and Sample Ballot.

ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons contacted on this matter were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the United States Department of Justice.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED _____ SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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RICHARD LITTLE - VICTIM
JAMES CHARGING CROW - VICTIM;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS

As reflected in details of instant report, copies of all items requested in Departmental letter dated March 13, 1974, could not be obtained as investigation revealed these items have been previously seized by individuals who identified themselves as employees for the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: DEAN HOWARD HUGHES
Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: April 2, 1974

Field Office File #: 44-840
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Title: RICHARD WILSON;
DAVID OLIVER BREWER;
FRANK JOSEPH CRAZY THUNDER;
JAMES CHARGING CROW;
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UNKNOWN VICTIMS

CHARACTER: CIVIL RIGHTS

SYNOPSIS: On 3/25/74, DELMER K. EASTMAN, Agency Special Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised no formal complaints have been filed with his department concerning the recent Tribal election. DAVE BREWER, Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board member, interviewed 3/25/74, and 3/26/74, and furnished copy of Tribal election ordinances and a copy of sample ballot.

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FRANK JOSEPH CRAZY THUNDER added as subject, interviewed 3/26/74, furnished information on delivering ballots. JAMES CHARGING CROW, added as subject, interviewed 3/26/74, furnished information regarding his duties as Election Judge of Eagle Nest District. BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW, added as subject, interviewed 3/26/74, and furnished information regarding his duties as Election Judge of Potato Creek District. CHARITY SHOT WITH ARROW, added as subject, interviewed 3/26/74, and furnished information regarding her duties as Election Clerk at Potato Creek District. AGNES BLACK ELK, added as subject, interviewed and furnished information regarding her duties as Election Judge, Manderson District. EDISO WARD, added as subject, was interviewed 3/26/74, and furnished information regarding his duties as Election Judge of La Creek District. SETH GODFREY RUFF, added as subject, interviewed 3/26/74, furnished information regarding his duties as Election Judge Pass Creek District. VIENNA TWO TWO, added as subject, was contacted 3/26/74, refused to discuss her duties as Election Judge Pine Ridge District. HOBART LEE, added as subject, interviewed 3/26/74, furnished information on Pine Ridge District. HENRY CROW, added as subject, interviewed 3/27/74, furnished information regarding his duties as Election Judge of Our Lady of the Sioux District. JOSEPH FRANCIS TWO CROW, added as subject, interviewed 3/27/74, furnished information regarding his duties as Election Judge at Kyle Village. DORA FAST WOLF, added as subject, was interviewed 3/27/74, and furnished information regarding her duties as Election Judge at Red Shirt Table District. FRANK BETTELYOUN interviewed 3/27/74, and advised he is 21 years of age and voted at Martin, South Dakota. ALICE N. STOMLEY, Clerk, Probate and Census, BIA, furnished information on several individuals. On 4/1/74, AUSA EDWARD CARPENTER, Rapid City, South Dakota, advised all investigation complete and withholding his opinion regarding merits of prosecution pending review of this report.

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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed for the United States Attorney is one copy each of Pine Ridge Reservation Election Ordinances and Sample Ballot.

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The following is the result of a limited investigation.

DETAILS

Investigation concerning this matter was instituted upon receipt of a letter dated March 13, 1974, from J. STANLEY POTTINGER, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, advising that allegations have been made that could, if substantiated, constitute violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 241, 242, and 371 by denying rights guaranteed by Title 25, United States Code, Section 1302.

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DELMER K. EASTMAN, Agency Special Officer, Pine Ridge Police Department, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, upon interview advised that his office has never received any formal complaints concerning the recent Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Tribal Election. He advised that any such complaints would have been filed with the Board of Elections who oversees the elections on the reservation.

EASTMAN advised that the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee and members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) did on the day of the election turn over to the Board of Elections a list of names which they designated as "Poll Watcher". The Board of Elections did not approve all the names submitted; however, did approve some of the names and these people went to the various polls on the reservation to oversee the election. EASTMAN advised that DAVE BREWER, a member of the Board of Elections, might have the information pertaining to this list and any complaints that may have been made concerning the election.

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by SA RONALD R. GROVE and SA DONALD G. WILEY DGW:klk Date dictated 3/29/74

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Name	Enrollment Number	Last Known Address
SANDRA LOOKS TWICE SARAH SANDRA LOOKS TWICE	NO RECORD OF THIS NAME; HOWEVER, HAVE A: U-18579	639 Paha Sapa Rapid City, South Dakota
HERBERT L. SWALLOW	U-15582	Manderson, South Dakota
BARBARA L. SWALLOW nee DULL KNIFE	U-17822	Rapid City, South Dakota
MARY BLOSSOM GRAHAM	U-13416	Denby, South Dakota
FRANCIS A. GRAHAM	U-9616	Martin, South Dakota
JOHN WALTER CUMMINGS	U-19551	Martin, South Dakota
ELSIE WOOD	(CANNOT IDENTIFY ON TRIBAL RECORDS)	
ALVIN IRON CLOUD	U-21774	Porcupine, South Dakota
JAMES RED WING, also known as LAWRENCE RED WING	AL-7493	White Clay, Nebraska, or Pine Ridge, South Dakota
MENDOTA SALWAY STOHM	U-10363	Sidney, Nebraska

STOMLEY advised that some of the listed addresses appear to be off Pine Ridge Indian Reservation but are only mailing addresses of the closest town with a United States Post Office. She advised the addresses reflected above are only the last known addresses and she has no reference to the date in which these individuals resided at that address.

STOMLEY advised those individuals above who have not been identified through her records could be as a result of a marriage or the use of a name other than the original Indian family name. She said it is a fairly common practice of Indians to shorten their last names and therefore make it impossible to identify against her records without benefit of the full given name.

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DAVID OLIVER BREWER was contacted at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He was advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and of the nature of the inquiry. He was advised of his rights by Special Agent HUGHES as these rights are listed on form entitled Interrogation/Advice of Rights and he signed this form.

He advised that during the Oglala Sioux Tribal election, Pine Ridge Reservation, he served as an election official in that he was a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board. He advised that an eligible voters list was maintained and utilized in this election and that names for this eligible voters list were obtained from the Oglala Sioux Tribal Census Roll. He advised that the eligible voters list from the previous election is utilized as an aid in establishing whether or not an individual has resided on the reservation for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the election.

BREWER furnished a copy of the Oglala Sioux Tribal election ordinances. He advised that the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board had recently been visited by individuals from the United States Commission on Civil Rights and a large amount of the records of the Election Board had been given to these civil rights investigators and the civil rights investigators had not given any receipt for this material. He advised that among those items given the civil rights investigators was all copies of any court orders pertaining to the election and all copies of the official eligible voters list. He advised that the number of eligible voters in each district and number actually voting by district in both the primary and general election were as follows:

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	Voters	Eligible	Election	Election
PINE RIDGE VIL'	1,189	1,189	700	842
WAKPAMNI DISTRICT:	529		321	376
Red Cloud Community		61	46	41
Slim Buttes		43	19	39
Wolf Creek		71	36	47
Batesland		90	51	50
Wakpamni Lake		58	37	45
No. 4 Day School		61	38	40
Calico Community		94	94	114
WHITE CLAY DISTRICT:	551		295	304
Our Lady of the Sioux		411	210	208
No. 6 Day School		89	43	52
Red Shirt Table		51	42	44
EAGLE NEST DISTRICT:	336	336	235	261
PASS CREEK:	281	281	147	184
LA CREEK:	353	353	199	244
MEDICINE ROOT DISTRICT:	566	566	331	404
Kyle	466	466	266	321
Potato Creek	100	100	65	83
PORCUPINE DISTRICT:	370	370	223	263
No. 16 Day School			159	184
Sharps Corner			64	79
WOUNDED KNEE DISTRICT:	590	590	335	387
No. 7 Day School		176	97	109
No. 9 Day School		210	157	170
No. 10 Day School		133	58	82
No. 12 Day School		71	23	26
COHEN. HOSPITAL:			54	33
TOTALS:	4,765	4,765	2,840	3,298

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He advised that absentee ballots were not utilized in the election and that to the best of his knowledge, none of these votes were the result of absentee ballots.

He advised that to the best of his knowledge, there were no challenges to names appearing on the eligible voters list. He advised that if a challenge was made to an individual on the eligible voters list, the records of the Census Bureau, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, would be checked to see if this individual was an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and had resided on the Pine Ridge Reservation for at least one year.

He advised that in the primary election he did not recall any candidates or their representatives reviewing the eligible voters list. He stated that in the general election, MARIO GONZALES, who was running for Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, requested to check the registrations of all individuals that voted so copies were made for MARIO GONZALES. He advised that to the best of his knowledge, there were no challenges made to have eligibles added to or ineligibles deleted from the eligible voters list. He stated that he does not recall that the eligible voters list was maintained for review by interested persons prior to the primary and general elections.

He advised that no specific training was given to precinct voting officials on how to conduct the election; however, they were instructed to read the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Ordinances. He advised there were no written instructions issued to election officials concerning how the election should be conducted but that as a general rule the individuals utilized in the various districts were people who had lived in these districts for many years, knew most of the individuals in their precincts personally, and knew what they were doing as they had served in this capacity in previous elections.

He advised that he made the following delivery of ballots to districts on February 6, 1974:

In the morning he delivered ballots to the Wakpamni District at Wolf Creek and delivered these ballots to FRANK BLACK FEATHER in Wolf Creek Village. He advised this was at approximately 8:00 a.m.

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He then went and delivered ballots to Wakpamni Lake at approximately 8:30 a.m. and delivered these ballots to AMELIA YELLOW THUNDER.

He then went and delivered ballots to Batesland, South Dakota, and delivered them to VICTOR REYNOLDS at Batesland Housing at approximately 9:00 a.m.

He then went to the Pass Creek District at Allen, South Dakota, and delivered ballots to Election Judge SETH RUFF at approximately 9:30 a.m.

He then traveled to the La Creek District, Martin, South Dakota, and delivered ballots to EDISON WARD, Martin, South Dakota, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

He then went to the Eagle Nest District, Wanblee, South Dakota, and delivered ballots to JAMES CHARGING CROW in Wanblee at approximately 11:00 a.m.

He then traveled to Potato Creek, South Dakota, to deliver ballots to Potato Creek Election Judge BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW but BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW was not at home to receive it. A woman and her husband, relatives of BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW, came from across the street and said they would receive the ballots for BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW and they signed a receipt for the ballots at approximately 12:30 p.m.

He then went to Kyle, South Dakota, and delivered ballots to FRANCIS TWO CROW, Kyle, South Dakota, at approximately 1:30 p.m.

He then traveled to Porcupine, South Dakota, and delivered ballots to Election Judge Mrs. CARRIE TWISS at approximately 2:30 p.m.

He then delivered ballots to the Reverend FRANCIS APPLE, Porcupine, South Dakota, at approximately 2:45 p.m.

On February 7, 1974, at approximately 8:30 a.m. he delivered ballots to the Pine Ridge District, Billy Mills Hall, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and gave these ballots to HOBART LEE, Pine Ridge District Election Judge.

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BREWER advised that the aforementioned individuals do not have specific address numbers as individuals in big cities but due to the small size of the aforementioned communities and everybody knowing everybody, no specific addresses are needed to locate individuals.

BREWER advised that all voted ballots were picked up on February 7, 1974, except for the ballots in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, which ballots took all day and evening of February 7, 1974, to count. He advised the voted ballots in Red Shirt Table were not picked up until February 11, 1974, because of the isolated location of the Red Shirt Table District and the impassable roads leading into the Red Shirt Table District on election day.

He advised that on February 8, 1974, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Pine Ridge District Election Clerk HOBART LEE and HARRY STEELE delivered the Pine Ridge voted ballots to the Election Board members. He advised the Pine Ridge Election Board members are as follows:

DAVID BREWER - residence Eastridge Housing
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

FRANK CRAZY THUNDER - residence Pine Ridge, South Dakota

MOSES TWO BULLS - residence Oglala, South Dakota

He advised that the aforementioned members of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board received the voted ballots at the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board Headquarters, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He advised that each election district had an Election Judge and after all ballots were cast in each district, the Election Judge, accompanied by two policemen from the BIA, delivered the voted ballots to the three members of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board. He advised that after all ballots had been cast in an election precinct, the Election Judge of that precinct had the responsibility of padlocking the ballot box and dropping the key into the ballot box.

He advised that all voted ballots in all districts were delivered to the three Election Board members in the evening of February 7, 1974, with the exception of the Pine Ridge District and the Red Shirt Table District. He advised the Pine Ridge District ballots were delivered on the morning of February 8, 1974, at approximately 8:00 a.m. by HOBART LEE and these ballots were delivered to him. He advised the Red Shirt Table voted ballots were delivered on February 11, 1974.

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He advised that in the evening of February 7, 1974, the following individuals, who were Election Judges in their respective districts, delivered the voted ballots to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board, Pine Ridge, South Dakota:

Pass Creek
Election Judge SETH RUFF
Allen, South Dakota

Kyle Village
Election Judge FRANCIS TWO CROW
Kyle, South Dakota

Potato Creek
Election Judge BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW
Potato Creek, South Dakota

Our Lady of the Sioux
Election Judge HENRY CROW, JR.
Oglala, South Dakota

Number Six Community
Election Judge LEVI GOOD VOICE FLUTE
Fifteen miles north of Oglala, South Dakota

Wolf Creek
Election Judge FRANK BLACK FEATHER
Wolf Creek Village, South Dakota

Wakpamni Lake
Election Judge AMELIA YELLOW THUNDER
Wakpamni Lake, South Dakota

Batesland
Election Judge VICTOR REYNOLDS
Batesland, South Dakota

Calico
Election Judge ROBERT POOR BEAR
Calico, South Dakota

La Creek District
Election Judge EDISON WARD
Martin Housing, Martin, South Dakota

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Eagle Nest District
Election Judge JAMES CHARGING CROW
Wanblee, South Dakota

Sharps Corner
Election Judge CARRIE TWISS
Sharps Corner, South Dakota

Number Sixteen Day School
Election Judge Reverend FRANCIS APPLE
Porcupine, South Dakota

Number Seven Wounded Knee
Election Judge BILL LESSERT
Wounded Knee Housing, Wounded Knee, South Dakota

Number Ten Manderson
Election Judge EDISON FIRE THUNDER
Manderson, South Dakota

Number Nine Manderson
Election Judge AGNES BLACK ELK
Manderson, South Dakota

Number Twelve Manderson
Election Judge ELLEN STEELE
Ten miles north of Manderson, South Dakota

Number Four Community
Election Judge IVA TOBACCO
Six miles north of Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Red Cloud Community
Election Judge BURGESS RED CLOUD
Red Cloud, South Dakota

Slim Buttes
Election Judge JOE ROAN EAGLE
Slim Buttes, South Dakota

BREWER advised that regarding security and control of ballots prior to, during, and after election the following procedures applied:

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The ballots were delivered to the Election Judges in their respective districts. Each ballot box contained an inventory list detailing the contents of the ballot box and the amount of ballots in this ballot box. The ballot box was under the direct supervision of the Election Judges in the different precincts. At the end of the voting in each district the Election Judge in each precinct was responsible for padlocking the ballot box, dropping the key to the padlock into the ballot box, and then, accompanied by two policemen from the BIA, delivering the ballot box to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Once the ballot box was at the Election Board Headquarters, it was under the supervision of the members of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board.

No candidate for office was allowed to be in physical possession of official ballot boxes or in the immediate vicinity of the ballot box after they had been returned to the Election Board Headquarters with the following exception:

The Election Board Headquarters were located in the Oglala Sioux Tribal building in the basement. RICHARD WILSON, candidate for Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, had his office in the upstairs of this Oglala Sioux Tribal building. Candidate WILSON was never in the immediate vicinity of the ballot boxes and had no physical possession of any ballot boxes.

BREWER advised that the individuals from the United States Commission on Civil Rights obtained any extra copies of sample ballots that he had available; however, he furnished a copy of a sample ballot which had been used for a tally sheet. He advised that no absentee ballot of any kind were used in the election and no special ballots of any kind were utilized.

BREWER advised that the following procedures were used at the polls to process voters during the election and to insure that only those eligible were allowed to vote. Each election precinct had an eligible voters list indicating individuals in that precinct who were eligible to vote. When voters came to the polls they were to sign a signature roster, then their name was checked against the eligible voters list. If the individual's signature was on the eligible voters list, he was allowed to vote. If the individual's name was not on the eligible voters list, the individual was allowed to vote providing the voter signed an affidavit stating he was an Indian, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and a resident

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of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for at least one year. He advised that numbered ballots were not used as a means to account for all ballots issued. He advised that each ballot box contained an inventory sheet detailing the number of ballots in the ballot box. He advised that people voting were not requested to show some identification to verify their identity because the Election Judges, as long-time residents of their respective districts, knew most of the voters.

He advised that no absentee ballots of any kind were utilized in this election. He stated he does not remember any request being made in writing for absentee ballots.

He advised that to the best of his knowledge, Election officials did not receive any absentee ballots in any form, sealed, unsealed, or otherwise.

He stated that in some cases ballots were taken to individuals in various districts by election officials in order to allow these individuals to vote if these individuals were crippled or otherwise unable to get out and vote. He advised that these ballots were not considered absentee ballots in that after the person voted, this ballot was returned to the respective precinct by the election official who took the ballot to the voter. He advised that BENNIE "TOTE" RICHARDS is not an election official and to the best of his knowledge, blank ballots were not given to BENNIE RICHARDS. He advised BENNIE "TOTE" RICHARDS did not turn any ballots into the Election Board at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He advised that BENNIE RICHARDS at one time brought a tally sheet to the Pine Ridge Election Board.

He advised that candidates for office were allowed to vote for themselves.

He advised the following individuals were the election officials during the election:

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD

DAVID BREWER
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

MOSES TWO BULLS
Oglala, South Dakota

FRANK CRAZY THUNDER
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

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JUDGES AND CLERKS AT EACH POLLING PLACE, GENERAL ELECTION

PINE RIDGE VILLAGE

Judge: VIENNA TWO TWO - Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Clerks: HARRY STEELE - Pine Ridge, South Dakota
HOBERT LEE - Pine Ridge, South Dakota
BILL SWICK - Pine Ridge, South Dakota

PASS CREEK

Judge: SETH RUFF - Allen, South Dakota
Clerk: VERN TALLMAN - Allen, South Dakota

MEDICINE ROOT DISTRICT

Kyle Village:
Judge: FRANCIS TWO CROW - Kyle, South Dakota
Clerk: MILLIE RED OWL - Kyle, South Dakota

Potato Creek:
Judge: BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW - Potato Creek, South Dakota
Clerk: CHARITY SHOT WITH ARROW - Potato Creek, South Dakota

WHITE CLAY DISTRICT

Our Lady of the Sioux:
Judge: HENRY CROW JR. - Oglala, South Dakota
Clerk: TALBERT LOOKING ELK - Oglala, South Dakota

Number Six Community: (Fifteen miles north of Oglala, South Dakota)
Judge: LEVI GOOD VOICE FLUTE - Number Six Community
Clerk: JAKE POOR ELK - Number Six Community

Red Shirt Table:
Judge: DORA FAST WOLF - Red Shirt Village, South Dakota
Clerk: LIZZIE SWALLOW - Red Shirt Village, South Dakota

WAKPAMNI DISTRICT

Wolf Creek:
Judge: FRANK BLACK FEATHER - Wolf Creek Village, South Dakot
Clerk: EVANGELINE TAIL - Wolf Creek Village, South Dako

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Wakpamni Lake:
Judge: AMELIA YELLOW THUNDER - Wakpamni Lake, South Dakota
Clerk: ROBERT FRAZIER - Wakpamni Lake, South Dakota

Batesland:
Judge: VICTOR REYNOLDS - Batesland Housing, South Dakot
Clerk: GERALDINE RED OWL - Batesland Housing, South Dakota

Calico:
Judge: ROBERT POOR BEAR - Calico, South Dakota
Clerk: HERMAN LITTLE HAWK - Calico, South Dakota

LA CREEK DISTRICT
Judge: EDISON WARD - Martin Housing, South Dakota
Clerk: VERNA LARVIE - Martin Housing, South Dakota

EAGLE NEST DISTRICT
Judge: JAMES CHARGING CROW - Wanblee, South Dakota
Clerk: RICHARD LEROY BETTELYOUN - Wanblee, South Dakota

PORCUPINE DISTRICT

Sharps Corner:
Judge: CARRIE TWISS - Sharps Corner, South Dakota
Clerk: DAVID POURIER - Sharps Corner, South Dakota

Number Sixteen Day School:
Judge: Reverend FRANCIS APPLE - Porcupine, South Dakota
Clerk: RUTH WESTON - Porcupine, South Dakota

WOUNDED KNEE DISTRICT

Number Seven Wounded Knee:
Judge: BILL LESSERT - Wounded Knee Housing, South Dakot
Clerk: WILSON LITTLE MOON - Wounded Knee Housing, South Dakot

Number Ten Manderson:
Judge: EDISON FIRE THUNDER - Manderson, South Dakota
Clerk: MAURICE AFRAID OF HAWK - Manderson, South Dakota

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Number Nine Manderson:
Judge: AGNES BLACK ELK - Manderson, South Dakota
Clerk: LAWRENCE HOLLOW HORN - Manderson, South Dakota

Number Twelve Manderson: (Ten miles north of Manderson)
Judge: ELLEN STEELE - Number twelve Manderson
Clerk: GEORGIANA TEMPLE - Number twelve Manderson

WAKPAMNI DISTRICT CONTINUED

Number Four Community: (Six miles north of Pine Ridge)
Judge: IVA TOBACCO - Number Four Community
Clerk: NELLIE RED OWL - Number Four Community

Red Cloud Community:
Judge: BURGESS RED CLOUD - Red Cloud, South Dakota
Clerk: BILL RED CLOUD - Red Cloud, South Dakota

Slim Buttes:
Judge: JOE ROAN EAGLE - Slim Buttes, South Dakota
Clerk: PAUL LITTLE SPOTTED HORSE - Slim Buttes, South Dakota

BREWER advised that members of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board were selected as follows:

Candidates were nominated and voted on until five individuals were left, the three individuals with the highest number of votes were members of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board. He advised that the duties of the Election Board were as follows:

To conduct the election, to oversee nominating petitions, to prepare the eligible voters list, to arrange for ballots to be distributed to the various districts, and to insure a fair election.

He advised the duties of the election judges and clerks of each district were to insure the fairness of the election in their district, to insure the security of the voted ballots, and to insure that the election was run in a smooth manner. He advised that the precinct judges and clerks of each district were selected by the district council of each district. He advised the judges and clerks were paid $12 per day and fifteen cents per mile during the course of the election. He advised members

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of the Election Board were paid $2.50 per hour. He advised that election officials take no oath of office.

BREWER advised that a challenge to the results of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election on February 7, 1974, has been filed but that the United States Commission on Civil Rights has all the records to this challenge and all the copies. BREWER is described as follows:

Name	DAVID OLIVER BREWER
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Date of birth	March 8, 1916
Place of birth	Batesland, South Dakota
Height	Five feet ten inches
Weight	250 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

The interview at this time was terminated because of the late hour of the day and the unavailability of records which were locked up due to the late hour of the day. BREWER advised he would meet the Agents the next morning where he would attempt to obtain copies of needed records.

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On March 26, 1974, DAVID BREWER was recontacted and advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and of the nature of the inquiry. BREWER was again advised of his Constitutional Rights by Special Agent HUGHES as listed on form entitled Interrogation/Advice of Rights and he signed this form.

BREWER advised that the United States Commission on Civil Rights had taken most of the records of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board and had not given a receipt for these records. He advised he could not recall the names of the individuals from the United States Commission on Civil Rights and did not know where they were located, as he had tried to locate these individuals in an effort to ascertain just what records this Commission had taken.

He also advised that the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board had voted ballots and other records pertaining to the election in the custody of United States Marshals, Rapid City, South Dakota, per court order of United States Judge ANDREW BOGUE, Rapid City, South Dakota. BREWER was able to furnish copies of the following documents:

A copy of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Ordinances

A copy of a sample ballot, which ballot has been used as a tally sheet. This ballot is yellow in color.

BREWER advised that to the best of his knowledge, individuals from the United States Commission on Civil Rights had in their possession all copies of the following documents:

Eligible voters list
Court orders pertaining to the election
Copies of challenges to the election
Copy of decisions of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board

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by SA RONALD E. BRUGGER and SA DEAN HOWARD HUGHES DHH:klk Date dictated 3/29/74

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FRANK JOSEPH CRAZY THUNDER was contacted at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. FRANK JOSEPH CRAZY THUNDER was advised of his Constitutional rights as listed on form entitled Interrogation/Advice of Rights. He was advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and of the nature of the inquiry and subsequently furnished the following information:

He was a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board from January 18, 1974, until the present time. He obtained this job by selection from the Executive Committee of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Counsel, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

On February 5, 1974, prior to the election between RUSSELL MEANS and RICHARD WILSON for the Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, he delivered from the Election Board ballots to the following locations:

At approximately 9:00 a.m., he took ballots to Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and delivered them to clerk WILSON LITTLE MOON at LITTLE MOON's residence in Wounded Knee.

He went from Wounded Knee and at approximately 9:30 a.m., delivered ballots to AGNES BLACK ELK at Manderson, South Dakota.

He then went at approximately 10:00 a.m., and delivered ballots to District Number Ten, Manderson, South Dakota, and delivered these ballots to MORRIS AFRAID OF HAWK, Manderson, South Dakota.

He then delivered ballots to ELLEN STEELE, District Number Twelve, Manderson, South Dakota, at approximately 11:00 a.m.

He then went to Wakpamni Lake District and delivered ballots to AMELIA YELLOW THUNDER at Wakpamni Lake at approximately 1:00 p.m.

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He then went to the Red Cloud Community District at approximately 1:30 p.m., Red Cloud, South Dakota, and delivered ballots to BURGESS RED CLOUD and BILL RED CLOUD.

He then, at approximately 2:30 p.m., delivered ballots to Calico, South Dakota, and delivered them to HERMAN LITTLE HAWK, Calico, South Dakota.

Then, at approximately 3:00 p.m., he went to the Number Four Community, Wakpamni, South Dakota, and delivered ballots to IVA TOBACCO.

Then, at approximately 3:30 p.m., he went to Our Lady of the Sioux District, Oglala, South Dakota, and delivered ballots to HENRY CROW, Oglala, South Dakota.

The above districts were the only districts he delivered ballots to during this election. He did not bring any voted ballots into the Election Board after the election as the ballots from each district were brought into the Pine Ridge Election Board by each District Judge accompanied by police from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

CRAZY THUNDER then advised there was one exception to the aforementioned and it was as follows:

The Red Shirt Table District is in an isolated area in the northern most part of the Pine Ridge Reservation reached only by a dirt road which was in a muddy and impassable condition during the time of the election and they were not able to bring the voted ballots in from this district immediately after the election on February 7, 1974. He advised the voted ballots were counted at this district and telephonically sent into the Pine Ridge Election Board.

On February 11, 1974, he and his brother-in-law, WALDRON ROCK, went to the Red Shirt Table District to obtain the voted ballots. He obtained the voted ballots from the Red Shirt Table District Election Judge, DORA FAST WOLF, Red Shirt Table, South Dakota. These voted ballots were in the wooden sealed box, padlocked, with the padlock key dropped into the box.

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CRAZY THUNDER advised he received no specific training for his job as an election official but was required to read the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Ordinances, and was required to read the Oglala Sioux Tribal Constitution.

He advised he had no idea if any blank ballots were given to BENNIE "TOTE" RICHARDS and did not know if RICHARDS turned in any ballots at the Pine Ridge Election Board.

He advised he did not take an oath of office as an election official and received the following payment as an election official:

$2.50 per hour plus mileage of fifteen cents per mile for delivering ballots.

CRAZY THUNDER advised he did not wish to furnish a signed statement on the above information at the present time.

CRAZY THUNDER is described as follows:

Name	FRANK JOSEPH CRAZY THUNDER
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 19, 1932
Place of Birth	Manderson, South Dakota
Residence	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	Five feet nine inches
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Maintenance Man, Plant and Management Section, BIA, Pine Ridge, South Dakota (retired from United States Army)

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JAMES CHARGING CROW was contacted at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and was advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and of the nature of the inquiry. CHARGING CROW was advised of his Constitutional rights as listed on form entitled Interrogation/Advice of Rights and he signed this form and subsequently furnished the following information:

In the recent Oglala Sioux Tribal election, Pine Ridge Reservation, he served as an Election Judge for the Eagle Nest District, Wanblee, South Dakota.

He advised that the election polls for this election were located at the Wanblee Day School, Wanblee, South Dakota, and that the following procedures were followed in regard to this election.

He had an eligible voters list for the Eagle Nest District which was sent to him from the Pine Ridge Election Board which list listed the eligible voters in the Eagle Nest District. On election day, February 7, 1974, an individual would come in to vote and if his name was on the eligible voters list, he was allowed to vote. If the individual's name was not on the eligible voters list, the individual was allowed to vote if he signed an affidavit stating he was an Indian, twenty-one years of age, and resided in the Eagle Nest District. He advised about fifty individuals signed affidavits at the Eagle Nest District. He advised he did not recall if a signature roster was utilized to keep track of who had voted.

CRAZY THUNDER indicated that the ballots were not numbered and the following procedure was utilized to keep track of the ballots:

When the ballots were delivered to the Eagle Nest District, there was an inventory list accompanying the ballot box listing everything in the ballot box, including how many ballots were in this box.

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After everyone had voted and the voted ballots were in the ballot box, he padlocked the ballot box and dropped the key into the ballot box. Then, he and two Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) policemen, VIRGIL RANDALL and ADOLPH BULL BEAR, took the voted ballots to the Pine Ridge Election Board, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and delivered them to Election Board member, DAVE BREWER.

He advised that the voters were not required to show any identification at the time of voting and that he knew personally most of the voters.

He advised no absentee ballots were issued or utilized in any fashion and he received no requests for absentee ballots.

He advised that SARAH THUNDER HAWK from Porcupine, South Dakota, was present at the polls during the election as a poll watcher, but he did not know which candidate she represented.

He advised no person was prevented from being a poll watcher.

He advised the following individuals voted in the Eagle Nest District during the election:

1. NORMAN AMIETTE
2. THELMA GOODMAN
3. DELORES WINTERS SHRADER
4. FERN LIVERMONT JORGENSON
5. MOLLY RED ELK PENNY
6. MARY GROPPER
7. ELLIS PEARL WILLIAMS
8. WARD WILLIAMS
9. LUCILLE PACK BRANCH
10. MARGRAT JENKINS
11. PEGGY ROUPE

CRAZY THUNDER advised that some of the above listed individuals were on the eligible voters list, that he knew all of the above individuals personally, and that they all live in the Eagle Nest District. He advised he had no reason to think that the above individuals were not eligible voters.

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He advised he had one person come to the polls who he did not think was an eligible voter and that this person was TOM TERKIEDENSON from Kadoka, South Dakota.

He advised that to the best of his knowledge, no non-Indian people voted at the election. CHARGING CROW is described as follows:

Name	JAMES CHARGING CROW
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	August 16, 1927
Place of Birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	Five feet ten inches
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Residence	Wanblee, South Dakota
Occupation	Ambulance Driver, Wanblee, South Dakota

CHARGING CROW advised he did not wish to furnish a signed statement on the above information at the present time.

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On March 25, 1974, BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW was contacted at Potato Creek, South Dakota. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the inquiry. He was advised of his Constitutional rights as these rights are set forth on form entitled "Interrogation/Advice of Rights". He signed this form and then subsequently furnished the following signed statement:

"Potato Creek, South Dakota
March 25, 1974"

"I, BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW, made the following voluntary statement to Special Agents CHARLES S. RESCHICK and BRUCE G. ERICKSON of the F.B.I. I have read and signed a Waiver of Rights form.

When the voter eligibility list came from Pine Ridge last November (1973) my name was on it as voting judge and my wife CHARITY was listed as voting clerk, a job she has had for many years.

Before the general election, DAVE BREWER of the Tribal office brought out the eligibility list and the blank ballots. This was a day before the election. Everything that was needed was in the box. The election was held in the basement of my house.

On election day, ERMA ROOKS and HOBART ZIMIGA from Wanblee came over as poll watchers for MEANS. The office was open for voting at 9 a.m. but the poll watchers didn't come over until 1 p.m. Voting was stopped at 7 p.m.

Each voter was checked against the elgibility list by both me and my wife. We knew most of the people and identification was made by our knowledge of the people not by identification cards or drivers license. Each person not on the list was asked to fill out an affadavit which listed his name, address and date. Everyone who came to vote was allowed to vote whether on the list or not as long as he filled out an affadavit-except HARLAN LONG SOLDIER

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who I knew to be only 17 years old. HARLAN tried to tell me he was 21 years old. The poll watchers were not at the office when this happened.

The poll watchers checked each person against the list.

After the election the poll-watchers, and I and my wife counted the votes. I believe there were 87 votes.

DICK WILSON did not have any poll watchers at the election office.

There were no absentee ballots asked for, and no absentee ballots were given out.

No absentee ballots were sent to me through the mails or given to me.

The poll watchers called from my home at about 10 p.m. to MARK LANE for a ride to Wanblee. About 3 a.m. the next morning, some one came and picked them up. I was trying to sleep and did not see who it was.

There were about a hundred or a little more names on the elgibility list of qualified voters."

"/s/ BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW"

"Witness BRUCE G. ERICKSON, Special Agent, FBI"

"Witness CHARLES S. RESCHICK, Special Agent, FBI"

The following description of BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW was obtained through observation and interview and set forth as follows:

Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Date of birth	February 10, 1935
Place of birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	Six feet
Weight	195 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

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Scars and marks	Numerous tattoos both forearms
Address	New Housing, Number 382 Potato Creek, South Dakota
Wife	CHARITY nee ,HAS NO HORSE
Employment	Unemployed

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On March 25, 1974, CHARITY SHOT WITH ARROW was contacted at Potato Creek, South Dakota. She was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the inquiry. She was advised of her Constitutional rights as these rights are set forth on form entitled "Interrogation/Advice of Rights". She signed this form and then subsequently furnished the following signed statement:

"Potato Creek, South Dakota
March 25, 1974"

"I, CHARITY SHOT WITH ARROW, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents CHARLES S. RESCHICK and BRUCE G. ERICKSON of the FBI. I have read and signed a Waiver of Rights.

I have been the clerk for the election board for the last four elections at Potato Creek. My husband, BERNARD, was the election judge the past election.

DAVE BREWER brought out the election box, which was locked. An envelope that came with the box contained the following:

4 ball point pens
Keys for the lock
Registration sheet
Voucher papers for myself and my husband
One tribal ordinance on voting procedures
Public stamp - official ballot
Ballots and sample ballots
affadavits

The envelope was addressed to BERNARD as Judge and myself as clerk.

Two RUSSELL MEANS poll watchers, ERMA ROOKS and HOBART ZIMIGA from Wanblee came over about 1 p.m. on election day. About 45 people voted in the morning before the poll watchers came.

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All people who wanted to vote were checked against the registration list which they signed before they voted. People who were not on the list, who wanted to vote, filled out affadavits which listed their names, addresses, and dates. They were signed by them, and by the judge who also stamped the affadavit and then they were registered by me. The stamp was "official ballot".

There were no poll watchers for DICK WILSON.

There were no absentee votes either asked for or sent in.

All the people that voted were known by me personally. No identification was asked for.

"/s/ CHARITY SHOT WITH ARROW"

"Witness BRUCE G. ERICKSON, Special Agent, FBI"

"Witness CHARLES S. RESCHICK, Special Agent, FBI"

CHARITY SHOT WITH ARROW nee HAS NO HORSE is described as observed during interview and descriptive data obtained during interview:

Race	Indian
Sex	Female
Date of birth	February 16, 1937
Place of birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	Five feet six inches
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Address	Potato Creek, House Number 382, Potato Creek, South Dakota
Husband	BERNARD SHOT WITH ARROW

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AGNES BLACK ELK nee HOLLOW HORN, who was located at her residence in Manderson, South Dakota, was advised of the official identities of FREDERICK COWARD, JR. and JAMES W. DICK as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that they wanted to interview her concerning possible violations of Federal laws during the 1974 Oglala Sioux Tribal Elections on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Special Agent DICK then advised BLACK ELK of her Constitutional Rights as they appear on Form FD-395. After reading the form BLACK ELK agreed to be interviewed by the Agents and waived her rights by signing the form FD-395. She then furnished the following information:

During the primary election and general election of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in 1974, she was the election judge of District 9, Manderson, South Dakota. During both elections, she was at the poll, which was located in the St. Agnes Hall, a Catholic Meeting House in Manderson, South Dakota, from the time the poll opened at 9:00 a.m. until the poll closed at 7:00 p.m. At no time during these hours did she ever leave the poll.

When people came to the poll to vote, at both the primary and general elections, they would give their name and BLACK ELK would check the name against a list of tribal members of the Manderson District elligible to vote. This list was provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Census Office. If that persons name appeared on the list, he or she would then place their signature, address and date on another sheet of paper. When this procedure was completed, BLACK ELK would stamp the ballot with a rubber stamp with the words "official ballot" and give the ballot to the voter. The signature was not compared with any signature list to determine elligibility.

If the person's name did not appear on the census list, and that person was a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and had resided in the Manderson District for a period of at least one year, BLACK ELK would furnish the individual an affidavit setting forth that information. After the person signed that affidavit, it would be returned to BLACK ELK and the individual would also sign the signature list and be furnished a ballot as described above.

No persons were requested by BLACK ELK to show any identification to verify their identity. BLACK ELK advised that she has lived in Manderson for years and knows everybody there.

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SA FREDERICK COWARD, JR. and

by SA JAMES W. DICK JWD/amj Date dictated 3/27/74

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The ballots were not numbered and there is no way, to BLACK ELK's knowledge, that a determination could be made that a specific ballot came from the Manderson District. When the poll closed, BLACK ELK was driven by Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Officer WAYNE ROMERO to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, where the ballot box was turned over to the election board. The ballot box for District 10, which was for the voting area north of Manderson, South Dakota, was also taken to Pine Ridge by BLACK ELK. District 10 poll was located in the same hall as District 9. After leaving Manderson, ROMERO and BLACK ELK went to Rockyford, South Dakota, where they picked up the ballot box there to also take to Pine Ridge. Enroute to Pine Ridge in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, they picked up BILL LESSERT with the ballot box for the Wounded Knee District. When they arrived at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, the ballot boxes were turned over to MOSES TWO BULLS, who gave them their release papers. BLACK ELK advised that the release paper was only a small slip of paper stating that they were released from their duty as election officials. BLACK ELK did not have the release paper at the time of this interview and stated that she did not believe it could be located. There is no way to account for specific ballots.

At District 9, there were no absentee ballots given to any voters and no requests were made for absentee ballots. No absentee ballots were received at that poll. There were three people who attempted to vote at the poll but advised they lived in Rapid City, South Dakota, and due to this, BLACK ELK refused to furnish them a ballot and they left.

The poll watchers present at District 9 were MYRTLE JOHNSON and BERNICE WHITE HAWK, both of Manderson, South Dakota. Both of these individuals were representing RUSSELL MEANS as poll watchers. No individuals, to BLACK ELK's knowledge, were prevented from being a poll watcher.

MARVIN MASTERS voted in the general election, SANDRA LOOKS TWICE voted in the primary and general elections, BARBARA SWALLOW and her husband, HERB SWALLOW, both voted in the general election. BLACK ELK had no reason to believe that these individuals did not reside on the reservation for one year prior to the election. She added that MASTERS, LOOKS TWICE, and HERB SWALLOW were on the census list but BARBARA SWALLOW was not on the census list and she submitted a signed affidavit. BLACK ELK had no knowledge as to whether or not RICHARD WILSON or MYRON ROCK were election officials for the primary and general elections. MYRON ROCK, the day

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before the general elections, did deliver the ballot box and voting materials to LAWRENCE HOLLOW HORN, who is BLACK ELK's brother. HOLLOW HORN has been the election judge in previous years and according to what he told BLACK ELK, ROCK did not know that BLACK ELK was to be the election judge for 1974. HOLLOW HORN took the ballot box to the poll at Manderson, South Dakota, on the morning of the election. MYRON ROCK and RICHARD WILSON were not present at the poll during the election nor did they have anything to do with the transportation of the ballot boxes or ballots from the poll to Pine Ridge, South Dakota. BLACK ELK had no knowledge of whether either of these individuals were involved in the counting of the ballots.

According to the instructions received by BLACK ELK, there were 200 ballots delivered to District 9. During the day, BLACK ELK gave ten ballots to District 10 because there were not enough ballots provided to that district. To BLACK ELK's recollection, approximately 148 or 149 persons voted at District 9 that day, so she should have had approximately 40 blank ballots left at the end of the day. She did not have time to count the blank ballots after the poll closed, prior to going to Pine Ridge but it appeared the stack which was left may have been in excess of 100 blank ballots.

BLACK ELK advised that she did not wish to furnish a signed statement at this time.

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EDISON G. WARD was contacted at his residence, House 288, Sun Rise Lakota Homes, Martin, South Dakota, and advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agents. WARD was also furnished a copy of "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read and which was read to him. WARD then signed this form and furnished the following information:

At the time of the primary election, in January of 1974, he, as the Chief Election Official of the LaCreek Precinct, was supposed to have been furnished a voter registration list, however, this list had not been delivered to him by the time the primary was to be conducted. As far as the general tribal election, held on February 7, 1974, a voter registration list was sent but it was outdated (some of the people on the list were deceased). WARD also stated that he had no real guidelines to go by. WARD also advised that when the votes were tabulated, both JOE POURIER and "POKER JOE" MERRIVAL were present and also counted the votes.

WARD advised that he maintained a notebook at the polling place and each voter signed his or her name before they received a ballot. This notebook was placed in the ballot box after the election and was sent to Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He said that each ballot he issued was stamped on the back "official ballot" by him. No date or number appeared on the ballot. He stated that he knew each voter personally with the exception of about three or four and he required these persons to sign an affidavit which was also placed in the ballot box.

WARD further advised that he had no absentee ballots issued in his precinct.

WARD stated that he does not know whether FRANK BETTLEYOUN voted in his precinct. He knows the BETTEEYOUN family but is not sure of which one is FRANK. He advised that he had no reason to know that FRANK BETTLEYOUN might be under 21 years of age. He said that no procedures were followed to insure that persons requesting ballots from him were over the minimum age requirement because he has a good idea of everyone's age since he has lived in the area all his life.

WARD then stated that the following individuals did vote in his precinct and that they are residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation:

MARY GRAHAM BURRITT
FRANCIS GRAHAM

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JOHN "JACK" CUMMINGS

He then said that ELSIE FLOOD is known by him to be enrolled at the Rosebud Reservation but lives on the Pine Ridge Reservation. He stated that ELSIE is mentally retarded and for this reason, he allowed her to fill out a ballot in order to avoid "a possible problem." He stated, however, that once she had filled out the ballot, he himself marked her ballot "illegal ballot, nonmember" and wrapped a piece of paper around it with a rubber band and put this in the ballot box. He said he did this in order to flag the election officials in Pine Ridge to an illegal ballot.

WARD stated that on the day of the general election, he sent BENNIE "TOTE" RICHARDS and some other guy (name unrecalled) with blank ballots for one person who he knew to be in the hospital and four or five blank ballots for persons in the Sun Rise Lakota Homes Project, all of whom WARD knew personally and knew that they could not leave their homes to vote.

WARD advised that he did not desire to furnish a written statement regarding the aforementioned information at this time.

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SETH GODFREY RUFF, Allen, South Dakota, prior to interview was advised of the identities of Special Agents RONALD R. GROVE and DONALD G. WILEY of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the display of their official credentials. RUFF was provided with an Interrogation/Advice of Rights form which he advised he could not read well. The Advice of Rights form was read to him by Special Agent DONALD G. WILEY. RUFF advised that although he understood his rights he at this time did not want to sign the Waiver of Rights form but would answer questions voluntarily. RUFF was advised the nature of the interview pertained to the recent Pine Ridge Indian Tribal election which was held in the Pass Creek District, Allen, South Dakota. RUFF stated that he would answer questions concerning the recent election held in Allen, South Dakota.

RUFF advised that he was born April 2, 1917, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation where he has lived all his life. For the past fifteen years he has resided in Pass Creek District, Allen, South Dakota. RUFF stated that he has served as an Election Judge for the past three Tribal elections, including the past election held on February 7, 1974. He stated that all of his positions of Election Judge were in the Pass Creek District, Allen, South Dakota. He advised that the Election Clerk in the recent election who served with him was VERNIE TALLMAN, Allen, South Dakota.

RUFF explained that the procedures used to process voters during the election and to insure that only those eligible were allowed to vote are as follows: DAVE BREWER, Board of Elections, Pine Ridge Tribal Council, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on the morning of the election delivered the ballot box to RUFF at the polling place which was the Allen Day School, Allen, South Dakota. BREWER handed the ballot box to RUFF, which box was locked with a padlock and contained a sealed envelope attached across the top of the ballot box.

RUFF continued that he removed the envelope from on top of the ballot box, opened the envelope which contained the key for the ballot box. In the presence of the clerk, VERNIE TALLMAN, they unlocked the ballot box and found in the ballot box the voting ballots, residency affidavits, the official ballot stamp, pencils, a list of names of the eligible voters and a slip of paper stating what the contents of the ballot box were. He advised that he checked all these items and found them to be in order.

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by SA RONALD R. GROVE and SA DONALD G. WILEY DGW:klk Date dictated 3/27/74

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RUFF advised that as a person came into the voting room, he asked them to sign their name on the pad of paper provided by the Board, he then checked this name against the list of eligible voters. If the names checked okay, he then took a blank ballot, stamped it with the official ballot stamp and then handed the ballot to the voter. The voter would then go into the voting booth, close the curtain, and mark their ballot. Upon completion of voting, the voter would fold the ballot, exit the voting booth, and drop the folded ballot into the ballot box which was placed on the table in front of the Election Judge.

RUFF advised that the ballots were not numbered in any order and he did not place any number on them. The only thing he affixed to the ballot was the stamp "official ballot." RUFF stated that the procedure used to account for all the ballots is as follows: The Board of Election Tribal Office, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, sent out in the padlocked ballot box a designated number of blank ballots. The total of these ballots was written on the sheet of paper setting fort. the contents of the locked ballot box. RUFF, prior to the voting counted these blank ballots and determined that the correct number were sent. Then, after the voting place was closed, the total of marked ballots were counted and the remaining unmarked ballots were counted. The total of these two counts were added and checked with the total of ballots sent out by the Board of Election. RUFF stated that there were no errors in his ballot counts and his District accounted for all the ballots sent by the Board of Election.

RUFF advised that no form of identification is required of the voter when they appear at the voting place. RUFF stated that VERNIE TALLMAN and he, being long time residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and the Pass Creek voting district, know all the residents and eligible voters and if they are of legal voting age. He advised that at no time was the identification question of the voters questioned except in one incident. This person is the husband of JOY MARSHAL's daughter and resides in the housing project of Allen, South Dakota. This male was not allowed to vote as he is a white man and is not known to the clerk, VERNIE TALLMAN, or RUFF and is not a member of the Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe. This man stated that he was Indian; however, when it was explained to him that he would have to prepare affidavits prior to voting, this man made no further issue of the matter and did not vote. RUFF stated, however, that his wife did vote as she is eligible to vote. RUFF described this man as about thirty-five years of age, short hair, mustache, about five feet nine inches tall, and weighs 150 pounds, light complexion, wore blue jeans and a sport shirt.

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RUFF advised there were no requests for absentee ballots and, in fact, there were no absentee ballots in his district during this most recent election. He stated he received no absentee ballots of any sort. He advised that in view of the fact they received no absentee ballots, there were no procedures in distinguishing absentee ballots from the other ballots. Therefore, there was no separate ballot boxes for voting and all ballots were placed in only one ballot box, the box provided by the Election Board.

RUFF advised that the procedure of collecting absentee ballots did not exist in his district this election as there were no absentee ballots.

RUFF advised that at the completion of the election and the count of the ballots, all the voting material is placed into the ballot box along with the key to the padlock. The box is then closed, padlocked, and picked up by the police. RUFF stated that he received a telephone call from DAVE BREWER who advised him that if the police car did not arrive to pick up the ballot box on Election night he was to bring it in to his, BREWER's, office the next morning. RUFF advised that after the counting of the ballots, the recording of same and the calling in of the results of the voting, he secured the box and awaited the arrival of the police car. When the police car did not arrive, he took the ballot box to his residence and then delivered the box to DAVE BREWER's office the next morning.

RUFF stated that in those instances where a voter's name did not appear on the eligible voters list and they were allowed to vote after they prepared a Residency Affidavit. This is a printed form which the person fills out attesting in front of the Election Judge and the Election Clerk that they are a resident of the voting district for one year, their residence, and that they are of the legal voting age, which, according to RUFF, is twenty-one years of age. RUFF stated that these affidavits are placed in the ballot box at the completion of the election and returned to the Board of Election Office. He stated that it is then the responsibility of the Board of Election to see that the name on the affidavit is then added to the eligible voters list for the next election.

RUFF advised that he has no knowledge of any official or unofficial poll watcher at his polling place. RUFF advised that at about 8:30 in the morning of election day a young male Indian came into the polling place and remained in the corner all day long. This man was about thirty years old, six feet tall, slim build, dressed well. RUFF stated this man made no comments about the election procedures, made no challenges and after the counting of the ballots were complete and the ballot box locked, this man left the polling area. RUFF stated he did not know this man and later learned his name was IRON CLOUD; however, his first name was unknown to him. RUFF advised that no person was prevented from being a poll watcher

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by either VERNIE TALLMAN or himself and, in fact, they did not have any poll watchers unless the male Indian, IRON CLOUD, who remained inside the polling place all day was a poll watcher.

RUFF stated he is not acquainted with an ALVIN IRON CLOUD and that such a person did not vote in his district. RUFF stated that he cannot state if ALVIN IRON CLOUD is in fact the same IRON CLOUD that sat in the polling place all day.

RUFF concluded that last Wednesday, March 20, 1974, a young man came to him and asked almost the identical questions as have the interviewing Agents.

RUFF stated this man was a young Indian male, about thirty years of age, five feet nine inches tall, 140-150 pounds, slender build, dark complexion. RUFF stated that he was driving a car with a Pennington County, South Dakota, (2 - balance unknown) license plate. This man told RUFF the White House had sent him to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to ask these questions about the recent election. The only questions that RUFF could recall this young man asking were the number of ballots sent out and if it was a fair election. RUFF stated he has never seen this man before.

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VIENNA TWO TWO was contacted at the Pine Ridge Utility Office. The identity of the interviewing Agents was made known and TWO TWO was told she was being interviewed concering alleged Civil Rights violations committed by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board during the February 7, 1974, Oglala Sioux Tribal Election at the Pine Ridge Reservation. TWO TWO was furnished an Advice of Rights form which she read and which was explained to her.

TWO TWO related she had the right to remain silent and advised she did not want to discuss this matter with interviewing Agents. The interview was immediately terminated.

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by SA JOHN E. Mc CARTY and SA J. GARY ADAMS JGA/amj -40- Date dictated 3/28/74

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIC

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HOBART LEE was apprised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was told he was being interviewed concerning alleged Civil Rights violations which had been committed by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board during the February 7, 1974, Oglala Sioux Tribal Election at the Pine Ridge Reservation. LEE was furnished an Advice of Rights form which he read, stated he understood and voluntarily signed. LEE advised he preferred to furnish an oral statement for this interview.

LEE advised that he was a clerk for the Pine Ridge Precinct during the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election on February 7, 1974.

LEE advised that a book of eligible voters was furnished to the precinct by the Election Board and this included a list of eligible voters in that precinct. When an individual attempted to vote, his name was checked against the list of eligible voters and if it appeared thereon, this individual signed a register sheet which included a chronological listing of numbers. The numbered signatures on this sheet corresponded with the number of ballots used for voting. The individuals voting in this precinct were not required to show any type of identification, however, most of the voters were known by either the judge or the three clerks. LEE related the ballots were not numbered.

LEE understood there were not supposed to be any absentee ballots and did not have absentee ballots at this precinct on February 7, 1974. No one asked LEE for an absentee ballot on the election day.

LEE was not aware of any absentee ballots received at the Pine Ridge Precinct on February 7, 1974.

LEE advised that he was not aware of any absentee ballots, therefore, could not relate what procedures would have been used to distinguish the absentee ballots from other ballots.

LEE advised he was not aware of any absentee ballots collected at the Pine Ridge Precinct.

If an individual wanted to vote and his name did not appear on the list of eligible voters, this individual signed a preprinted affidavit which was furnished by the Election Board. After signing the affidavit, the individual then signed the register sheet and was furnished

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a ballot. The affidavit was explained to the voter and the penalty for voting violations which the affidavit contained was also explained. The voter was instructed that he was not to vote in another precinct, which was in violation of election laws, if he had voted in the Pine Ridge Precinct after signing the affidavit.

LEE stated there were several people standing around but he did not know who were official and unofficial poll watchers. There were about a dozen people who arrived after the polls closed and some of these individuals kept their own tally as the votes were counted. No one was prevented from being a poll watcher.

LEE advised he knows JAMES RED WING and MENDAT SALWAY. LEE did not see RED WING vote or attempt to vote and he related he was not sure if RED WING is an eligible voter.

SALWAY did not vote because DAVE BREWER had told her she was not eligible because she does not live on the reservation.

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HENRY CROW, JR. was contacted at the Oglala Store and was apprised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. CROW was told he was being interviewed concerning alleged Civil Rights violations which had been committed by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board during the February 7, 1974, Oglala Sioux Tribal Election on the Pine Ridge Reservation. CROW was furnished an Advice of Rights form which was read to him by Special Agent ADAMS. CROW advised he understood his Constitutional Rights and voluntarily signed the Advice of Rights form, waiving his rights.

CROW advised that he was 74 years old and preferred to make an oral statement on this matter. CROW advised he was judge of the Our Lady of the Sioux Precinct for the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election on February 7, 1974.

CROW advised that he was furnished a list of eligible voters from the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board. When an individual attempted to vote in this precinct, his name was checked against the list of eligible voters and as it appeared thereon, the individual signed another sheet which was numbered and was used to keep track of the number of ballots used. CROW advised he has been a judge in this precinct for nine years and is a long time resident of the Oglala Community and knows practically all of the voters in this precinct. After the voter signed the numbered sheet, he was issued a ballot on which he cast his vote. The ballot was then placed in the ballot box. No one was requested to show any type of identification to verify their identity.

CROW advised that he also filled out a sheet reflecting the number of votes used and the number of unused votes. This sheet, the registration sheets of eligible voters, and the signature sheet were all turned over to the Oglala Sioux Election Board with the ballots.

CROW advised there were no absentee ballots given to voters at his precinct on the election day. CROW was not aware of any requests for absentee ballots at this precinct.

CROW advised he was not aware of any absentee ballots received at this precinct on election day. CROW advised he did not see any absentee ballots at this precinct, therefore, could not advise of a procedure used to distinguish absentee ballots from other ballots.

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CROW advised no absentee ballots were collected, therefore, had no procedure for insuring the security of these ballots.

If an individual's name did not appear on the list of eligible voters, this individual was required to sign a preprinted affidavit which was supplied by the election board. This affidavit set out that the voter could not vote elsewhere in this election if he voted in the precinct where the affidavit was signed. The affidavit also set forth the penalty for voting violations. After the individuals signed the affidavit, he was requested to sign the registration sheet. After this individual's name was added to the list of eligible voters, he was issued a ballot for voting.

CROW related he only knew of one individual who had to sign an affidavit and he was a construction worker from another precinct.

Mrs. JAMES LONE ELK, Oglala, South Dakota, and RUSSELL LOUD HAWK, Oglala, South Dakota, were the official poll watchers in this precinct. CROW advised he did not know which candidate LONE ELK and LOUD HAWK supported. LONE ELK and LOUD HAWK did not indicate to him which candidate they supported. CROW advised he knew of no unofficial poll watchers at this precinct. No one was prevented from being a poll watcher.

RICHARD T. LITTLE's name appeared on the list of eligible voters. CROW advised that LITTLE is known personally to him and that he (CROW) instructed LITTLE that he could only vote for Tribal President and Vice-President and not for Representative because LITTLE was running as a Representative from this precinct. LITTLE was furnished a ballot after the aforementioned procedures and CROW advised he did not know if LITTLE had voted as CROW had instructed or not. After LITTLE completed his ballot, in privacy, the ballot was placed in the ballot box.

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JOSEPH FRANCIS TWO CROW was contacted at Kyle, South Dakota, advised of the identities of the contacting Agents, advised of the nature of the inquiry, and subsequently furnished the following signed statement:

"Kyle, South Dakota
3/27/74"

"I, JOSEPH FRANCIS TWO CROW, an Indian male, born July 11, 1916, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, hereby furnish the following signed statement to DEAN HOWARD HUGHES and RONALD E. BRUGGER, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I have been advised of my Constitutional rights as these rights are listed on form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" and have signed this form. No threats or promises have been made to me regarding this statement.

I reside at Kyle, South Dakota, and have done so for fifty-eight years.

On 2/7/74, I served as a judge at the Oglala Sioux Tribal election between RUSSELL MEANS and RICHARD WILSON.

The election polls at Kyle, South Dakota, were in the Kyle Community Building. During the course of this election, I was at the Kyle polls the entire time, and did not observe anything to happen which would be against the election code of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

The procedures used at the Kyle polls to process voters during the election and to insure that only those eligible were allowed to vote were as follows: An individual signs a signature roster, if the individual's name is on the eligible voters list, he is allowed to vote. If the individual's name is not on the eligible voters list, he is asked by the election judge if he is 21 years of age, if he is an Indian, and if he has been a resident of this precinct for one year. If the person answers yes to these

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questions, he is allowed to vote providing the individual signs an affidavit. The individual is handed a ballot which I have stamped "official ballot".

The voters were not required to show identification as I know the voters personally.

No absentee ballots were utilized in any fashion.

I served as a poll watcher and don't recall either candidate having a poll watcher at the election. No one was prevented from being a poll watcher.

No one asked to have their name added to the eligible voters list."

"I have read the above statement consisting of 1 ½ pages and now sign it because it is a true statement to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ JOSEPH FRANCIS TWO CROW"

"Witness DEAN HOWARD HUGHES, Special Agent, FBI, Rapid City, South Dakota, 3/27/74"

"Witness RONALD E. BRUGGER, Special Agent, FBI, Rapid City, South Dakota, 3/27/74"

TWO CROW is described as follows:

Name	JOSEPH FRANCIS TWO CROW
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Date of birth	July 11, 1916
Place of birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	Five feet eleven inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown (wears glasses)
Residence	Kyle, South Dakota
Employment	Parent-Child Center Kyle, South Dakota

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DORA FAST WOLF was contacted at Red Shirt Table, South Dakota, advised of the identities of the contacting Agents, advised of the nature of the inquiry, advised of her Constitutional rights as listed on form entitled Interrogation/Advice of Rights, and subsequently furnished the following information:

She served as an Election Judge for the Red Shirt Table District during the election, February 7, 1974, between RUSSELL MEANS and RICHARD WILSON for Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman. She has lived at Red Shirt Table all her life and knows most of the individuals who reside there. The election polls for this election were at the Community Hall, Red Shirt Table, and the following procedures were utilized to process voters:

A voter came to the polls and if they were on the eligible voters list, they were allowed to vote. If they were not on the eligible voters list, they were allowed to vote providing they signed an affidavit stating that they are an Indian, twenty-one years of age, and a resident of Red Shirt Table District.

She advised that some individuals were working at the Red Shirt Table District; therefore, they voted at this district by affidavit because to go to the district where they normally reside on the Pine Ridge Reservation would have caused them a lot of inconvenience.

She advised a signature roster was utilized at the Red Shirt Table District and that voters had to sign this roster prior to voting.

The ballots were not numbered but they were in a ballot box which had an inventory sheet listing how many ballots were in that ballot box.

Voters were not required to show identification to vote.

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She advised that no absentee ballots were used in any fashion at the Red Shirt Table District during the election. She advised she did not recall if any poll watchers were at the polls during the election.

She advised that the eligible voters list at the election was different from the eligible voters list at the primary election but she did not recall what this difference was.

She advised that during the election, the number of eligible voters on the eligible voters list was fifty-one and the number of ballots counted was forty-four.

She advised she did not desire to furnish a signed statement about the above information at the present time.

FAST WOLF is described as follows:

Name	DORA FAST WOLF
Race	Indian
Sex	Female
Date of birth	1905 (month and day unknown)
Place of Birth	Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota
Residence	Red Shirt Village, Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota
Height	Five feet four inches
Weight	130 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Employment	Unemployed

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FRANK BETTELYOUN, JR. was located at his residence, House Number 228, Wanblee Housing, Wanblee, South Dakota, where he furnished the following signed statement:

"3/25/74
Wanblee, South Dakota"

"I, FRANK BETTELYOUN, JR., House #228, Wanblee Housing, Wanblee, South Dakota, have been advised of the official identities of FREDERICK COWARD, JR. and JAMES W. DICK as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and have made the following statements to them.

I believe that my name appears on the eligible voters list for Tribal Elections on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the State of South Dakota.

My date of birth is November 13, 1952, and I became 21 years of age on November 13, 1973. I showed Agents DICK and COWARD my selective serivce card, which has my date of birth on it.

I did not vote in the 1974 Tribal Primary Election, but I did vote in the 1974 Tribal General Election. I voted in Martin, South Dakota, where I was living, at the time.

I have read this statement, which I voluntarily gave, consisting of only this page, and sign it because it is true."

"/s/ FRANK BETTELYOUN JR.
3/25/74"

"Witness JAMES W. DICK, Special Agent, FBI, Rapid City, S. D., 3/25/74."
"Witness FREDERICK COWARD, JR., Special Agent, FBI, Rapid City, S. D."

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ALICE N. STOMLEY, clerk, Probate and Census, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), advised her records reveal the following listed individuals are enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe for at least one or more years prior to January 22, 1974:

Name	Enrollment number	Last Known Address
NORMAN AMIOTTE (there is no NORMA AMIOTTE)	U-17112	Interior, South Dakota (Resident of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation)
THELMA RUTH SMITH GOODMAN	U-10448	Long Valley, South Dakota
DELORES LA DINE WINTER SCHRADER	U-15808	Wanblee, South Dakota
DELIA FERN LIVERMONT JORGENSEN	AL 8138	Wanblee, South Dakota
MOLLIE RED ELK - SITTING HOLY - PENNY	U-11032	Wanblee, South Dakota
MARY LOUISE LIVERMONT GROPPER	U-23570	Long Valley, South Dakota
JOSEPH WARD WILLIAMS	U-13464	Wanblee, South Dakota
ALICE PEARL WILLSEY WILLIAMS	U-15431	Wanblee, South Dakota
LUCILLE CHARLOTTE PECK BRANCH	U-10915	Norris, South Dakota
EDITH MARGARET JENKINS	U-9824	Wanblee, South Dakota
PEGGY ALICE JENKINS, ROUPE	NE-248	Wanblee, South Dakota
MARVIN MASTERS	(CANNOT IDENTIFY ON TRIBAL RECORDS)	

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Name	Enrollment Number	Last Known Address
SANDRA LOOKS TWICE SARAH SANDRA LOOKS TWICE	NO RECORD OF THIS NAME; HOWEVER, HAVE A: U-18579	639 Paha Sapa Rapid City, South Dakota
HERBERT L. SWALLOW	U-15582	Manderson, South Dakota
BARBARA L. SWALLOW nee DULL KNIFE	U-17822	Rapid City, South Dakota
MARY BLOSSOM GRAHAM	U-13416	Denby, South Dakota
FRANCIS A. GRAHAM	U-9616	Martin, South Dakota
JOHN WALTER CUMMINGS	U-19551	Martin, South Dakota
ELSIE WOOD	(CANNOT IDENTIFY ON TRIBAL RECORDS)	
ALVIN IRON CLOUD	U-21774	Porcupine, South Dakota
JAMES RED WING, also known as LAWRENCE RED WING	AL-7493	White Clay, Nebraska, or Pine Ridge, South Dakota
MENDOTA SALWAY STOHM	U-10363	Sidney, Nebraska

STOMLEY advised that some of the listed addresses appear to be off Pine Ridge Indian Reservation but are only mailing addresses of the closest town with a United States Post Office. She advised the addresses reflected above are only the last known addresses and she has no reference to the date in which these individuals resided at that address.

STOMLEY advised those individuals above who have not been identified through her records could be as a result of a marriage or the use of a name other than the original Indian family name. She said it is a fairly common practice of Indians to shorten their last names and therefore make it impossible to identify against her records without benefit of the full given name.

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On April 1, 1974, EDWARD CARPENTER, Assistant United States Attorney, Rapid City, South Dakota, advised all investigation on this matter is complete and he would withhold his opinion regarding the merits of prosecution pending a complete review of the results of FBI investigation. Assistant United States Attorney CARPENTER stated he would correspond directly with the Department of Justice concerning his views on the merits of prosecution.

Unless the Department of Justice instructs otherwise, no effort will be made to follow and report Assistant United States Attorney CARPENTER's views on the merits of prosecution.

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ORDINANCE NO. 85G

ORDINANCE OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL
OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE
(An Unincorporated Tribe)

ELECTION ORDINANCE FOR 1973 - 74 41 5

BE IT ENACTED THAT:

Section 1. ELECTION BOARD. The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council shall appoint an Election Board to conduct the primary and general elections in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Ordinance. The Board shall be composed of three eligible voters who are not members of the Council or candidates for any office. The Board shall serve for a period of one year from the date of its appointment but shall be restricted as to the number of days they will be compensated. There shall be two (2) alternate board members to fill in if vacancies do occur.

Section 2. ELIGIBLE VOTER AND LIST. (a) All duly enrolled members of the Tribe, 21 years of age or over, who have resided on the reservation for a period of one year immediately prior to January 22, 1974, shall have the right to vote. (b) A person must physically reside in a district for ninety (90) days prior to the election, in order to qualify as a representative candidate from that district. (c) Not less than twenty (20) days before the primary election, the Board shall compile a final list and distribute that particular precinct eligible voter list to the appointed election judge of that district. (d) Not less than ten (10) days prior to the primary election, any person whose name does not appear on such list may appear before the Board, and by sworn statements of himself and others petition to add such person's name to the list. (e) Any eligible voter may challenge by sworn statements of himself and others the right of any person to be listed as an eligible voter. In compiling this list, the Board shall strictly enforce the provision, Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, concerning the resident requirement for voters. Any eligible voter whose name does not appear on the official voting list, may qualify to vote by signing a proper affidavit, supported by the signatures of two qualified voters attesting to the fact. (f) Any Indian who shall willfully and deliberately, in any Tribal election or in any judicial proceedings in any Court of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, falsely swear or interpret, or shall make a sworn statement or affidavit knowing the same to be untrue, or shall induce or procure another person to do so, shall be deemed guilty of perjury and upon conviction therefore be sentenced to labor for a period of three months, or a fine of three hundred dollars ($300), or both. (Code of the Oglala Sioux Tribe: Section 94 - Perjury)

Section 3. NOMINATING PETITIONS. (a) The names of candidates for President and Vice-President shall be placed upon the primary election ballot by the Election Board upon the submission of petitions signed by at least a hundred and fifty (150) eligible voters. Candidates for council member shall be placed upon the primary election ballot by the Election Board upon submission of petitions signed by at least thirty (30) eligible voters. (b) Each candidate will be limited to file for one office. (c) All petitions shall be filed with the Election Board no later than 5:00 p.m. (MST), on Thursday, January 10, 1974. (d) The Board will review and certify the validity of each nominating petition at least ten (10) days prior to the primary election.

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Prior to or on such date any eligible voter may, by sworn statements of himself and others, challenge any such petition either as to the authenticity of any signature or the eligibility of any voter listed therein. (e) Any employee of the Tribe who is a candidate for office must sign annual leave if said person wishes to engage in political activities during prescribed working hours (Councilmembers exempt from this provision). (f) No employee of the Tribe shall use tribal vehicles or incur any form of expense to the Tribe for political purposes.

Section 4. ELECTION DATES. The Primary Election date shall be January 22, 1974; and the General Election date shall be February 7, 1974.

Section 5. BALLOTS. The Election Board shall prepare and supervise the printing and distribution of primary and general election ballots. The primary election ballot shall contain the names of candidates as provided above and such other matters to be voted upon in the primary election as the Council by resolution may direct. The general election ballot shall be in the form specified in Section 9.

Section 6. POLLING PLACES. The Election Board shall designate polling places within each election district on the Pine Ridge Reservation and appoint and supervise a judge and teller for each such polling place. Judges and tellers shall be eligible voters who are not members of the Council or candidates for any office. The Board shall post sample ballots at the Tribal office and at each polling place not less than seven days prior to election day.

Section 7. BALLOT BOXES. The Board shall insure that ballot boxes are located at each polling place and shall establish appropriate safeguards to insure control over all ballot boxes. Immediately following the closing of the polls of primary and general election days, the judge and teller of each polling place shall turn over all ballot boxes in their charge to persons duly authorized by the Election Board to receive same, who will sign a receipt for such ballot boxes to the judge.

Section 8. VOTING. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Polling places shall be open between 9:00 a.m. (MST) and 7:00 p.m. (MST) on the days designated by the Council for the primary and the general election. There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling place, and any violation of this regulation shall constitute disorderly conduct.

Section 9. PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS. The Election Board shall count and certify the results of the primary elections. Promptly after certification of the results of the primary election, the Board shall prepare the general election ballots as follows:

(a) The names of the two persons receiving the highest number of votes for the office of President and the names of two persons receiving the highest number of votes for the office of Vice-President shall be placed on the general election ballot; provided, however, that any candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected, and the Board shall certify his election.

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(b) Candidates for council member from each election district receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed on the election ballot in an amount equal to twice the number of council members which each election district is entitled to elect under the Constitution of the Oglala Sioux Tribe as then in effect, or as may have been amended. Any candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected and the Board shall certify his election.

(c) Such other matters shall be placed on the general election ballot as the Council may direct.

Section 10. GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS. The Election Board shall count the general election ballots and certify the results of the general election. The candidates for President and Vice-President receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. The candidates for council member receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected from each election district in the number which such election district is entitled to elect under the Constitution as then in effect, or as may have been amended.

Section 11. RUN-OFF. In case of a tie in the second and third place position, there shall be a three way run-off in the general election.

Section 12. REVIEW. A contest of election may be brought by filing with the Election Board a complaint duly verified under oath, setting forth a concise statement of facts on which the contest is based. No complaint shall be considered unless filed within three (3) days after certification of the election results by the Election Board. The Election Board shall consider each contest and report its actions and recommendations to the Council within five (5) days after the contest is filed and the Council shall render its decision within five (5) days after the Election Board submits its reports and recommendations to the Council. The decision of the Council on a contest shall be final.

Section 13. MISCELLANEOUS. Members of the Board shall be compensated at the rate of $1.60 per hour, provided, however, that no such member shall receive compensation hereunder for more than 150 hours. Further, that the number of hours worked during the primary election and the general election shall not exceed more than 150 hours.

Section 14. "ELECTION DISTRICT". As used herein the term "election district" means any district or community which at any time entitled to elect one or more members of the Council under the Constitution of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation as at the time in effect, or as may have been amended.

Section 15. WRITE-IN VOTES. Write-in votes are prohibited and shall not be counted.

Section 16. ABSENTEE BALLOTS. No absentee ballots shall be permitted for members living off the reservation. However, within the confines of the reservation, any voter who is unavoidably unable to appear in person at a polling place on general election day may cast his vote in a general election by absentee ballot; provided, however, that (1) he has requested such ballot

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within a reasonable time prior to general election day; and (2) his ballot is received by the Board in a sealed envelope by 6:00 p.m. (MST) on General Election day; and (3) qualified voters, within the reservation, who are members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe may vote at any precinct on the reservation by absentee ballot under oath for candidates in their respective communities; however, any voter who attempts to or does vote more than once in any one election, their vote shall be considered nullable and void. There shall be no voting by absentee ballot in any primary election.

Section 17. PRECINCT JUDGES AND TELLERS. There shall be a judge and a teller elected by districts for each polling precinct. The judge and the teller at each polling precinct shall be compensated at the rate of twelve dollars ($12) per day, one day for the primary election and one day for the general election. Mileage at the rate of 10¢ per mile shall be allowed to deliver ballot boxes to the election headquarters, when so authorized by the election board.

Section 18. USE OF BUILDING. In the event that a Community Building is not utilized as a polling place, a rate of $12.00 will be allowed for the use of a public building on the Primary and General Election dates.

Section 19. POWERS OF THE BOARD. The following shall be rules and regulations to govern the Election Board:

1. Strict adherence to the provisions of this Ordinance.

2. Unbiased on all actions taken.

3. No active campaigning in any form whatsoever for any candidate for office.

4. All actions taken not covered by this Ordinance to be approved by the Executive Board of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, subject to final approval of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council.

5. Bribery shall not be condoned and shall be cause for immediate removal and prosecution under Sec. 65 of the Code of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

6. Improper conduct by a board member - i.e. drunkenness, conduct, tardiness, shall be cause for removal from the Board.

7. The Board shall have its headquarters open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hours on election days shall be at the discretion of the Board.

8. The Executive Committee of the Oglala Sioux Tribe shall enforce any of the above provisions, subject to final approval of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council.

Section 20. TREASURER AUTHORIZED. The Treasurer of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is authorized to expend such funds as may be necessary to carry out the terms of this Ordinance.

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Section 21. FILLING OF VACANCIES. Should a vacancy occur by reason of death, disability, disqualification or removal from office, of any elected official or councilman, such vacancy shall be filled by off-year election by the voters of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Where an election official is concerned and for councilmen, an election shall be conducted in the district wherein such vacancy may occur. In such elections the provision of the section of this Ordinance shall apply. Any vacancy shall be so declared by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council.

Section 22. ORDINANCE. Any Ordinance inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, as Secretary of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, hereby certify that the foregoing Election Ordinance No. 85G hereby supercedes Election Ordinance No. 85F. I further certify that all amendments carry the majority vote of the Tribal Council in the Special Session held on the 11th day of December, 1973; and that these amendments have been voted on an item-by-item basis and are so recorded in the official minutes of this Special Session. I further certify that this Election Ordinance No. 85G is the official Election Ordinance to govern the Tribal elections to be held on January 22 and February 7th, 1974.

Lloyd W. Eaglebull, Secretary
Oglala Sioux Tribal Council

ATTEST:

David Long, Vice-President
Oglala Sioux Tribal Council

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Sample

BALLOT

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE, PINE RIDGE, SO. DAK.

PRIMARY ELECTION – JANUARY 22, 1974

VOTE BY PLACING AN (X) OR (✓) IN THE APPROPRIATE SQUARE

FOR PRESIDENT
Oglala Sioux Tribal Council
Vote for 1

- [ ] Enos Poor Bear 39
- [X] Poker Joe Merrival 38
- [ ] Gerald One Feather 36
- [ ] Henry Clyde Red Shirt 24
- [ ] Peter Swift Bird 11
- [ ] Hobart Keith 15
- [ ] Richard (Dick) Wilson 204
- [ ] Johnson Holy Rock 94
- [ ] Birgil Kills Straight 5
- [ ] Russell Means 143
- [ ] Mario Gonzalez 32
- [ ] Issac 'Ike' Iron Cloud 9
- [ ] Lloyd "Toby" Eaglebull, 35

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT
Oglala Sioux Tribal Council
Vote for 1

- [ ] Joe American Horse 90
- [ ] Ranzle Lays Bad 2
- [ ] Blaine White Eyes 86
- [ ] Geraldine High Wolf-Janis 13
- [ ] Zona Pourier 88
- [X] David Long 104
- [ ] Wilbert Black Feather, Sr. 91
- [ ] Eddie White Wolf 49
- [ ] Etta Youngman 100

FOR REPRESENTATIVE
Oglala Sioux Tribal Council
Vote for 5

- [ ] Gerald "Jump" Big Crow 137
- [X] Bennett "Tuffy" Sierra 220
- [ ] Ruth "Tootsie" Long 65
- [ ] Arta Carlow 218
- [X] Thomas Conroy, Jr. 186
- [ ] William "Bill" Rooks 105
- [ ] Ellis Brings Him Back 137
- [ ] Frank "Posie" Ecoffey 148
- [ ] Lawrence "Oakie" Cross 157
- [ ] Henry Black Elk, Jr. 125
- [X] Gary Adams 81
- [X] Fred "Budger" Brewer 157
- [X] Gladys Janis-Bissonette 166
- [ ] Joe Blue Horse, Jr. 96
- [ ] Nick Crazy Thunder 144
- [ ] Vincent Brewer 218
- [ ] Ellen Moves Camp 110
- [ ] Ella Irving 115

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 4/15/74

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT:

RICHARD WILSON;
ET AL
PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION,
SOUTH DAKOTA;
CECIL HOBART KEITH - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated 3/13/73
(your file JSP:CRS:RDI:vek) DJ 144-69-193

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent SA DEAN HOWARD HUGHES dated 4/2/74 at MINNEAPOLIS.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☒ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. NOTE: Enclosed is one copy each of Pine Ridge Reservation Election Ordinances add Sample Ballot.

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TO: SAC, Minneapolis

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From: Director, FBI

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RICHARD WILSON, DAVID BREWER,
AND UNSUBS, ELECTION OFFICIALS,
PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION
PINE RIDGE (SHANNON COUNTY),
SOUTH DAKOTA; HOBART KEITH,
SARAH THUNDER HAWK, ET AL. -
VICTIMS
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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 3/13/74 with enclosures.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 27, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within 21 days of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results of a ☒ limited ☐ preliminary investigation and underscore the word ☒ limited ☐ preliminary

Advise ☒ all persons interviewed
☒ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

Remarks:

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NOTE: See 3 x 5 note dated 3/14/74.

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3/14/74

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

In order to determine if a civil rights violation exists, the Department has requested investigation in connection with the Pine Ridge Tribal Elections 2/7/74 in which an action filed by Russell Charles Means and others alleges irregularities in voting and ballot counting. The action names Richard Wilson, Tribal Council President, who defeated Means, and other tribal officers as being responsible for the irregularities committed by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board at Pine Ridge.

Investigation requested by the Department is being ordered.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: MAR 13 1974
JSP:CRS:RDI:vek
DJ 144-69-193

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Richard Wilson, David Brewer, and Unknown Subjects, Election Officials, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation
Pine Ridge (Shannon County), South Dakota;
Hobart Keith, Sarah Thunder Hawk, Irma Bear Stops, Myrtle Johnson, Bernice White Hawk, Sophie Poorbear, Richard Little, James Charging Crow, and Unknown - Victims
Due Process and Equal Protection
CIVIL RIGHTS

On February 8, 1974 Gail Sullivan of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee telephonically complained to Departmental attorneys that numerous civil rights violations had been committed by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board during the February 7, 1974 Oglala Sioux Tribal Election at the Pine Ridge Reservation.

In addition, on February 26, 1974 Joe Muskrat of the United States Commission on Civil Rights forwarded to this Division a copy of an affidavit by Hobart Keith challenging the Oglala Sioux Pine Ridge election. Approximately 30 additional affidavits were submitted, alleging in greater detail the above-mentioned civil rights violations. (A copy of which is attached)

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In order to determine whether actions by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board and their duly designated district election officials may violate 18 U.S.C. §§241,242, and 371 by denying rights guaranteed by 25 U.S.C. §1302, please conduct the following investigation. (At this stage of the investigation it is preferred that affiants not be recontacted except where specifically indicated.)

1. Interview Dave Brewer, member of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election Board, or any other Election Board members necessary, to determine:

a) Whether an eligible voters list is maintained, and if so, what procedures exist for determining whether those names which appear on the list are duly enrolled members, 21 years of age or over and have resided on the reservation for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the election. Obtain copies of election ordinances and any Court orders pertaining to the election and a copy of the official eligible voters list which was distributed to election officials for the primary and general elections in 1974. Determine the number of eligible voters in each precinct and number actually voting by precinct, in both the primary and general election. Specify how many of the voters were absentee.

b) What procedures exist for challenging names on the eligible voters list. Specifically, is a person whose name does not appear on the list required to appear before the Election Board not less than ten (10) days prior to the primary election, as requested in Election ordinance 85G Section 2(d), or can the person wait until election

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day to qualify to vote? What candidates (or their representatives) reviewed the list prior to the election. Obtain copies of any challenges made to have eligibles added to, or ineligibles deleted from the list. Determine where such list was maintained for review by interested persons prior to the primary and general elections.

c) Whether specific training was given to precinct voting officials on how to conduct the election. Obtain copies of any written instructions given to election officials concerning how the election should be conducted and copies of all other printed matter distributed to the election officials, other than ballots.

d) The time and place of delivery and the names and addresses of those delivering ballots and ballot boxes and the names and addresses of those receiving the ballots and ballot boxes at the polls. Determine the time and place of delivery and the names and addresses of those delivering the voted ballots and ballot boxes to the election headquarters and the names and addresses of those who received the ballots and ballot boxes from the polls after the election. Determine what measures exist to insure the security and control of ballots prior to, during and after the election. Determine whether candidates for office were allowed to be in physical possession of official ballot boxes or in the immediate vicinity of the ballot boxes after they had been returned to the Election Board's headquarters. Determine where appropriate, any particulars concerning candidate contact with ballots or ballot boxes. Obtain copies of sample ballots, including absentee ballots and any other special ballots.

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e) What procedures were used at the polls to process voters during the election and to insure that only those eligible were allowed to vote. More specifically, determine whether a signature roster or similar procedure was used to determine eligibility of voters before issuing a ballot and for use as a record of who had voted. Determine whether numbered ballots were used as a means to account for all ballots issued. If not, determine what procedures were used to account for the ballots released from the custody of the Election Board. Determine whether people requesting ballots were requested to show some identification to verify their identity. If so, under what circumstances was this required.

f) Whether absentee ballots were given to voters who did not request them prior to general election day. Determine whether requests were made in writing, and if so, where such requests are currently maintained.

g) Whether election officials received absentee ballots which were not sealed in envelopes. If so, determine what action was taken as to those envelopes.

h) Whether any absentee ballots were received from an absentee voter by anyone other than the Election Board and whether the Board permits absentee ballots to be received by precinct officials.

i) What procedures are used to distinguish absentee ballots from other ballots, i.e. were they placed in separate ballot boxes?

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j) Whether Bennie "Tote" Richards is an election official, and whether any blank absentee ballots were given to him; if so, by whom and for what reason. Determine whether Richards turned in any ballots to the Election Board, and if such ballots were counted.

k) What procedures exist for collecting absentee ballots and for insuring their security.

l) Whether candidates for office were allowed to vote for themselves.

m) The names, addresses, and method of selection, duties of office, and nature of payment for services (if any) concerning all election officials. Determine whether officials must take an oath of office. If so, obtain a copy.

n) Whether any challenges of the February 7, 1974, election were filed with the Election Board. Obtain copies of all decisions of the Election Board or the Tribal Council in reference to challenges to the election.

2. Interview Delmar Eastman, Area Special Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs Police, Pine Ridge, and determine whether any complaints were filed with the Bureau of Indian Affair's police concerning election irregularities or any other problems at the polls. If so, determine the substance of such complaints.

3. Interview the chief election official of the Eagle Nest Precinct or any election officials of this precinct necessary to determine the same information requested in #2(e),(f),(g),(i), and (k), above. In addition, determine:

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a) Whether people whose names do not appear on the eligible voters list are allowed to vote if they have not previously appeared before the Election Board to request that their names be added to the list. Describe the procedures of adding their name.

b) The names and addresses of the official and the unofficial poll watchers at this poll and which candidate each represented. Determine whether any person was prevented from being a poll watcher; if so, why.

c) Whether the following persons voted in this precinct: Norman Amiotte, Thelma Goodman, Delores Winters Shrader, Fern Livermont Jorgenson, Molly Red Elk Penny, Mary Gropper, Ellis Pearl Williams, Ward Williams, Lucille Peck Branch, Margret Jenkins and Peggy Roupe.

d) What precautions were taken to insure that the persons named in "C" above were eligible voters. Determine whether the precinct election officials had any reason to believe that the above named persons or any other persons voting, were ineligible voters, allegedly because they were not members of the tribe or because they had not resided on the reservation for one year prior to the election.

e) Whether non-Indian persons voted at either the primary or general election; and if so, determine their names and addresses and the reason they were allowed to vote.

4. Interview the chief election official of the Potato Creek Precinct or any other election officials of the precinct necessary to determine the same information requested in #2(e),(f),(g),(i), and (k) above and #3(a), and (b) above. In addition, determine:

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a) The number of names on the qualified voting list for this precinct and the number of ballots cast.

5. Interview the chief election official of the Manderson precinct or any other election officials of this precinct necessary to determine the same information requested in #2(e),(f),(g),(i) and (k) above and #3(a) and (b) above. In addition, determine:

a) Whether the following persons voted in this precinct: Marvin Masters, Sandra Looks Twice, Barbara Swallow and her husband (name unknown).

b) Whether the precinct election officials had any reason to believe the above named persons had not resided on the reservation for one year prior to the election.

c) Whether Richard Wilson and Myron Rock were election officials for the primary and general elections.

d) Whether Richard Wilson or Myron Rock were ever in the physical possession or presence of official ballot boxes or ballots during the election or were allowed to transport ballot boxes or ballots from the polling place to the place designated for counting of ballots. If so, determine what each person did while in the presence or possession of such ballots or ballot boxes.

6. Interview the chief election official of the La Creek Precinct, or any other election officials of the precinct necessary to determine the same information requested in #2(e),(f),(g),(i) and (k) above and #3(a) and (b) above. In addition-determine:

a) Whether Frank Bettelyoun was allowed to vote at this precinct.

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b) Whether election officials had reason to know that Frank Bettelyoun might be under 21 years of age.

c) What procedures were followed to insure that persons requesting ballots were over the minimum age requirements.

d) Whether the following individuals voted at this precinct: Mary Graham Burritt, Francis Graham, John Cummings and Elsie Wood.

e) Whether the election officials had any reason to believe that any of the persons listed in (d) above had not resided on the reservation for one year prior to the election.

f) Whether Bennie "Tote" Richards was given any blank ballots or absentee ballots at any time before or during or after the election. If so, determine the purpose and determine whether such ballots were returned and counted by precinct election officials.

7. Interview the chief election official of the Pass Creek Precinct, or any other election officials of this precinct necessary to determine the same information requested in #2(e),(f),(g),(i) and (k) above and #3(a) and (b) above. In addition, determine:

a) Whether Alvin Iron Cloud voted in this precinct and whether election officials had reason to believe he was not a resident of the reservation for one year prior to the election.

8. Interview the chief election official of the Pine Ridge Precinct or any number of election officials of the precinct necessary to determine the same information requested in #2(e),(f),(g),(i), and (k) above and #3(a), and (b) above. In addition, determine:

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a) Whether James Red Wing and Mendat Salway voted in this precinct and whether election officials had reason to believe the above-named persons might not have resided on this reservation for one year prior to the election.

9. Interview the chief election official of the Our Lady of the Sioux Precinct or any other election officials of this precinct necessary to determine the same information requested in #2(e),(f),(g),(i) and (k) above and #3(a) and (b) above. In addition, determine:

a) Whether the name of Richard T. Little appeared on the official voters list and whether Mr. Little was allowed to vote. If Mr. Little was not allowed to vote determine the reason.

10. Interview the chief election official of Kyle Village Precinct or any other election officials of the precinct necessary to determine the same information requested in #2(e),(f),(g),(i), and (k) above and #3(a), and(b) above.

11. Interview the chief election official of Red Shirt Table Precinct or any number of election officials of the precinct necessary to determine the same information requested in #2(e),(f),(g),(i) and (k) above and #3(a) and (b) above. In addition, determine:

a) Whether the list of qualified voters used at this precinct differs from the list compiled January 2, 1974.

b) The number of eligible voters on the voters list and number of ballots counted.

12. Interview Frank Bettelyoun to determine:

a) Whether he believes his name appears on the eligible voters list.

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b) Whether he was at least twenty-one (21) years of age by January 22, 1974. If so, determine his date of birth.

c) Whether he voted in either the primary or general election.

13. Interview the Bureau of Indian Affairs official in charge of maintaining the Oglala Sioux Tribal membership rolls and determine if the following named persons were tribal members as of January 22, 1974, and if possible from the tribal roll, determine if said persons were continuous residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation since January 22, 1973 (one year prior to the January 22, 1974 election).

Norma Amiotte
Thelma Goodman
Delores Winters Shrader
Fern Livermont Jorgenson
Molly Red Elk Penny
Mary Gropper
Ellis Pearl Williams
Ward Williams
Lucille Peck Branch
Margret Jenkins
Peggy Roupe
Marvin Masters
Sandra Looks Twice
Barbara Swallow and her husband (name unknown)
Mary Graham Burritt
Francis Graham
John Cummings
Elsie Wood
Alvin Iron Cloud
James Red Wing
Mendat Salway

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The ballot box in Red Shirt tab[illegible] was sent there on February 6 in the evening. The number of ballots marked on the list of items sent was 60 but the number counted is either 49 or 50. The ballot box remained in Red Shirt table until February 11.

Dora Fast wing

The ballot box remained in the Fast Wolf residence during this time and Dora went to a funeral in Sturgis on the 10th and returned on the 11th. At this time Cadell was watching the box. A green late model Ford with black top came to pick up the Ballot Box. The persons are not identified.

Varnin Fast Wolf

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On Wednesday Feb 6, 1974 after work Dawn Clapp came to Beverly Janis house and said that Freddie Steele A.I.M. activist got to run all AIM out of town. At this time all the Steele family was standing near the street as a symbol of evil to this event. Beverly said that she was a resident in Mandaree all her life and did not care to leave.

Beverly was a witness to the incident as he Jim Steele assaulted Betty Janis.

Roberta Jumping Eagle sister Audrey started a list of AIM supporters from Wood Tick and Bull. These people homes were to be burned or bombed when Pat Ann Bull turned the list over to Wilson supporters as called meeting in Mandaree. Beverly Janis house is on the list.

At various times previous to the election Wilson supporters were seen armed with rifles. They were seen entering the Star Apple Restaurant.

As a result of these happenings Beverly did not go to work. ~~One~~ On Wednesday Feb 6 1974 while Beverly ~~Ann~~ Kathy Janis used the duplicating machine to run off copies of the anti-Wilson literature. Using a school machine. Newsletters for the C.A.P. office are given low priority use of this machine.

Beverly Janis

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I Rebekah Jumping Eagle heard
that our Heavenly Father
going to let that rat
that was one lady name
Yvonne Braylon was going to
blow our house up &
because we were born.
I, Valarie Apple and Beverly
Amos Warren. And that
the Graves were going to
take all the Rim number
out of the New Housing.

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The night before the election rally for
Dick Wilson in Mandeville a guy
I was beat up by Jim Steele
because he said I was an LSU
supporter. My sister Brenda
Davis was also beat up by Jim
Steele. He also hit my
Aunt Norma Shields because
she took up for me. Lt
Goudeau refused to arrest
him and said he would
take us to jail. I asked
him later why he didn't arrest
Jim Steele and he said he
was. He done his part and
I was up to me to do my
part. I was promised at my job
because of being an LSU supporter and fail
three Half Racks and I came
back to my house where Jim
White Hawk car was coming
up the levee by the Jehovah Church
and there Steele has a knife and
he said what would like
Jim White. He was on my
Pickup on the front of
house then. Then Capt
Bernie White Hawk told me
that Reynard, when the
persons come out of Steele
One of Families Steele coming to the
front. Then Jim Steele and
to me and started hitting me
Reynard and Norman Chapman

Billy A. Davis

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Eugene White News

from Delphine Eagle Hawk (Henderson)

I heard they were having a good meeting at Francis Sue Gulls' house in Henderson after vote. (Eagle Flies, LeBeau's, Steels, Apples, Little Dog, Eric Hawkins families I guess)

The next day, February 8, my brother, Grover Eagle Hawk said he was threatened that his home would be firebombed. About eight times were threatened. I told him to go to school and tell Mr. Eastman. My daughter took him a call. I haven't talked to him to find out Eastman's response, because we left town Sat. (Delphine prayers with one of your boys one of the Apples. We got a list of names from her. She told of caches of guns.)

This is not first time our house was threatened. This time, they threatened the houses of my brother-in-law (Eric Eagle Hawk); and Jeanette Eagle Hawk (my brother-in-law's granddaughter); my daughter (Eagle Hawk) Jeri Lynn Hawk, 37 in new Kansas just in new Kansas area, regulars Texas, Back Set Bros and Jumpers Gangs. And Eric Eagle Hawk (college graduate) and Henry Elliot and Marion Chris Clone.

The people who told me of threats were: Delphine (see above) and Eric Eagle Hawk sister Jeanette Eagle Hawk and her brother Ryder Eagle Hawk of Twin Henderson.

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Guns kept at Paul Apple's residence in Henderson:

1 38-30

2 30 ought 6 automatics

2 shotguns (just shotguns - automatics)

1 22 magnum rifle with 22 hand-gun (magnum)

1 double-barrell 20 gauge

Angela Gunn, from Apache reservation in Arizona has seen the guns she usually plays with Stephanie

~~Gunn, January, February~~

Eugene White Hawk

witness:

Ida Gunn

February 10, 1974

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February, 1974.

Katherine James
Notary Public

My commission expires on 12/17/81.

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Angela Jean (Jim) Henderson, (usually known)
Eugene Eagle Hawk (Jim Henderson)

Some guns we knew. (I don't want to say their names, because if they knew we said anything, they'd kill us or at least beat one up.) told us they were getting guns ready.

Earl Jones called down Bob (Jim), Still because Still hit Betty Ghost. Started a Earl fighting Still he asked Jones Apple to fight. If Earl beats up Jones then Jones friends with guns will start shooting up houses and just looking houses. They would start with Beverly Jones' house, and her sister Betty Ghost, and Black Tail Deers and Jumping Eagles and Jeanette Eagle Hawk and Forrest White Hawk. Jones said he wouldn't fight Earl, you talk to him.

Jones said they had the following guns at Lewis Apple's house, which he had lined up by Frank Still, Bob Still and Forrest Apple (a gun for every man)

2 22's

2 306

2 double barrell shotguns

1 30-30

There are some other guns (unspecified) which belong to Eugene LeBlanc of Jennings.

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The week before Peters the same three men beat up Betty Janis and shot at the car of Bernice White Hawk on way back from dance at Wounded Knee. Delphine was in the car with Jeanette Eagle Hawk and Cathy Eagle Hawk and Bernice White Hawk and Bernice. They shot at us at hill coming up to school. We didn't see them but Betty told us they were standing outside in front of their house drinking and shooting at car. She got mad, called down to Rabbs and he came up and hit her in the nose.

The three men threatened to beat up Delphine and Angie because they were AIM. James ~~[illegible]~~ Apple told Delphine that if they start fighting just leave because they were after Delphine and Angie because they were AIM. He said he might be able to get Delphine out of it because Delphine is going with James (and the three are his brothers) but he wasn't sure about Angie. Angie said that is why she left Henderson for last two weeks to stay at AIM homes in Rapid City.

Angela Jean
Delphine Eagle Hawk.

February 10, 1974

Notary Public
My comission expires on 12/17/81.

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ON Monday Feb 11, 1974 I went to work AT THE MOCASSIN HAMM FACTORY AND I WAS CALLED INTO MICKEY HAMM'S OFFICE (THE SUPERVISOR). HE HAD A COPY OF THE WOUNDED KNEE LEGAL DEFENSE/OFFENSE COMMITTEE PRESS PACKET IN WHICH IT SAYS THAT, I, EVELYN DEON EARNS ABOUT $1 AN HOUR. MICKEY HAMM SAID I'M VERY DISTURBED ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE YOU MAKE MORE THAN THAT. I SAID, WELL MAYBE THEY MADE A MISTAKE BECAUSE THEY MADE A MISTAKE ABOUT MY AGE. THEN STANLEY LOOKING ELK SAID THEY (THE LEGAL WORKERS) DON'T MAKE MISTAKES IN A VERY NASTY WAY. THEN HE SAID I'VE FIGURED YOUR PAY OUT AND YOU AVERAGE $2.39 AN HOUR, (GROSS). I AM PAID $1.60 AN hour plus more FOR piece WORK. I WORK REAL HARD AND DO MAKE MORE THAN THAT. THEN STANLEY LOOKING ELK SAID HE WAS INDIAN TOO, AND THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHO MY ANCESTORS, WERE BUT HIS WERE INDIAN. HE CONTINUED TO TALK AT ME, IN LAKOTA, AND CLAIMED I HAD BEEN BEEN GIVING HIM A BAD TIME FOR OVER A MONTH. THAT ISN'T TRUE BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO HIM FOR OVER TWO MONTHS. HE GAVE ME SUCH A HARD TIME THAT I BECAME VERY UPSET. HE—MICKEY E. HAMM ALSO SAID THAT HE NEVER TOLD ANYONE C. D. TO VOTE FOR WILSON. MICKEY HAMM THAN SAID, "I SUPPOSE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE PARTY THE OTHER NIGHT." I SAID 'YES.' THEN HE SAID WE DIDN'T FURNISH A DROP OF THE DRINKS. "WE INVITED DICK WILSON AND PAT LEE OVER, BUT THE OTHER

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CAME ON THEIR OWN AND MUST HAVE BROUGHT THE DRINKS WITH THEM."
STANLEY LOOKING ELK ABUSED ME SO MUCH AND TREATED ME SO BADLY THAT I COULD NOT WORK ANYMORE AND SO I CAME BACK HOME. I WON'T GO BACK WITH STANLEY LOOKING ELK TALKING AT ME LIKE THAT.
I SWEAR THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE IS TRUE
Evelyn Dion
WITNESS: Lyn A. Fizzell DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1974.
WITNESS Norman Thunderhawk

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A Statement from [illegible]
A.I.M. for Unity Meeting

Yesterday they had election in Pine Ridge County. a man named Ward and a Lakota Woman were Pale Waterbus and Dale Richards 2 other B.I.A. Police men were taking them to pass that man named Ward was going Reno he let them out 2 don't know what one Mickie Wilson some matter should be disagreed Pine ridge a of white Reds Pine Ridge has too much Land disputes going on at the Pole Mountain should the Indians at Oacole and Wakpala Cangi [illegible] to whom [illegible]

an AIM member

Veterans Big Head

Clyde Coats a Sioux let a [illegible] members Voted to [illegible] Elaine Flood, not

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Yesterday, February [redacted] 1974, there were elections in Martin Bennet precinct. A man named Edison Ward and Mrs. Edison Larnie (a white woman) were poll-watchers. Tote Richards and two policemen were taking ballots from Edison Ward, who was removing said ballots from the balloting box. These agents carried these ballots out with them.

Clyde Coats, a Wilson supporters, allowed a woman from the Rosebud Indian Reservation named Elsie Flood, to vote. Many other non-residents were observed voting, both whites and Indians from other reservations.

These occurences were observed personally by Victoria Big Head.

Victoria Big Head

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Before The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Board of Election
Of The Oglala Sioux Tribe

In The Matter Of The February 7, 1974 Election For The Designation Of A Tribal Chairman And A Tribal Council Of The Oglala Sioux Tribe On The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation	Formal Contest Against February 7, 1974 Election

Formal Contest Against Tribal Council Acceptance Of The Results Of The February 7, 1974 Election As "Certified" By The Appointed Board Of Election

NOW COMES Hobart Keith, on this 15th day of February, 1974, and on his own personal behalf, and on behalf of Russell Means and all other officially enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, hereby files with the Board of Elections appointed by the elected Tribal Council of the Oglala Sioux, pursuant to Section 12 of the Oglala Tribal Council Ordinance No. 85 (G) governing the February 7, 1974 Tribal Elections, this formal contest to acceptance by the Tribal Council of the results of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Elections as "certified" by the Board of Elections on Wednesday, February 13, 1974.

As grounds for said challenge, Hobart Keith sets the following facts before the Board of Elections:

(a) That I am an officially enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe;

(b) That I am an official resident of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and that I have been such an official resident of this Reservation prior to, and inclusive of, the full one-year period required to be an officially qualified voter in the February 7, 1974 election, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Ordinance No. 85 (G) of the Tribal Council of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

(c) That I am an officially registered voter, fully qualified to vote in the February 7, 1974 election, in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Ordinance No. 85 (G) of the Tribal Council of the Oglala Sioux Tribe

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on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation;

(d) That I, as well as my Indian brothers and sisters who were officially qualified to vote in the Tribal Election of February 7, 1974, have been deprived of our right to have our expressed desires accurately recorded and reflected by the "certified" results of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election supervised by the Board of Election appointed by the Tribal Council pursuant to Ordinance No. 85 (G) of the Tribal Council of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation;

(e) That more specifically;

(1) At the Eagle Nest District Polling Place, Wanblee, over 20 persons entered the polling place, were given voting ballots for the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election by James Charging Crow or by Leroy Battleyoun, entered the voting booth, marked the ballots and then placed their ballots in the Eagle Nest ballot box without ever having been certified as having been listed on the official voter registration list. In fact, none of the over 20 persons were listed on the official registered voter list, and none of them were verified as qualified to vote before being allowed to vote by James Charging Crow or Leroy Battleyoun. Thus, the officials appointed by the Board of Election to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the Eagle Nest District Polling Place on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation refused to enforce Section 2(c) of Ordinance 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the Tribal Election;

(2) At the Eagle Nest District Polling Place, officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at said polling place refused to enforce Section 2 (a) of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the Tribal Election by intentionally allowing white ranchers, who were not enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, to vote. By

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according a vote to these white ranchers whose names could not and did not appear on the final list of eligible voters compiled on January 2, 1974, these officials also refused to enforce the provisions of Subsection (c) of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election;

(3) At the Eagle Nest District Polling Place, officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at that Polling Place reported to the Board of Election that 132 votes had been cast in the district for one of the candidates for Tribal Chairman, whereas, in fact, only 122 votes had been reflected by the ballots cast for that candidate in the Eagle Nest District. Such misconduct constitutes a violation of Section 10 of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election;

(4) Other persons who voted in the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the Eagle Nest District Polling Place who were not legally entitled to vote were Norman Amiotte, who is not a resident of the Pine Ridge Reservation, and Thelma Goodman, Delores Winters Shrader, Fern Livermont Jorgenson, Molly Red Elk, Penny and Mary Gropper, all of whom are no longer enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Numerous other persons who were not qualified to vote according to Section 2 (a) of Ordinance No. 85 (G) were also allowed to vote in the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election by the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the election of the Eagle Nest District Polling Place. Some of these persons were Ellis Pearl Williams, Ward Williams, Lucille Peck Branch, Margret Jenkins and Peggy Roupe.

(5) At the Potato Creek District Polling Place, there were only 30 names on the qualified registered voter list, however, in excess of 80 ballots were placed in the ballot

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box from the Potato Creek District during the day of February 7, 1974. Numerous papers other than official voting ballots were placed in the official ballot box at the Potato Creek District Polling Place. When the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the Potato Creek District Polling Place were asked why there were over 80 ballots in the official ballot box when there were so few qualified voters in that district, they laughed and said that there must have been a population explosion between the date for official registration and election day. Thus, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the Potato Creek District Polling Place on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation refused to enforce Section 2(c) of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Oglala Tribal Council to govern the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election;

(6) At the Manderson District Polling Place, numerous persons voted more than once, placing separate marked voting ballots in each of the two ballot boxes. Numerous persons who did not reside on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation were given official voting ballots by officials appointed by the Board of Elections. These persons marked the ballots and placed them in the official ballot boxes located at the Manderson District Polling Place, despite the fact that said persons were not officially qualified to vote according to the qualifications set forth in Ordinance No. 85 (G) of the Pine Ridge Tribal Council. Some of these persons were Marvin Masters, Sandra Looks Twice, Barbara Swallow and her husband. All of these persons resided in Rapid City and not on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation as required by Ordinance No. 85 (G) and they resided off the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for over a full year prior to the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election. Thus, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the Manderson District Polling Place on the Pine Ridge

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Indian Reservation refused to enforce Section 2 (a) of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election;

(7) On Monday, February 7, 1974, Richard Wilson, in the company of several persons, including Myron Rock, was in physical possession of the official ballot box from the Manderson District Polling Place and placed said ballot box in a private pick-up truck. At least three other official ballot boxes were also in the possession of Richard Wilson at that time; thus the Board of Elections failed to enforce Section 7 of Ordinance 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 election;

(8) At the official Polling Place for the LaCreek District, several persons under the age of 21 years old were allowed to vote by the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election, despite the fact that Ordinance 85 (G) mandates that only persons over the age of 21 years of age be allowed to vote. Frank Bettelyoun, a minor under the age of 21 years, was only one such person who was allowed to vote by the officials at the LaCreek District Polling Place. Thus, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the LaCreek District Polling Place on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation refused to enforce Section 2 (a) of Ordinance 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election;

(9) At the LaCreek District Polling Place, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974, Tribal Election did not check the identification of persons who appeared there and demanded official voting ballots, nor did the officials ascertain from the list of officially registered voters given to them by the Board of Elections whether or not such persons were listed as officially registered voters. Thus, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the LaCreek

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District Polling Place on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation refused to enforce Section 2 (c) of Ordinance 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election;

(10) At the LaCreek District Polling Place, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election allowed large numbers of persons who were not residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to receive official ballots and to cast votes in said election. Some of these persons were Mary Graham Burritt and her brother Francis Graham, both of whom have been official residents of Gordon, Nebraska for several years, John Cummings, who has been an official resident of the State of Wyoming for well over one full year prior to the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election, and Elsie Wood, who is a resident of the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Thus, officials who were appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the LaCreek District Polling Place on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation refused to enforce Section 2 (a) of Ordinance 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election;

(11) At the LaCreek District Polling Place, officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election gave numerous blank official voting ballots to one Bennie "Tote" Richards, who had and has no official capacity whatsoever, who in turn took the blank ballots from the official Polling Place without any supervision of any nature. After the passage of a long period of time, Bennie "Tote" Richards brought the official ballots back into the official Polling Place and handed these marked ballots to the officials, who placed these marked ballots in the official ballot box at the LaCreek District Polling Place. Thus, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the LaCreek District Polling Place refused to enforce Section 7 of the Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the Tribal Election;

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(12) At the LaCreek District Polling Place, officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election fragrantly violated the requirements of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 85 (G) of the Pine Ridge Tribal Council, which requires that voting be conducted by secret ballot, by allowing official ballots to be collected by Absentee Voters which were open to the full view and inspection of numerous persons who handled them;

(13) At the LaCreek District Polling Place, officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election repeatedly violated the requirements of Section 16 of Ordinance No. 85 (G) which allows Absentee Voters to vote in the Tribal Election only if said persons file a formal request for an Absentee Ballot within a reasonable time prior to February 7, 1974. Numerous persons had ballots given to them at places other than the official Polling Places on February 7, 1974, without having filed any request for such an Absentee Ballot prior to February 7, 1974, and these marked ballots were placed in the official ballot boxes at the LaCreek District Polling Place. Some of these persons were Joshua Conquering Bear and Hugh Whirlwind. Thus, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the LaCreek District Polling Place refused to enforce Section 16 of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election;

(14) The officials at the LaCreek District Polling Place also violated the specific provisions of Section 16 of Ordinance 85 (G) which mandates that Absentee Ballots be 'received by the Board of Elections in a sealed envelope". All of the Absentee Ballots received by the officials of the LaCreek District were received in full open view of all persons who handled such ballots, and said ballots were

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simply placed in the official ballot box and intermingled with Regular Ballots to be delivered to the Board of Elections. No records were kept to designate such Absentee Ballots, and no signatures or sworn statements of any nature were requested or obtained from such persons, as is specifically required by Subsection (3) of Section 16 of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election.

(15) At the Pass Creek District Polling Place located at Allen, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Elections allowed numerou persons to cast votes in the election who were not residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. One such person allowed to vote was Alvin Iron Cloud, who is an official resident of the State of North Dakota. Thus, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the Pass Creek District Polling Place refused to enforce Section 2 (a) of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the Tribal Elections;

(16) At the Pine Ridge District Polling Place, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Elections refused to enforce Section 2 (a) of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the Tribal Election, and these officials gave official ballots to, and received marked ballots from numerous persons who are not residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. One such person was James Red Wing, who had been an official resident of the State of Nebraska for well over one full year prior to the Tribal Election. Another such person was Mendat Salway, who has not been a resident of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for several years. Thus, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the Pine Ridge District Polling Place on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation refused to enforce Section 2 (a)

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of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election;

(17) At the Polling Place for the District of Our Lady of the Sioux, the officials appointed by the Board of Election to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election explicitly ordered one Richard T. Little, an official candidate for the Tribal Council, not to vote for his own election in the February Tribal Election, in direct violation of the right guaranteed to him by the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 to vote for the candidate of his choice in an official Tribal Election;

(18) At the Kyle Village District Polling Place, the officials appointed by the Board of Election to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election refused to enforce Section 16 of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the election by refusing to seal in envelopes numerous Absentee Ballots delivered to them by police officer Herman, and by intermingling these ballots with Regular Ballots placed in the official ballot box at said Polling Place, and by refusing to deliver these votes sealed in envelopes to the Board of Elections. Nor did these officials comply with procedural requirements mandated for designating official Absentee Voters by Section 16 of Ordinance No. 85 (G). Thus, the officials appointed by the Board of Elections at the Kyle Village District Polling Place on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation refused to enforce Section 16 of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the Tribal Election.

(19) The officials appointed by the Board of Election to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at the Red Shirt Table District Polling Place refused to enforce Section 2 (c) of Ordinance No. 85 (G) by using a list of qualified voters different from that list which was compiled as of January 2, 1974 in accordance with the Ordinance passed by the Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the Tribal Election. The

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official itemized list of voting materials sent to the Red Shirt Table District Polling Place indicates that 60 blank official ballots were sent to the officials appointed to supervise the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election at that Polling Place. However, only 51 ballots were returned at the end of Election Day. Moreover, the records of this Polling Place reveal that only 44 persons voted at this location on Election Day, whereas more than this number of marked ballots were counted by the Board of Election as having been cast from this Polling Place. The registering by the Board of Election of more votes from Red Shirt Table than the records of that Polling Place show were cast constitutes a violation of Section 10 of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the Tribal Election;

(20) On the evening of February 7, 1974, Richard Wilson, a candidate for Tribal Chairman, was physically present inside the office to which the official ballot boxes were delivered from the various official Polling Places on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. In this office, a number of these official ballot boxes were opened on the evening of February 7, 1974, and numerous official ballots were removed from these ballot boxes directly in the presence of Richard Wilson.

(f) That Prior to the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election, and subsequent to this election, overt threats, including threats of physical violence, have been made against the lives and property of numerous persons who refused to express their affirmative support for the reelection of Candidate Wilson in the Tribal Elections. These threats constitute overt violations of the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, and they have had an illegal effect on the outcome of the Tribal Elections.

(g) More specifically:

(1) On Wednesday, February 6, 1974, the day before the Tribal Election, Darwin Apple, in the company of his companions, the Steele brothers, made overt threats of physical violence against persons on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation who

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supported candidates opposed to Richard Wilson. Timothy Steele, pursuant to these threats of Darwin Apple, physically assaulted one Betty Janis and one Norma Shields;

(2) A list was circulated on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by a police official, Francis Two Bulls, of the Administration of Richard Wilson, which contained the addresses of homes in the Manderson District which were to be fire-bombed on the day after the Tribal Election if Richard Wilson was not reelected by the people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to continue as the Tribal Chairman;

(3) Vocal supporters of Richard Wilson appeared in public numerous times prior to the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election carrying loaded firearms, and these persons voiced threats of violent retaliation if Richard Wilson were not re-elected to remain Tribal Chairman on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation;

(4) A printed circular was sent in the mail to all persons who were on welfare mailing lists, stating that welfare payments would be stopped if Richard Wilson was not reelected to be Tribal Chairman of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation;

(5) Police officials of Richard Wilson's Administration explicitly refused to arrest persons who, in support of Richard Wilson's reelection as Tribal Chairman, committed physical assaults upon persons who refused to support Richard Wilson's reelection to the Tribal Chairmanship on February 7, 1974;

(6) Weapons were stock-piled at the house of Paul Apple in Manderson to be used against persons who opposed Richard Wilson's reelection, in the event that Richard Wilson was not reelected to be Tribal Chairman in the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election. These weapons consisted of (1) 30-30 rifle; (2) automatic(semi) 30/06 rifles; (2) automatic(semi) riot shot-guns of 12 guage caliber; (1) .22 magnum caliber rifle; (1) .22 magnum caliber hand-gun; and (1) double-barrelled shotgun of 20 guage caliber;

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(h) This formal contest to approval by the Pine Ridge Tribal Council of the results of the Tribal Election which was held on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on February 7, 1974, the results of which were "certified" and announced by the Board of Elections appointed by the Tribal Council on Tuesday afternoon, February 13, 1974, is filed pursuant to Section 12 of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council to govern the conduct of said Tribal Election;

(i) This formal contest sets forth numerous specific violations of particular provisions of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election. Copies of formal affidavits, signed by enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, evidencing the truth of each specified violation, are attached to this formal contest. While all of these affidavits have not, as yet, been notarized by licensed Notary Publics, due to the brevity of time available to file this contest under the provision of Ordinance No. 85 (G), preparation of such formal affidavits, which will be admissible in a Court of Law are presently being prepared.

(J) This formal contest evidences aggregious and widespread violations of most fundamental provisions of Ordinance No. 85 (G) passed by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council to govern the conduct of the February 7, 1974 Tribal Election on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Fundamental violations of the provisions of Ordinance No. 85 (G) are evidenced herein to have been committed in at least 7 of the 9 voting districts, these being the District of Pine Ridge Village; the District of Pass Creek; the District of Medicine Root (Kyle Village); the District of White Clay (Red Shirt Table): the LaCreek District; the Eagle Nest District; and the District of Wounded Knee (Manderson). These violations range from the total refusal of officials at Polling Places to undertake any effort whatsoever to enforce Section 2 (a) of Ordinance No. 85 (G) setting forth the qualifications for voters, to the unsupervised collection of open ballots by active supporters of particular candidates from persons throughout the Election District

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who never applied for Absentee Voters status and who never went to any Polling Place to vote. Investigations are continuing to prove allegations of similar fundamental violations in Porcupine District and Wakpamni District, the only two voting districts from which sworn affidavits evidencing fundamental violations of Ordinance No. 85 (G) have not been attached to this contest;

(k) It is hereby requested that the Board of Elections recommend to the Tribal Council that a new election be held, within a reasonable amount of time, at which the provisions set forth by the Tribal Council in Ordinance No. 85 (G) be "strictly adhered to" as is mandated by Section 19 of the Ordinance.

I have read the above formal contest, and on the basis of information and belief, I assert that it states the truth.

Hobart Keith

Hobart Keith

Sworn to before me this 15th day of February, 1974.

Ethel Mousseau
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3-19-78

(SEAL)

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ON FEB. 7, 1974 I WAS AN OBSERVER AT EAGLE NEST DISTRICT IN WANBLEE SOUTH DAKOTA FOR THE ELECTION OF TRIBAL COUNSEL OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE.

I SAW AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE DAY OF FEB. 7, 1974 BETWEEN 9:30 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. PEOPLE ENTERED THE POLLING PLACE AND WERE HANDED A BALLOT BY JAMES CHARGING CROW OR AND LEROY BATTLEYON. THEY ENTERED THE VOTING BOOTH AND VOTED. AFTER THIS TIME AND ONLY AFTER THIS THEY THEN PLACED THEIR BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX. AFTER THIS TIME AND ONLY AFTER THIS TIME WERE THEY ASKED BY JAMES CHARGING CROW AND LEROY BATTLEYON WHETHER THEY WERE ON THE VOTING LIST. IF THEY WERE NOT, I OBSERVED THE VOTING OFFICIALS (JAMES CHARGING CROW AND LEROY BATTLEYON) GIVE THEM AN AFFIDAVIT. I OBSERVED THESE PEOPLE SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT AND LEAVE. THE ELECTION OFFICIALS NEVER ASKED QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THESE PEOPLES' ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE. I OBSERVED AROUND 20 OCCASSIONS ON WHICH THIS OCCURRED.

I SWEAR THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND I SIGN Lorna Standing Elk

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on this 10th day of February, 1974. ON FEB. 10, 1974

Katherine James
Notary Public

My commission expires on 12/17/81.

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ON FEB 7, 1974 I WAS AN OBSERVER AT POTATO CREEK ~~[illegible]~~ VILLAGE ON THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION FOR THE ELECTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNSEL OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE.

OF MY OWN PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE I KNOW THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 30 VOTERS REGISTERED FROM POTATO CREEK.

I OBSERVED THAT THERE WERE OVER 80 BALLOTS CAST.

I OBSERVED A NUMBER OF AFFIDAVITS WHICH WERE PLACED IN THE BALLOT BOX WITH THE VOTES.

I ARRIVED AT POTATO CREEK AT ABOUT 3:00 P.M. AND REMAINED UNTIL AFTER 7:00 P.M. AND OBSERVED THE BALLOTS COUNTED.

I ASKED ~~[illegible]~~ THE ELECTION OFFICIALS AT POTATO CREEK WHY THERE WERE SO MANY PEOPLE VOTING. THE OFFICIAL LAUGHED AND ANSWERED "THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A POPULATION EXPLOSION" OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT.

I SWEAR THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND I SIGN

June Bear Stops

FEB. 10, 1974

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 10th day of February, 1974.

Katherine James

Notary Public

My commission expires on 12/17/81.

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ON FEB 7, 1974 I WAS AN OBSERVER AT MANDERSON ON THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION FOR THE ELECTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE.

I OBSERVED ONE VOTER VOTE TWICE. ONE BALLOT WAS PLACED IN THE WRONG BOX AND THE ELECTION OFFICIAL SAID IT WAS LOCKED AND HE COULD NOT REMOVE IT. I OBSERVED THIS VOTER GIVEN ANOTHER BALLOT WHICH WAS PLACED IN THE CORRECT BOX. I NEVER SAW THE OTHER BALLOT DESTROYED.

I KNOW THAT SOME PEOPLE WHO VOTED CAME IN FROM PLACES OTHER THAN THE RESERVATION AND DID NOT IN FACT LIVE ON THE RESERVATION.

I KNOW THAT DOROTHY TAIL VOTED AND SHE LIVED IN BISMARK NO. DAKOTA FOR AT LEAST A YEAR PRIOR TO FEB. 7, 1974.

I KNOW THAT MARVIN MASTERS, SANDRA LOOKS TWICE, BARBARA SWALLOW AND HER HUSBAND ALL VOTED. I KNOW THAT THESE PEOPLE DO NOT LIVE ON THE RESERVATION AND HAVE LIVED OFF THE RESERVATION IN RAPID CITY FOR AT LEAST A YEAR PRIOR TO FEB 7, 1974.

I SWEAR THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND I SIGN

Myrtle Johnson

Bernice WhiteHawk

FEB 10, 1974

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 10th day of February, 1974.

Notary Public

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FEBRUARY 12, 1974

MY NAME IS HARVEY PEOPLES. I AM TWELVE YEARS OLD AND LIVE IN PINE RIDGE. ON MY WAY HOME ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 1974 AT ABOUT 4:30 P.M. I SAW DICK WILSON AND ABOUT THREE OTHER PEOPLE INCLUDING MYRON ROCK, CARRYING SEVERAL WHITE BOXES OUT OF THE TRIBAL BUILDING AND PLACE THEM IN THE BACK OF THE PICK-UP TRUCK. I SAW THAT ONE OF THE BOXES HAD "MANDERSON" WRITTEN ON IT. THERE WERE AT LEAST FOUR BOXES THAT THEY PUT IN THE PICK-UP TRUCK.

I SWEAR THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE IS TRUE.

Harvey Peoples

WITNESS: Lizzie G. Fizel
WITNESS: Herman Thunder Hawk
WITNESS: Rose Pearson

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1. I am a resident of Martin, South Dakota.

2. I am Oglala Sioux, and am a registred voter of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

3. On February 7, 1974, I was present at the polling place in Martin for the General Election of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

4. IN my presence, Frank Bettelyoun voted in the general election.

5. The election judges did not check his identification nor did they ascertain from the registration list whether he is a registered voter.

6. Frank Bettelyoun is under twenty-one years of age.

Sophie Pourbeau 2-8-74

Witnessed by
Dean Bad Wound
Martin S.D. -2-8-74

Bryce Stephens 2-8-74

Nancy M Rhodes 2-8-74
of Mtn Home, Idaho

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Emma Bettelyoun, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am currently and have been a resident of Lacreek District on the Pine Ridge Reservation my entire life.

2. I am Oglala Sioux, a registered voter of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and am currently a Tribal Council Representative from Lacreek District.

3. On February 7, 1974, I was present at the polling place in Martin for the General Election of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

4. In my presence, Frank Bettelyoun voted in the general election.

5. The election judges did not check his identification nor did they ascertain from the registration list whether he is a registered voter.

6. Frank Bettelyoun is under twenty-one years of age.

Emma Bettelyoun

Witnessed By
Jon Bad Wound
Allen S. D. 2-8-74

Phillip Waters
Allen S. Dak. 2-8-74

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1. I am and have been a resident of Wa Creek District on the Pine Ridge Reservation my entire life.

2. I am Oglala Sioux and am a registered voter of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

3. I am currently a Tribal Council Representative from Wacrek District.

4. On February 7, 1974, I was present at the polling place in Martin for the General Election of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

5. I have been acquainted with Mary Graham Burritt, her brother Francis Graham, and John Cummings, for several years.

6. Mary Graham Burritt and Francis Graham, to the best of my knowledge and belief, are not residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation, but in fact have been residing in Fe-lon, Nebraska, for several years.

7. John Cummings, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is not a resident of the Pine Ridge Reservation, but in fact has been residing in Wyoming for over one year.

8. Mary Graham Burritt, Francis Graham, and John Cumming voted in the General Election on February 7th in Martin in my presence.

Witness by
Dian Bond Ward
Allen S.D. 2-8-74

Emma Bettelyoun

Phyllis Wetter
Allen S. D.

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Cornell Conroy, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I have lived in Allen, South Dakota, for one and a half years.

2. I am Oglala Sioux and am a registered voter of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

3. On February 7, 1974, I was present at the polling place in Allen for the General Election of The Oglala Sioux Tribe.

4. I have been acquainted with Alvin Iron Cloud, [redacted], since the summer of 1973.

5. Marcella Iron Cloud, Alvin Iron Cloud's mother, is my next-door neighbor.

6. Upon information from Alvin Iron Cloud, I believe that he works and resides in North Dakota.

7. Alvin Iron Cloud was present in Allen, South Dakota for less than one week prior to the Oglala Sioux General Election held on February 7, 1974.

8. Alvin Iron Cloud voted in my presence in the Allen polling place on February 7, 1974, in the Oglala Sioux Tribe General Election.

Cornell Conroy

Witnessed By

Barbara Bissonette

Nancy M. Rhodes

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1. I am a resident of Allen, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

2. I am Oglala Sioux, was born on 12/12/54, and have lived in Allen my entire life

3. On February 7, 1974, I was present at the polling place in Allen for the General Election of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

4. I have been acquainted with Alvin Iron Cloud for several years, and with his parents since they moved next door to my parents' home on or about September, 1973.

5. Alvin Iron Cloud does not reside with his parents in Allen, and I believe he lives in North Dakota.

6. Alvin Iron Cloud was in Allen, South Dakota, for less than one week prior to February 7, 1974.

7. Alvin Iron Cloud was allowed to vote in the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election on February 7, 1974.

Phillip Lightner
2/8/74

Witnessed By
[illegible]
[illegible] So. Dakota
[illegible]

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1. I am a resident of Martin, South Dakota.

2. I am Oglala Sioux, and am a registered voter of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

3. On February 7, 1974, I was present at the polling place in Martin for the general election of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

4. Bennie "Tote" Richards, not being an official of the election board or of the local precinct, and in fact being closely identified with Tribal Chairman Incumbent Richard "Dick" Wilson, was allowed to take ballots to persons unable to vote in the polling place unaccompanied by any official of the Election Committee.

5. On two occasions I saw Bennie "Tote" Richards take blank ballots from the polling place.

6. On at least one occasion, Bennie "Tote" Richards returned a ballot, not in a sealed envelope, to the polling place, and handed it to Edison Ward, Judge of the Election in LaCreek District, who then took the ballot and placed it in the ballot box. This occurred in my presence.

Sophie Fourbear 2 8 74

Witness for
Fort Bennett S.D. - 2-8-74

Bruce Stephens 2-8-74

Nancy M. Rhodes

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On Election day, February 5, 1974, I went to the polling place in Martin to vote in the City-County Tribal General Election. Since I was not able to enter the polling place, it was necessary for the ballot to be brought out to me. Bennie "Tate" Ferland came out of the polling place with a ballot and a pencil and handed them to me. He did not ask me to sign any paper. When I finished voting, I folded my ballot and handed it to him. He was sitting in my car as I voted. When I handed him my ballot, he took it as it was, got out of the car, and went back into the polling place.

Dorothea Conyac Ferland

WITNESSED BY:
Nancy McKinley

Ellen S. D. 2-5-74

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I am a semi-invalid and am unable to get about very well. I am an enrolled voter in the Oglala Sioux Tribe and wanted to vote in the General Election of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on February 7, 1974. Bennie "Tote" Richards brought a ballot to my home. My wife brought the ballot to my room, and, after I voted, returned the ballot to Mr. Richards. I was not asked to sign any paper. Bennie "Tote" Richards took the ballot from my wife, and, without placing my ballot in an envelope or similar device, left my home.

[illegible]

Translated by
[illegible]
Allen S.D.
2-8-74

Witnessed By Joshua Conquering Bear

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I, Hobart KEITH, swear to the following statement
on this 12th day of Feb. 1974

I was at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge, S.D. on February 7, 1974 when I observed James Red Wing ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] Jr. [illegible] posting. Both of these people do not and have not lived on the reservation for more than a year. I know that they live in Nebraska.

I swear that all of the above is true.

SIGNED Hobart Keith

WITNESS Lewis Fiscal

WITNESS Herman Saunders Hawk

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Violet Young Bear, a poll watcher in Eagle Nest Dist. She arrived at 9:10 and found that the ballot boxes at the school.

James Charging Crow a person who's last name is Bettelyoun were judges.

Violet reported that most of the Indian people voted in the morning and the evening consisted of white ranchers, who signed affi.s.

A total of 447 affidavi were signed in the Eagle nest Dist. and the Eagle Nest Dist. has 445 registered voters.

About 2 mi out of Wamble, the police radio in and the dispatcher told them to remove the ~~girl~~ representative out of the car. Violet refused to get out of the car. The dispatcher again called and ask for them to remove her from the car. The police stopped the car and told her to get out. She then refused. The police asked her again, then they pulled away

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themselves, and got back into the car)
When they arrived in Pine Ridge Violet went in with the votes too office. She was refused admittance into the office, so for she left. The numbers on the board recorded 132 votes for Ed Wilson.
Violet reports that only 1 or 2 people voted in Eagle Nest Dock for Richard Wilson

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Joseph R. Wilcox vs. City of Fremont

I was at Billy Mills Hall on January 22, 1974 for the primary election and I saw Joseph Paul Wilcox along with Joseph Scott [illegible] there to vote in the primary election. I know that they are and have been living in Arcadia (Sherman County) for at least five (5) years. Do that their children are enrolled in the county schools of Sherman County, Nebraska. Prof. Peoples told me that on election day she saw Merdat Salway with Julia Wilson (Dick Wilson's wife) enter the polling place and that Merdat Salway voted. Merdat Salway has not lived on this reservation for many years.

The night they were counting votes I heard from several people that Dick Wilson was handling the ballots and that during the course of the night [illegible] while counting they took some ballots and put them around and walked on them.

I SWEAR THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE IS TRUE

SIGNED: Ethel Merrival

WITNESS Roy A. Fiegel

WITNESS Herman Thundershield

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I, Richard T. Little do hereby make the following true statements:

When I went to vote in the election on Febuary 7, 1974 I was told by the election judge, Alice Crow that since I was a candidate for tribal council I could not vote for myself. Since there were the rules that the Judge told me, I did not vote for myself.

I heard from my brother William Little Jr, that Louis Young of Pine Ridge Caught [illegible] stole Tepee sights missing and with the bullet holes under the table.

I have travelled all over this reservation campaigning for Gerald One Feather and in talking with people, I have never found any support for Wilson.

I often just believe he got so many votes in the spring or the general election based on my observations and experience.

I believe that Wilson will do anything legal or otherwise to do what he wants and to get re-elected. He couldn't possibly do it on his own. I believe Wilson would do anything dishonest he would rob, crook, steal, anything illegal to remain as president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

I swear that all of the above statements are true.

Richard T. Little

Witness: Rose A. Fast dated Febuary 14, 1974

Witness: Herman Thunder Hawk dated Febuary 14, 1974

P.S.L.

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I, Maxfield H. King, [illegible] this
day of February, 1974:

On February 7, 1974, during the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election, I witnessed Francis Two Crows, judge of the election in Kyle, leave the polling place with police officer Herman to pick up ballots of Delia Big Boy, William Short Horse, Julia Jones, Gene Rouillard, George Jensen, who were all unable to vote at the polling place.

He returned to the polling place with the five ballots, none of them in sealed envelopes, and did not immediately place them in the ballot box.

I have also heard of non-residents, who lived in Denver, Colorado, and California, having voted in the election through absentee ballots. I heard this from Fred Billy, who lives in Denver.

I Swear that the above is true.

Maxfield H. King

WITNESSED BY:

Stephen E. Griffith

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JAMES CHARGING CROW, ON FEBRUARY 8, 1974, MAKES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

During the General Election of the Oglala Sioux on February 7, 1974, I was the judge for the Eagle Nest District in Wanblee. During the day I witnessed the fillowing irregularities in the voting:

Norman Amiotte, who is not a resident on the Pine Ridge Reservation, voted in the election. He said he is an enrolled member and allowed to vote.

Thelma Goodman, Delores Winters Shrader, and Fern Livermont Jorgensen voted in the election. They are Oglala women who are married to white men, who should not have voted, but their names were on the registered voters list sent by the Election Board in Pine Ridge.

Molly Red Elk Penny, whose name appeared on the registered voters list, is also married to a white men and thus should be ineligible to vote. She voted in the election.

About 3 or 4 women from Long Valley who are married to white men also voted in the election. Their names did not appear on the registered voters' list, but they filled out affidavits. One of those women is named Mary Gropper.

I question the eligibility of the following voters: Ellis Pearl Williams and Ward Williams; ~~Shirley~~ ~~Burnett~~ UCC ~~and~~ ~~Lucille~~ Lucille Peck Branch.

I have read this statement and swear that it is true.

witnessed by

Bruce Stephens
Stephen E. Kemble

Joma Charging Crow

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JAMES CHARGING CROW MAKES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

I WAS THE JUDGE OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 7, 1974, IN EAGLES NEST DISTRICT IN WANBLEE.

MARGARET JENKINS ~~and Peggy Roure~~ JCC IS ~~are~~ LISTED ON THE REGISTERED VOTERS LIST PREPARED BY THE ELECTION BOARD IN PINE RIDGE. PEGGY ROURE SAID SHE WAS AN INDIAN. BOTH WOMEN VOTED IN MY PRESENCE. BOTH WOMEN ARE MARRIED TO WHITE MEN.

I SWEAR THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE.

James Charging Crow

WITNESSED BY

George Rooks

Bert F. Rooks

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Bob Two Bulls who has not lived on the Pine Ridge Reservation and Enrolled Delaware allowed to vote in the primary election but in the general election they were refused voting rights because of residency. Their names were on the voter registration list that was used for the primary but apparently a different list was used in the general election.

A person named Keenan from Cuny Table came to vote and used a hunting license which certified his enrollment to the Tribe on file. He signed an affidavit and voted.

Fred Conard (Spencer) Clyde Red Shirt was on the registered voters list but lives off the reservation in Rapid City near the airbase. He voted in Red Shirt at the general election.

From Pine Ridge the election material sent to Red Shirt had an item omitted which said 60 blank ballots were sent. However at the end of the day 51 ballots were counted, 7 unused and 4 people voted. Means Received 16, Wilson received 1 which totals 45. This means one extra vote for one of the candidates.

In the primary election at Red Shirt Table polling place the judges counted 2 votes for Ramona Means at Pine Ridge he received none. The judges visited this with election officials who then counted the votes for Means. The official count remained the same.

The people in Red Shirt Table on the ballot also received in the mail the policy statement which stated termination of welfare among other things, if Means was elected.

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This seems to have been a measure for their people on welfare.
All the above is true as stated on the date Feb 12, 1974

Lizzie Saulsbury
Hermosa
S. Dak.

Cecilia Stabbell
Hermosa
South Dakota

Susanna Swalling
Hermosa S. D.

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On election day February 7, 1974 at the Oglala polling place which is called Our Lady of Lourdes, Raymond and Phillip Iron who live several miles southwest of Oglala and are on the voter registration list for election ~~day~~ They voted in the election but are questioned because of whether they are members of the tribe.

The paper that was distributed a few days prior to the election that stated the information about Menominee elected such as no welfare hospitals or schools had a big effect on the voting population. It created frustration fear of losing welfare checks, food money, land, building facilities, education facilities among the people who voted.

Janet Standa a white woman married to Fred Standa an Oglala could not vote.

An Oglala woman who married a white man who may have signed the sign in sheet prior to voting as Bradshaw Garnier did vote.

Norma Jane Eck.

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February 7, 1974

I Donald Standing Bear a resident of Wanblee saw the following when I went to vote in the General election on February 7, 1974.

Norman Ammiotte, who I know lives across the river, off the reservation, was in line to vote ahead of me. The judge questioned his right to vote and he said he lived only a few feet across the river. The Judge then allowed Norman Ammiotte to fill out an affidavit to vote.

As I was leaving the polling place, I heard a woman say "Lets see, I think I can vote 4 times, once as Elma Swalley and another time as Elma Winter, my maiden name." I left before I saw her vote.

I swear that all of the above is true.

X Donald Standing Bear

witness: Inez A. Fitzel
witness: Herman Thunder Hawk

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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
RICHARD WILSON	MAURICE E. PEARSON	nc
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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REFERENCES: Minneapolis report of SA MAURICE E. PEARSON dated 4/11/73.
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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.: Will determine if information requested in referenced airtel is available for dissemination to FBI in order that this case can be brought to a logical conclusion.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA: Will follow and report results of leads set forth.

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Report of: MAURICE E. PEARSON Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: 5/1/73

Field Office File #: 70-6992 Bureau File #:

Title: RICHARD WILSON

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - FRAUD (DIVERSION OF OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FUNDS)

Synopsis: Investigation reflects subject has not diverted monies from the Program Planning Office account of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) to subject's brother, JAMES WILSON. Subject's brother, GEORGE WILSON, is employed by the Planning Commission in the capacity of Director of the Water Development Program and OEO and tribal records reflect no irregularities surrounding this employment. Investigation continuing pending results of General Accounting Office audit.

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Date of transcription 4/14/73

SARAH TYON, 39 Crazy Horse Housing Addition, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, provided the following information:

Her son, LOUIS TYON, is in Boulder, Colorado, visiting his cousin, OLIVER MOUSSEAU, whose exact address is not known. TYON is travelling in the company of JERRY MOUSSEAU. TYON is supposed to return to Pine Ridge in a week or two. He is driving a 1972 green Ford pick-up truck bearing South Dakota license number 65T445.

On 4/14/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-6992

by SA THOMAS W. MATTHEWS and SA MAURICE E. PEARSON/ MEP: smo Date dictated 4/14/73

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Date of transcription April 15, 1973

LOUIS J. TYON, date of birth June 6, 1945, 39 Crazy Horse Addition, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, provided the following information:

He is a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM), and also an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

He has heard many rumors about misappropriation and misapplication of tribal funds on the part of RICHARD WILSON, Tribal Chairman; however, he has no direct knowledge or information which he could furnish.

Interviewed on 4/15/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-6992 -K

by SA MAURICE E. PEARSON
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IVAN G. BETTELYOUN, Box 743, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, (telephone 867-5622) provided the following information:

He is a private consultant operating in the capacity of a fiscal manager and accountant for various Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) programs the Oglala Sioux Tribe is operating on the reservation.

He is affiliated with the Program Planning Office of the OEO. The Planning Commission began operating in August, 1972 and he began working under contract to do accounting work for the Planning Commission in February, 1973. However, he has maintained the accounting records for the Planning Commission since its inception in August, 1972. DICK WILSON's brother, JAMES WILSON, has never been paid any monies from the Program Planning Office account of OEO as consulting fees for work done for the Planning Commission; however, GEORGE WILSON, another brother of DICK WILSON, has been receiving a salary of $461.00 bi-weekly which represents an annual salary of $12,000. He has been receiving this salary since January, 1973. This salary is supposed to be for consulting work GEORGE WILSON is doing.

BETTELYOUN is not really sure what WILSON does for this money but BOB MCGEE, Planning Commission Director, hired WILSON and he should know in what capacity WILSON earns this salary.

BETTELYOUN received $1,615.00 for accounting work for the period August, 1973 to January 31, 1973 for the Planning Commission.

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April 17, 1973
Date of transcription

GEORGE F. WILSON, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents by display of their FBI credentials. He was advised that the FBI wished to question him concerning the possible misappropriation and misapplication of Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Planning Commission Funds. He was advised of his rights as stated on the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, wherein he signed the form and waived his rights and provided the following information:

His position with the OEO Planning Commission is that of Director of the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) Water Development Program. His duties are the management and supervision of personnel drilling water wells and installing pumping systems on the Pine Ridge Reservation. At the present time he supervises four men.

He was initially hired to work in this capacity for the OST by LLOYD EAGLE BULL. He was working for the tribe until such time as Tribal Funds gave out and he was then transferred to the Planning Commission to carry on his function as Water Development Director. He began working for the Tribe about eight weeks ago and was transferred to the Planning Commission about four weeks ago.

He received a check from the Planning Commisssion every two weeks in the amount of $461. This check is signed by BOB ECOFFEY and EMMA NELSON. The words "Consulting Fees" are written on the check stub.

This is the only job which WILSON holds and he receives no other salaries or consulting fees from any other OEO or Tribal Programs.

The salary of the four men he supervises is paid by the "EDA."

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by SA THOMAS W. MATTHEWS
SA MAURICE E. PEARSON MEP:wkb Date dictated 4/16/73

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Date of transcription April 17, 1973

FRANK R. ECOFFEY, Director, Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Planning Commission, Pine Ridge Airport, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, (telephone 867-5632) was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents by display of their FBI credentials. He was advised that the FBI wished to question him concerning the possible misappropriation and misapplication of OEO Planning Commission Funds. He was advised of his rights as stated on the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, wherein he signed the form and waived his rights and provided the following information:

As Director of the Planning Commission he is charged with the overall planning and development of various projects and programs on the Pine Ridge Reservation to improve the living conditions for the Oglala Sioux Indians.

GEORGE WILSON is employed with the Planning Commission as Director of the Water Development Program. WILSON is charged with the responsibility of managing and supervising the installation and repair of water wells on the reservation. He bids for contracts for the Planning Commission to do other well work projects which would benefit the Tribe. ECOFFEY showed Special Agent MAURICE E. PEARSON a copy of the job description for WILSON and a folder which set forth all work done and work in progress by WILSON. WILSON currently has 40-60 water wells which he is installing for various Indian people on the reservation. For his duties, WILSON receives a salary of $361 every two weeks. This salary is paid from the amount set aside in the Planning Commission Budget for consulting fees.

The money which is being paid to IVAN BETTELYON is for accounting services which BETTELYON provides for the Planning Commission during a twelve-month period. The Planning Commission has a $1,080 budget for accounting services; however, BETTELYON will not receive the full amount of his accounting fees until all work is completed by him after a twelve-month period. To date, the Planning Commission has received a bill from BETTELYON in the amount of $1,361.00; however, only half of this bill will be paid to BETTELYON, pending his completion of a full twelve months accounting work.

Investigation on 4/16/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-6032 -2c

by SA THOMAS W. MATTHEWS
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When personnel travel on Planning Commission business, they are reimbursed from monies budgeted for initial per diem and transportation expenses. In order to receive reimbursement, personnel must submit Tribal Receipts with all vouchers. These vouchers and receipts are on file in the Planning Commission Office and will be made available to the FBI upon request.

At the end of the Planning Commission Contract in August, 1973, the Housing Urban Development (HUD) will send and audit team to Pine Ridge to audit the records of the Planning Commission.

BOB FITZGERALD, South Dakota State Planning Agency, Pierre, South Dakota, has sent a representative named JULIE DE GOUR on two separate occasions since the inception of the Planning Commission in August, 1972, to review the Planning Commission Records and assist in establishing an accounting system and training personnel. The Planning Commission is funded through the State of South Dakota by HUD.

DICK WILSON, Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) Tribal Chairman, has nothing to do with dictating the policies of the OEO Planning Commission. ECOTEY was hired by the OST. ECOTEY is responsible only to the Executive Board of the OST.

Everything which is done by the Planning Commission will be publicized in many of the area newspapers in order that the public be made knowledgeable of what the Planning Commission is accomplishing.

ECOTEY is willing to cooperate with the FBI in any way possible.

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Date of transcription 4/10/73

JAMES J. WILSON, III was informed of the identity of the interviewing Agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with Crime on an Indian Reservation - Fraud. He was promptly advised of his rights, which he read; and he waived these rights as shown on an executed "Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Your Rights" form. Thereafter, and promptly following this, he was interviewed and furnished a signed statement which is set forth as follows:

Interviewed on 4/9/73 at Albuquerque, New Mexico File # AQ 70-5224

by SAs ROBERT J. IVEY and WAYNE OWENS WO:ij Date dictated 4/10/73

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Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 9, 1973

I, James John Wilson, III, being duly sworn, furnish the following voluntary statement to Special Agents Wayne Owens and Robert J. Ivey who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises, or duress were used to get me to make this statement. I have been advised that it may be used in a court of law concerning Crime on an Indian Reservation - Fraud.

I reside at 2703 Candelaria NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico; I am 41 years old, having been born October 23, 1931, at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. I have completed my Doctorate Degree in Education at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.

Prior to my becoming associated with the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), I was an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Chadron College, Chadron, Nebraska. In 1965 Robert Sargent Shriver approached me and offered me the position as Chief of the Indian Desk, OEO, in Washington, D. C. I accepted same in September, 1965, and physically was located in Washington, D. C., at that time. I terminated this employment in June, 1971, and moved to Albuquerque,

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New Mexico, where I began employment in July, 1971, as Executive Director of the Southwestern Cooperative Educational Laboratory. My major responsibilities as Chief of the Indian Desk, OEO, were to review and administer community action programs on Federal Indian Reservations throughout the United States, and to prepare budget allocations for same. I was not authorized to sign off on any grants and only made recommendations concerning the programs I reviewed.

My brother, Richard Wilson, is currently the Chairman (President) of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Reservation. He has been in this capacity for approximately one year and prior to that he was an elected member of the Tribal Council.

At no time have I ever acted in the capacity of consultant for the Oglala Sioux Tribe, my brother, Richard Wilson, or the Office of Economic Opportunity other than the following exception:

In the Fall of 1972 I was contacted by a member (name unrecalled) of the Tribal Council at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, regarding a budget review of the proposed Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency Budget. I was asked to travel from Albuquerque to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, to assist with this review. I accepted and spent one day working with a review

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committee made up of representatives of the Tribal Council and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. For this service I received two hundred and fifty dollars to cover my travel and personal expenses. At no time within the last ten years have I received any personal loans, contributions, gifts, or money of any kind or in any form from my brother, Richard Wilson, or from anyone acting on his behalf. I have no knowledge of any OEO monies allocated to the Pine Ridge Community Action Program being diverted for consulting fees to myself or anyone that I knew. During the time that I was employed in Washington, D. C., by the Office of Economic Opportunity, I received no fees or payments other than my salary as a Civil Service employee, Grade GS-15.

During the period of my employment with the Office of Economic Opportunity, other unfounded allegations were made. No charges were ever brought and I believe that the current allegations are a continuation of efforts to discredit my brother as Tribal Chairman and myself as a member of his family.

I believe that the facts will bear out that this allegation is the result of present efforts by the American Indian Movement organization to gain political control of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

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I, James John Wilson, III, have read the above statement consisting of three previous pages. I fully understand this statement and do voluntarily sign same, after initialling on each page hereof. It is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am willing to testify in a court of law to the facts contained in this statement.

James John Wilson III

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of April, 1964 at the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Robert J. Lucy, SA/FBI, Albuquerque, N.M.

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The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	JAMES JOHN WILSON, III
Date of birth	October 23, 1931
Place of birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	5'10"
Weight	192
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars/marks	Tattoo, indistinguishable four letter word, one letter on each of four fingers left hand; Tattoo, the number 50 on left forearm.
Education	Doctorate of Education, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
Military service	U. S. Navy, 1951-55 (serial number unrecalled)
Social Security #	Unrecalled, does not carry wallet.
Marital status	Widowed
Children	JAMES WILSON, IV, age 14; CHARLES WILSON, age 13; MADONA WILSON, age 12; THOMAS WILSON, age 11; ESTHERLYN WILSON, age 10; EDNA WILSON, age 6
Employment	Currently unemployed
Prior employment	Executive Director, Southwestern Cooperative Educational Laboratory (resigned March 31, 1973)
Prior arrests	March 13, 1973, Albuquerque Police Department, aggravated residential burglary and assault, charges dismissed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/21/73

FRANCIS L. KILLAR, 720 North University Road, Vermillion, South Dakota, advised as follows:

He is a self-employed accountant and does various accounting type work, including "work for various Indian organizations".

He graduated from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in June, 1971. He entered on duty in July, 1971 for the Oglala Sioux Tribe as a fiscal manager at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Although he entered on duty in that capacity under a one year contract, he did not work one year, but rather, resigned March 1, 1972. During the time he was employed, the Tribal Chairman was GERALD ONE FEATHER. His immediate supervisor was Mrs. ZONA POURIER of Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Mrs. POURIER was the Tribal Treasurer.

During the time he was employed the Tribal funds (and budget) actually consisted of only $360,000, but that auditing and monthly travel books were only a part of his accounting staff job. The accounting work for which he was responsible totaled in the neighborhood of seven to eight million dollars and this represented various contracts with the following U. S. Governmental agencies: HEW, OEO, U.S. Department of Labor programs, law enforcement training program, BIA contracts negotiated with the Oglala Tribe at Pine Ridge, etc.

In January, 1972, RICHARD WILSON was elected President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe at Pine Ridge having defeated ONE FEATHER in the election. WILSON took possession of that office on about April 12, 1972.

According to the Oglala by-laws and constitution, the President-elect should never receive any money until such time as he actually comes on duty as President of the Tribe.

In spite of such Tribal by-laws, President-Elect WILSON, from about January, 1972, commenced to receive "mileage per diem expenses", which funds he believes must have been

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by SA RUSS ADAMS BOND/mlw Date dictated 4/18/73

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furnished him by the Treasurer, Mrs. POURIER. He is certain the Oglala Tribal records, if audited, would reveal such funds being paid to WILSON from about January, 1972 until April, 1972. (It is this period of time that funds furnished WILSON for the foregoing reasons is illegal, according to the by-laws of the Tribe).

In addition, as he recalls, a resolution was passed by the Oglala Tribal Council members (consisting of twenty in number) which raised the Tribal President's salary from $8500 to $10,000 annually. Once again, according to the by-laws of the Tribe, once an official is in "office" he cannot raise his own salary. Since WILSON had already been elected as President he believes the Council's action in this regard would be contrary to the by-laws. Further, once WILSON got into office as President, he raised his own salary to $14,500. It is his speculation that "some how or another" WILSON got the cooperation of the Council members to raise (the President's salary from $8500 to $10,000 before he took office in April, 1972.

Further, as soon as the Council members took office (twenty in number) when WILSON took office in April, 1972, the Council passed a resolution raising their salaries about $100 monthly and increased their monthly expense allowance from $150 to $250. He believes the Council members action in raising their salaries is also contrary to the by-laws of instant tribe.

Further, as he recalls, Mrs. POURIER authorized WILSON to commence drawing his salary in about February or March, 1972, whereas his salary actually should have commenced when he took office in April, 1972. Here again KILLER pointed out an audit of the Tribal records at Pine Ridge would support the foregoing information.

He recalls prior to resigning his position calling the above objections of his to the attention of Mrs. POURIER and Mrs. POURIER's only comment to him was that it was "all part of politics out there".

In good conscience he could not go along with the foregoing violations of the by-laws so he resigned his position

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and left Pine Ridge on or about March 1, 1972, prior to the time WILSON actually took office as President. He knows of no actual fraud of Tribal funds on the part of anyone during the time he served as fiscal manager unless such fraud could be considered in the nature of the foregoing violations of the by-laws and constitution of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Insofar as actual proof and/or evidence of the foregoing violations of by-laws are concerned, he reiterated his statements as set forth above could be substantiated by auditing the Tribal records.

He further indicated the Tribal by-laws and constitution would be available at Pine Ridge, South Dakota Indian Reservation.

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EMMA T. NELSON, Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) Treasurer, OST Headquarters, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, provided the following information:

Since assuming the position of Treasurer for the OST on April 11, 1972, she has not paid out any monies to Tribal Chairman RICHARD WILSON's brother, JIM WILSON, for any type of consulting fees for work which JIM WILSON supposedly performed for the OST.

NELSON has no knowledge of any funds paid to JIM WILSON prior to April 11, 1972, as Mrs. ZONA POURIER was Treasurer prior to that date, however, RICHARD WILSON was not Tribal Chairman until April 11, 1972, and it is doubtful that the One Feather Administration would have made any payments to RICHARD WILSON's brother JIM.

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Minneapolis report of SA LARRY L. DE WITT, dated 5/1/74.

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Contact has been maintained with Assistant U.S. Attorneys RICHARD D. HURD and ROBERT D. HIARING regarding this matter.

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Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - FRAUD
(DIVERSION OF OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FUNDS)

Synopsis: Review of Head Start Program and Planning Commission Program records, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, did not reflect any $10,000 to $14,000 alleged withdrawals by Oglala Sioux Tribe President RICHARD WILSON. WILSON interviewed, at which time he advised that he had previously paid his brother, JAMES WILSON, approximately $300 for consultant fees in approximate summer of 1972. Assistant U.S. Attorney Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that after reviewing this matter and noting that some allegations were non specific in nature and that subsequent investigation had not substantiated other allegations, further investigation was not warranted and this matter did not merit Federal prosecution.

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The following investigation was conducted at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, by SA LARRY L. DE WITT:

On June 17, 1974, attempts to contact ALMA JACOBS, Fiscal Manager, Headstart Program, Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST), Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, were met with negative results.

GERALD ONE FEATHER, Treasurer, OST, was contacted at his office at which time he advised that the Headstart Project Accounts would most likely be kept by the Fiscal Manager of the OST, who is at this time Mrs. ALMA JACOBS. ONE FEATHER advised that he did not have any information in regard to any alleged $10,000 to $14,000 withdrawal by OST President, RICHARD WILSON.

Attempts to contact OST President, RICHARD WILSON, on July 11, 1974, were met with negative results.

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ALMA JACOBS, Fiscal Manager, Headstart Program, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, was contacted at her office. JACOBS was already aware of the identity of SA DE WITT.

Upon questioning, JACOBS advised that she has personally reviewed the Headstart records including disbursement records and cancelled checks for the Headstart Program Account for the period of October, 1972, through March, 1973, and she had not located any unusual or unexplained disbursement. In addition, JACOBS advised that she did not locate any disbursement in the amount of approximately $10,000 to $14,000.

JACOBS was advised that HATTIE TWISS was the former director of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Headstart Program until October, 1972, and that TWISS advised FBI Agents that she, TWISS, had resigned from that position because of wrongdoings on the part of RICHARD WILSON, President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST).

JACOBS was also advised that TWISS had alleged that during the first part of October, 1972, TWISS became ill and had to go into the hospital for one week. When TWISS returned to work, she discovered that RICHARD WILSON had drawn $14,000 from the Headstart Account and that there was no allowance for this withdrawal according to TWISS.

Upon being advised of the above, JACOBS stated that the above allegation by TWISS was an "outright lie," and that she, JACOBS, personally knew otherwise since she had personally reviewed the Headstart Program records for that period of time.

JACOBS advised that HATTIE TWISS was the former director of the Headstart Program and that CARMEL MEANS was at that time the Fiscal Manager of the Headstart Program.

JACOBS stated that RAMONA COTTIER is currently the director of the Headstart Program and that she, JACOBS, is the Fiscal Manager.

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JACOBS advised that she would make available to the interviewing Agent in the immediate future the disbursement records and the cancelled checks for the Headstart Program for the months of September, October, and November of 1972 as requested by the interviewing Agent.

JACOBS added that TWISS died in approximately the latter part of April, 1973.

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RICHARD WILSON, President, Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST), Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, was contacted at the law firm of Costello, Porter, Hill, Banks, and Nelson, 704 St. Joseph Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, at which time WILSON was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent by display of credentials.

Also present at that time was attorney DENNIS HILL of the above law firm and PAT LEE, a representative of the OST, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota.

WILSON was advised in the presence of HILL and LEE that the contacting Agent had received allegations against WILSON and which allegations were possibly in violation of criminal Federal Statutes.

WILSON was advised that individuals had alleged as follows:

1. During WILSON's previous administration as President of the OST, WILSON had diverted approximately ten to fourteen thousand dollars from the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Program Planning Office, to WILSON's brother, JIM WILSON, for some type of consultant fee.

2. HATTIE TWISS, now deceased, former Director of the OST Head Start Program at the Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, alleged that during the early part of October, 1972, WILSON withdrew fourteen thousand dollars from this account a nd WILSON would not account for the fourteen thousand dollars withdrawn. In addition the check written for the fourteen thousand dollars contained a "HATTIE TWISS" signature, but that this signature was forged, according to TWISS.

WILSON, in the presence of LEE and HILL, was advised by the interviewing Agent that the interviewing Agent would take any statement that WILSON desired to make at this time regarding the above allegations.

Attorney DENNIS HILL asked WILSON if WILSON desired to

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talk about the above allegations and WILSON replied to the effect that he would gladly talk about the above allegations.

WILSON thereafter stated that the above allegations were not true.

WILSON advised that before the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and during a period of time, probably after April, 1972, but before July, 1972, he (WILSON) called in his brother, JIM WILSON, as well as attorney RAMON ROUBIDEAUX, after which both his brother and ROUBIDEAUX were each given a consultant fee, approximately a total of $300 each. WILSON advised he would make records available to substantiate the above fees paid to ROUBIDEAUX and his brother, JIM, and that he would also make records available to disprove the above allegations regarding the fourteen thousand withdrawal from the Head Start Program and the approximate ten to fourteen thousand dollar diversion of funds from the Program Planning Office.

WILSON advised that upon being given an opportunity to review and obtain his records and notes, he would gladly be available for interview by the FBI in the near future.

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ALMA JACOBS, Fiscal Manager, Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST), Head Start Program, Pine Ridge Agency South Dakota, was contacted at her employment. JACOBS was advised of the official nature of SA LARRY L. DE WITT's contact with JACOBS.

JACOBS advised as follows upon questioning regarding entries in the general ledger for the OST Head Start Program:

The entries marked as voucher disbursement number 017 in October of 1972 in the amount of $1,624.82 was for a two week pay period for the payroll of ten teachers employed by the Head Start Program.

The disbursement voucher number 024 marked "teachers" in amount of $1,442.06 in the November 1972 section of the general ledger was also payroll for ten teachers employed by the Head Start Program.

The checks reflected as issued to Y. WILSON were issued to YVONNE WILSON, a member of the Head Start Program staff.

JACOBS advised that she had initiated a program whereby her employees of the Head Start Program would also fill out a "check disbursement register" and this new program was started in October of 1972.

JACOBS advised that this "check disbursement register" had apparently been destroyed by ELENOR CORBIN, a former employee and bookkeeper of the Head Start Program. CORBIN had apparently destroyed this register in approximately the first week of September, 1973, in regard to embezzlement perpetrated by CORBIN during her former employment.

JACOBS advised that the program year for the Head Start Program runs from October through September and that she was not aware of the locations of the books for the Head Start

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Program prior to October of 1972.

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ALMA JACOBS, Fiscal Manager, Head Start Program, Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST), Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, was contacted as her employment. JACOBS was already aware of the identity of the interviewing agent. JACOBS was advised of the official nature of SA LARRY L. DE WITT's contact with JACOBS.

Upon previous requests JACOBS made available the monthly bank statements for the OST Head Start Program for the months of August, September, and October of 1972 along with the cancelled checks which were attached to each respective statement.

In addition JACOBS volunteered a checking account deposit ticket dated August 31, 1972, in the amount of $37,718.00 and a debit ticket in the amount of $14,583.00 dated September 6, 1972.

Upon request JACOBS made available one Xerox copy each of the above five items consisting of the deposit ticket, the debit ticket, and the monthly bank statements for August, September, and October of 1972.

The above-mentioned three monthly statements were in the name of the "Oglala Sioux Tribe, Box 379, Pine Ridge FD 57770"; Under account number 012-587-3, in which account was maintained at the First National Bank, Gordon, Nebraska.

The above-mentioned deposit ticket was a "checking account deposit ticket", First National Bank, Gordon, Nebraska. This deposit ticket reflected the date of August 31, 1972, and in the handwritten name of "Oglala Sioux Tribe, Headstart Program".

This deposit ticket reflected "U. S. Treas. Payment Voucher No 72-15 Letter of Credit No 75-01-9701". This ticket reflected a deposit of $37,718.00 into the account.

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Review of magnetic ink printing on the side of the deposit ticket reflected the account number as 12-587-3 and the deposit is $37,718.00.

Also written across the face of the deposit ticket was "14,583 trans to PCC Program".

The above deposit ticket also reflected a stamp containing the name First National Bank, Gordon, Nebraska, and the date August 31, 1972.

The above-mentioned debit ticket reflected a date of September 6, 1972, and "Oglala Sioux Tribe - Head Start Program" Account Number 12-587-3.

The amount was reflected as $14,583.00 and the following notation was written in hand on the face of the debit ticket,"Deposit error - August Deposit for Parent Child Center".

A red ink page stamp reflecting the First National Bank of Gordon, Nebraska, was stamped on the above debit ticket.

Review of the Head Start Program monthly statement July 31 - August 31, 1972, reflected a beginning balance of $17,103.13 and an ending deposit of $38,844.08.

The monthly statement for the Head Start Program for September 29 - October 31, 1972, reflected a beginning balance of $29,611.55 and an ending balance of $8,915.25.

The Head Start Program monthly statement for the period of August 31 - September 29, 1972, reflected a beginning balance of $38,650.49 and an ending balance of $29,915.12.

Upon review of the above three monthly statements for the Head Start Program it was noted that only one check or other item was charged against the Head Start Program in excess of $3,000.00 This charge of $14,583.00 was reflected on September 6, 1972.

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The cancelled checks which accompanied the above three monthly statements were reviewed by SA DE WITT and no checks in excess of $3,000.00 were noted.

In addition no checks were noted to be payable to RICHARD WILSON or JAMES WILSON.

Checks were noted payable to Y. WILSON.

It was noted that none of the above cancelled checks reviewed contained a signature of HATTIE TWISS. The checks reviewed contained the signatures or stamped signatures of EMMA F. NELSON and/or LELAND BEARHEALS.

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Upon previous request JACOBS made available the General Ledger for the Head Start Program OST.

Review of the above ledger disclosed the following:

For October, 1972, 21 disbursement vouchers numbered one through 21 were reflected in the general ledger.

The only sizeable amount reflected was for $1,624.82 under numbers 017 and the notation "teachers" was reflected in that column. No checks were noted issued to JAMES or RICHARD WILSON.

Checks issued to Y. WILSON were noted and these checks were in the amount of $91.15 and $169.60.

The above ledger for November, 1972, was reviewed and disbursement vouchers number 22 through 47 were reflected.

Voucher number 024 was marked "teachers" and in the amount of $1,442.06.

No checks were noted issued to RICHARD or JAMES WILSON.

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Upon questioning JACOBS advised as follows:

In regard to the debit in the amount of $14,583.00 on September 6, 1972, from the account of the OST Head Start Program and which account is maintained at the First National Bank of Gordon, Nebraska, account number 0125873, JACOBS advised that the Parent Child Center as well as the Head Start Programs funds were obtained from a tribal grant received from Health Education and Welfare , Washington, D.C. In 1972, the funding for both of these programs was received by this same letter of credit.

The $37,718.00 which was received by US Treasury payment voucher 72-15 letter of credit number 75-01-9701 and which was deposited in the account of the Head Start Program OST at First National Bank Gordon, Nebraska, on August 31, 1972, actually contained the funding from both the Head Start and the Parent Child Center Program.

It was therefore necessary to transfer $14,583.00, the amount for the Parent Child Center Program from the Head Start Program into the other account.

JACOBS advised that there was nothing unusual in regard to the above transfer of $14,583.00 from the Head Start Program since is was customary to transfer this months since the funding for both programs came by the same letter of credit.

JACOBS was of the impression that CARMEL MEANS formerly handled the Parent Child Center funds at which time MEANS office was located at the Pine Ridge Airport . This program is now handled

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ACQUALYN IRON CLOUD whose office is at Porcupine , South Dakota, and who resides at Kyle, South Dakota.

To JACOBS understanding all records regarding funding for the Parent Child Program should be maintained by IRON CLOUD at Porcupine, South Dakota.

In regard to the allegation made by the now deceased HATTIE TWISS that RICHARD WILSON drew $14,000.00 from the Head Start Program during the first part of October, 1972, and would account for this withdrawal JACOBS advised that this allegation was untrue inasmuch as she and the interviewing Agents had just reviewed all the records of the Head Start Program for October of 1972. In addition JACOBS advised that in regard to TWISS's allegation that WILSON had forged her signature on the check, JACOBS noted that although TWISS was director of the Head Start Program at that time she was not a disbursing officer and the checks at that time would have been signed by EMMA F. NELSON and/or LELAND BEARHEALS.

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JACQUE ARPAN, Bookkeeper, Parent Child Center (PCC), was contacted at her employment at which time she was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent by display of credentials and advised that the interviewing Agent desired to review various books and records of the PCC apparently maintained at Porcupine, South Dakota, in an effort to verify a deposit into the PCC Account on approximately September 6, 1972.

ARPAN and Special Agent (SA) DE WITT, thereafter, reviewed a variety of PCC records maintained in boxes at the PCC at Porcupine, South Dakota.

The monthly bank statement for the account numbers 012-590-3 maintained in the name of the "Oglala Sioux Tribe Parent Child Center Program, Box 379, PineRidge, South Dakota 57770," maintained at the First National Bank of Gordon, Nebraska, and which statement covered the dates of August 31 - September 29, 1972, reflected a deposit on September 6, 1972, for $14,583.

An original deposit ticket reflecting Account Number 12-590-3 in magnetic ink and dated September 6, 1972, reflected a deposit of $14,583 into the account of the Parent Child Center Program "from Head Start Program Number 12-583-3."

Further review of this original deposit ticket reflected a paid stamp dated September 6, 1972, and stamped First National Bank of Gordon, Nebraska.

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ED STAR, Bookkeeper, Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST), Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, was contacted at his employment, the OST Building, at which time STAR was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent by display of credentials and advised of the official nature of Special Agent (SA) DE WITT's contact with STAR. STAR, thereafter, advised that he had been employed in the capacity of OST Bookkeeper since October 1, 1973.

Upon request STAR made available the general journal for the Oglala Sioux Tribe Planning Commission.

Review of the above general journal for the OST Planning Commission reflected the following on the page marked Number One. The month of August, September, October, November, December and January, were listed at the top of the page and in that order and no year was indicated at the top of the page.

The first entry listed on Page One was reflected as August 1, 1972. The next entry was reflected as January 5, and entries went through January 24.

Entries on Page One of the general journal reflected entries numbered one through five and the following was noted in regard to several entries:

Number Three, void;
Number Four, marked "missing;"
Number Five, marked "missing;"
Number Nine, blank;
Number Eleven, crossed through;
Number Thirteen, blank;
Number Sixteen, blank;
Number Twenty, crossed through;
Number Twenty-Two, marked 'void' and then crossed through;
Number Twenty-Three, void;
Number Twenty-Four, void;
Number Twenty-Nine, void;
Number Thirty-Four, marked "void" and then crossed through;
Number Thirty-Five, void.

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Under entry Number Seven the date was reflected as January 5, and the following was noted in a column to the right of the date: "OST - SP Payroll Account."

To the right of the above notation was the figure of 14,279.58 under the "cash space CR" column.

Although entry Number Five was marked "missing" on the lefthand side of the general journal page, a $6,923.04 "cost DR." was reflected for "Project Account Number 301." This column also reflected VO Number 005 and CK Number 005.

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ED STAR, Bookkeeper, Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST), Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, was contacted at his employment, the OST Building at which time he was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent by display of credentials and was advised of the official nature of Special Agent(SA) DE WITT's contact with STAR.

STAR advised that he had been employed in the capacity of bookkeeper for the OST since October 1, 1973.

Upon request STAR made available the canceled checks and monthly statements for the OST Planning Commission in which account is maintained at the Stockmans National Bank, Rushville, Nebraska, under Account Number 09-674-1.

The canceled checks for the above OST Planning Commission made available by STAR were for the calendar year of 1973 and for the calendar year to date for 1974.

STAR advised that prior to January, 1973, the OST Planning Commission accounts were kept at the Individual Indian Matter (IIM) Bank at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, under Account Number 0-202.

The monthly statements and the canceled checks attached to each respective monthly statement under Account Number 09-674-1 were reviewed by SA DEWITT. The monthly statement and corresponding checks which were reviewed by SA DE WITT were for the following periods:

December 29 (no year) to January 31, 1973;
January 31 to February 28, 1973;
February 28 to March 30, 1973.

The statement for December 29 (no year) to January 31, 1973, reflected a debit for $14,279.58.

Review of the canceled checks accompanying the above monthly statement reflected the following check:

Check Number 005 dated January 5, 1973, in the amount

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$14,279.58. This check made payable to "OST Special Payroll Account 096806, Stockmans National Bank, Rushville, Nebraska, 69360" on Account Number 09-674-1.

Further review of this check disclosed that a stamped endorsement was contained on the reverse and this endorsement was as follows: "The Stockmans National Bank, Rushville, Nebraska."

Also contained on the reverse side of this check was a red ink stamp which appears similar to a bank date stamp and which reflected the following: 1973371-7 83.

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On July 17, 1974, a conference was held between Assistant United States Attorney ROBERT D. HIARING and SA LARRY L. DE WITT. This conference was held at the Office of the United States Attorney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

During this conference it was pointed out to Mr. HIARING that several of the original allegations in this matter were non specific in nature and that those allegations that were specific in nature have been investigated, and investigation conducted had not substantiated these allegations.

In addition, Mr. HIARING was apprised of previous General Accounting Office reports and audits concerning the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, as well as the fact that audits had been conducted by Certified Public Accountant firms at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota, and these audits had not substantiated previous charges of corruption.

After reviewing this matter, Mr. HIARING advised that due to the non specific nature of some of the allegations, and due to the fact that investigation conducted regarding the specific allegations did not substantiate the allegations, further investigation was not warranted in this matter, and this matter did not merit Federal prosecution.

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FBI

Date: 4/8/73

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6992)

SUBJECT: RICHARD WILSON
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Enclosed for the Bureau and WFO is a self-explanatory LHM. Also enclosed for the Bureau's information is a nitel from WFO dated 4/4/73.

It is requested that the Bureau, through appropriate contact with the Department of Justice, obtain copies of the government audit reports when they are available through Senator HENRY JACKSON, in order that they can be reviewed for any specific charges that can be investigated in connection with alleged embezzlement or fraud on the part of RICHARD WILSON or others on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Minneapolis Office will pursue any specific charges that are reported directly at Pine Ridge that can be investigated independently without waiting for the audit reports that have been sent to Senator JACKSON.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 8, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.
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RICHARD WILSON
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RESERVATION-EMBEZZLEMENT

During the negotiations with American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders there have been allegations made against Richard Wilson, President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, that he has misused Federal funds on the Pine Ridge Reservation since he took office on April 12, 1972.

On April 2, 1973, Gerald One Feather, past president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, advised Special Agent (SA) Maurice E. Pearson that the General Accounting Office (GAO) in Washington, D. C. has been conducting an audit of the Oglala Sioux Tribe records. The results and findings of the GAO were to be reported to Senator Henry Jackson of the State of Washington on April 2, 1973. Jackson is Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

On April 3, 1973, Mr. Joseph P. Rother, Jr., Assistant Director, GAO, Washington, D. C., advised the FBI that GAO recently completed two audit projects involving the Oglala Sioux Tribe at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The first project involved the transfer of land on the Pine Ridge Reservation and this report was completed on February 7, 1973. It is a restricted report per order of Senator Henry Jackson of the State of Washington.

The second audit project concerns allegations made to the Senate Committee regarding misuse of Federal funds on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Rother stated that the field work in this project is currently being prepared and upon completion it will be forwarded to Senator

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RICHARD WILSON
CRIME ON INDIAN
RESERVATION-EMBEZZLEMENT

Henry Jackson's committee and this project is also restricted and any release of the audit report would have to come from Senator Jackson, according to Mr. Joseph P. Rother, Jr.

Rother advises that he anticipated he will testify before Senator Jackson's committee regarding the aforementioned audit report in the next few weeks.

It is requested that the Department of Justice advise when the GAO audit reports will be available to the FBI for FBI use in investigating any specific allegation of fraud or embezzlement on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

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TO SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6992)

FROM SAC, WFO (70-3811) (RUC) (TWO PAGES)

RICHARD WILSON, CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION-FRAUD.

REFERENCE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL TO WFO, 4/3/73.

ON INSTANT DATE, MR. JOSEPH P. ROTHER, JR., ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO), WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED GAO HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED TWO PROJECTS INVOLVING THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE IN PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA.

THE FIRST PROJECT INVOLVED THE TRANSFER OF LAND ON THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION AND WAS COMPLETED 2/7/73, AND IS A RESTRICTED REPORT PER THE ORDER OF SENATOR HENRY JACKSON OF WASHINGTON STATE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

THE SECOND PROJECT CONCERNS ALLEGATIONS MADE TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE REGARDING MISUSE OF FEDERAL FUNDS ON THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION. ROTHER STATED THE FIELD WORK ON THIS PROJECT IS CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED AND UPON COMPLETION, WILL BE FORWARDED TO SENATOR JACKSON'S COMMITTEE AND IS ALSO RESTRICTED.

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HE FURTHER ADVISED HE ANTICIPATES TO TESTIFY BEFORE SENATOR JACKSON'S COMMITTEE REGARDING THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECTS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, AND ANY RELEASE OF THESE PROJECTS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM SENATOR JACKSON.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ANY FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED REPORTS BE HANDLED BY THE BUREAU THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AS REPORTS WERE COMPILED FOR THE SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	4/11/73	4/2 - 9/73

TITLE OF CASE

RICHARD WILSON

REPORT MADE BY: SA MAURICE E. PEARSON — TYPED BY: smo

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - FRAUD (MISAPPROPRIATION OF TRIBAL FUNDS)

REFERENCE: Minneapolis airtel to San Francisco 4/2/73.

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LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO

AT HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA. Will report results of interview of JOE MIRRIVAL.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA. Interview JOE POURIER for information he can provide concerning tribal building materials sold by subject.

2. Interview C. HOBART KEITH for information he can provide concerning tribal building material sold by subject.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE					ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☑ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

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3. Interview EMMA T. NELSON, Bureau of Indian Affairs Treasurer for information concerning sale of building materials by subject.

4. Interview ROBERT MOUSSEAU for information concerning his conviction on charges of embezzling tribal funds from Sun Dance Ceremony.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA MAURICE E. PEARSON Office: Minneapolis
Date: April 11, 1973

Field Office File #: 70-6994 Bureau File #:

Title: RICHARD WILSON

Character: CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION - FRAUD
(MISAPPROPRIATION OF TRIBAL FUNDS)

Synopsis: Investigation into misappropriation of tribal funds belonging to the Sun Dance Ceremony in 1969 reflects that subject and ROBERT MOUSSEAU were indicted in this matter. Charges against subject were dismissed and MOUSSEAU was convicted. Investigation continues to determine if subject misappropriated funds under his control as housing director for the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon the allegation of PEDRO BISSONETTE, American Indian Movement (AIM) leader inside the occupied Village of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, that in 1968 or 1969, the Tribal Council appropriated $6000 of tribal funds for the Sun Dance Ceremony and RICHARD WILSON embezzled a portion of these funds.

BISSONETTE also alleged that when WILSON was housing director for the reservation, he misused funds under his control in that he sold building materials which had been purchased with government funds and thereafter converted the proceeds of these sales to his own personal use.

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Date of transcription 4/2/73

GERALDINE MAE JANIS, Box 44, Pine Ridge (telephone 867-5356), who is the Community Health Representative for the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), located at the Pine Ridge Airport (telephone 867-5834), provided the following information:

In 1968 and 1969, DICK WILSON was a representative for the Sioux Tribe and was in charge of the Sun Dance Ceremony. This is a ceremony wherein the tribe puts up $6000 in order to promote the annual Sioux Sun Dance Ceremony.

In WILSON's capacity as chairman of the Sun Dance Ceremony, he received $6000 from the tribe in order to promote the ceremony but the ceremony never actually took place while WILSON was chairman. There was an investigation into the embezzlement of these funds about two years ago and as a result of the investigation, one of WILSON's "goon squad" members named ROBERT MOUSSEAU was found guilty of embezzling a portion of the funds which were designated for the Sun Dance Ceremony. MOUSSEAU reportedly took the entire rap for WILSON in this matter.

The individual who has more information concerning the misappropriation of funds of the Sun Dance Ceremony fund is GERALD ONE FEATHER, who was Tribal Chief during that time.

An individual who works at the Sioux Tribal Headquarters, whose identity JANIS cannot recall at this time, advised her that WILSON paid his brother, JIM WILSON, $15,000 for consulting fee. To the best of her knowledge, JIM WILSON has done nothing to earn this money.

BOB ECOFFEY, Planning Director for the Reservation, works at the OEO Office located at the Pine Ridge Airport and is WILSON's man inside the OEO who delegates WILSON's orders and wishes.

LELAND BEARHEELS, OEO Director, is extremely scared of WILSON and since he was appointed in his position by the tribe which WILSON runs, he (BEARHEELS) does whatever WILSON wishes him to do.

Interviewed on 4/2/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # 70-6994

by SA MAURICE E. PEARSON / smo Date dictated 4/2/73

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GERALD ONE FEATHER, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chief prior to RICHARD WILSON, Box 298, Oglala, South Dakota (telephone 867-5527), provided the following information:

ONE FEATHER suspects Chairman WILSON of many wrongdoings since becoming Chief of the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) but he has no direct proof or evidence which could be used against WILSON in a court of law.

Concerning WILSON's involvement in the embezzlement of tribal funds from the Sun Dance Ceremony in 1969, ONE FEATHER provided a Xerox copy of a Federal Grand Jury indictment, District of South Dakota, Eastern Division, of ROBERT MOUSSEAU and RICHARD WILSON. MOUSSEAU was convicted on the charges of embezzling tribal funds but the charges against WILSON were dismissed. ONE FEATHER does not know why the charges against WILSON were dismissed. He feels that WILSON paid MOUSSEAU to take the rap for him.

C. HOBART KEITH, who lives in the East Ridge Division in Pine Ridge, has information concerning the misuse of funds by WILSON in his position as housing director for the Tribe in that WILSON sold building materials which had been purchased with government funds and thereafter converted the proceeds from the sale of these building materials to his own personal use.

ONE FEATHER advised that if he can be of any further assistance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he will be more than willing to cooperate.

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by ALICE M. PEARSON / smo 4/3/73

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

CENTRAL DIVISION

United States of America,

Plaintiff

vs.

Robert J. Mousseau,

Defendant

The Grand Jury Charges:

COUNT 2

On or about the period from July 14, 1969 through September 23, 1969, in the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation, Robert J. Mousseau, being an officer and employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, that is, [illegible] did knowingly and [illegible] did embezzle, steal, purloin and convert to his own use and the use of another, property of the United States, to-wit: [illegible] of the value of more than $100.00, to be [illegible] Corn Dog Dogs, Corndog Station, Blue Water [illegible], Rosebud, South Dakota, [illegible] Mousseau [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

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[illegible] that is, the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, wilfully and knowingly [illegible]zzled and converted to his own use $47.42 of the moneys belonging to the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, an Indian Tribal organization, which was then in his possession and care as such officer and employee, in that he purchased from Rinn's Hardware and Furniture Store, Rushville, Nebraska, [illegible] which was delivered to and installed in a house which was rented by him from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1163.

COUNT III

On or about the 11th day of July, 1967, in the District of South Dakota, Robert J. Rousseau, being an officer and employee of an Indian Tribal organization, that is, the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, wilfully and knowingly embezzled and converted to his own use $250 of the moneys belonging to the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, an Indian Tribal organization, which was then in his possession and care as such officer and employee, in that he issued a check payable to himself in the amount of $250, drawn on the funds of the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, deposited in the Stockman's National Bank, Rushville, Nebraska, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1163.

COUNT IV

On or about the 26th day of July, 1967, in the District of South Dakota, Robert J. Rousseau, being an officer and employee of an Indian Tribal organization, that is, the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, wilfully and knowingly converted to his own use $85.00 of the moneys belonging to the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, an Indian Tribal organization, which was then in his possession and care as such officer and employee, in that he issued a check payable to himself in the amount of $85.00, drawn on the funds of the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance deposited in the Stockman's National Bank, Rushville, Nebraska, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1163.

COUNT V

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from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1163.

COUNT III

On or about the 11th day of July, 1969, in the District of South Dakota, Robert J. Mousseau, being an officer and employee of an Indian Tribal organization, that is, the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, wilfully and knowingly embezzled and converted to his own use $250 of the moneys belonging to the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, an Indian Tribal organization, which was then in his possession and care as such officer and employee, in that he issued a check payable to himself in the amount of $250, drawn on the funds of the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, deposited in the Stockman's National Bank, Rushville, Nebraska, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1163.

COUNT IV

On or about the 26th day of July, 1969, in the District of South Dakota, Robert J. Mousseau, being an officer and employee of an Indian Tribal organization, that is, the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, wilfully and knowingly converted to his own use $85.00 of the moneys belonging to the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, an Indian Tribal organization, which was then in his possession and care as such officer and employee, in that he issued a check payable to himself in the amount of $85.00, drawn on the funds of the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance deposited in the Stockman's National Bank, Rushville, Nebraska, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1163.

COUNT V

On or about the period from July 14, 1969, through August 25, 1969, in the District of South Dakota, Robert J. Mousseau, being an officer and employee of an Indian Tribal organization, that is, the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, wilfully and knowingly misapplied $1600 of the moneys belonging to the Oglala Sioux Sun Dance, an Indian Tribal organization, which was then in his possession and care as such officer and em-

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transferred [illegible] Oglala Sioux Sun [illegible] approval or authorization by the [illegible] violation of [illegible].

A TRUE BILL:

FOREMAN

United States Attorney

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WESTERN DIVISION

United States of America,

Plaintiff

vs.

Robert J. Mousseau
Richard A. Wilson,

Defendants

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INDICTMENT

(18 U.S.C. §1163 and §371)

The Grand Jury Charges:

COUNT I

On or about the 11th day of August, 1969, in the District of South Dakota, Robert J. Mousseau and Richard A. Wilson knowingly converted to the use of one Melvin Pourier, also known as Jack Pourier, $1,147.74 of the moneys belonging to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, an Indian organization, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1163.

COUNT II

That prior to and on or about August 11, 1969, in the District of South Dakota, Robert J. Mousseau and Richard A. Wilson did combine, conspire, confederate and agree, together and with each other, to commit an offense against the United States, that is, to convert to the use of one Melvin Pourier, also known as Jack Pourier, $1,147.74 of the moneys belonging to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, an Indian organization, and that the said Robert J. Mousseau and Richard A. Wilson committed the following overt acts in furtherance of said conspiracy and to effect the object thereof:

1. That on or about the 11th day of August, 1969, convert to the use of one Melvin Pourier, also known as Jack Pourier, $1,147.74 of moneys belonging to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, an Indian organization, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1163 and §371.

A TRUE BILL:

FOREMAN

United States Attorney

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OGLALA SIOUX STAMPEDE

Ck. #209	Paid to: Richard Wilson	Date: August 12, 1969
For: Reimbursement for materials		Amt.: $300.00
Written by Robert Mousseau. Cashed at Sturgeons Market		
Ck. #188	Paid to: Dwayne Marshall	Date: August 20, 1969
For: Labor		Amt.: $30.00
Written by Robert Mousseau		
Ck. #110	Paid to: Richard Mousseau	Date: August 8, 1969
For: Welding		Amt.: $48.00
Written by Robert Mousseau		
Ck. #163	Paid to: Lynda Mound	Date: August 10, 1969
For: Office Work		Amt.: $40.00
Written by Robert Mousseau		
Ck. #109	Paid to: George Wilson	Date: August 7, 1969
For: Plumbing		Amt.: $25.00
Written by Robert Mousseau		
Ck. #213	Paid to: Robert Mousseau	Date: August 7, 1969
For: Use of personal car, per diem-3 days		Amt.: $48.00
Written by Robert Mousseau, Cashed by State Line Wholesale Co.		

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...39.00
...Sioux Nation Shoe ... Center
...Robert Houseau Date: ...July 3, 1969
...ector & Adv. ...p to Hill. Film Amt.: $32.60
& Reeobed

Written by Robert Houseau, Cashed at Stockmens National Bank

Ck.#656 Paid To: Robert Houseau Date: July 25, 1969
For: Technical Assist.-17 days Amt.: $85.00

Written by Robert Houseau, Cashed at Brady's Market

Ck.#642 Paid To: Gladys Houseau Date: July 15, 1969
For: Services Rendered-Cooking Area Amt.: $150.00

Written by Robert Houseau, Cashed at Stockmens National Bank

Ck.#676 Paid To: Darby Service Station Date: July 29, 1969
For: Fender & Labor-Hill City Amt.: $36.00

Written by Robert Houseau,

Ck.#634 Paid To: Richard Wilson Date: July 9, 1969
For: Purchase Rodeo Equip. Sioux Falls Amt.: $25.00

Written by Robert Houseau, Pine Ridge Oil Co.

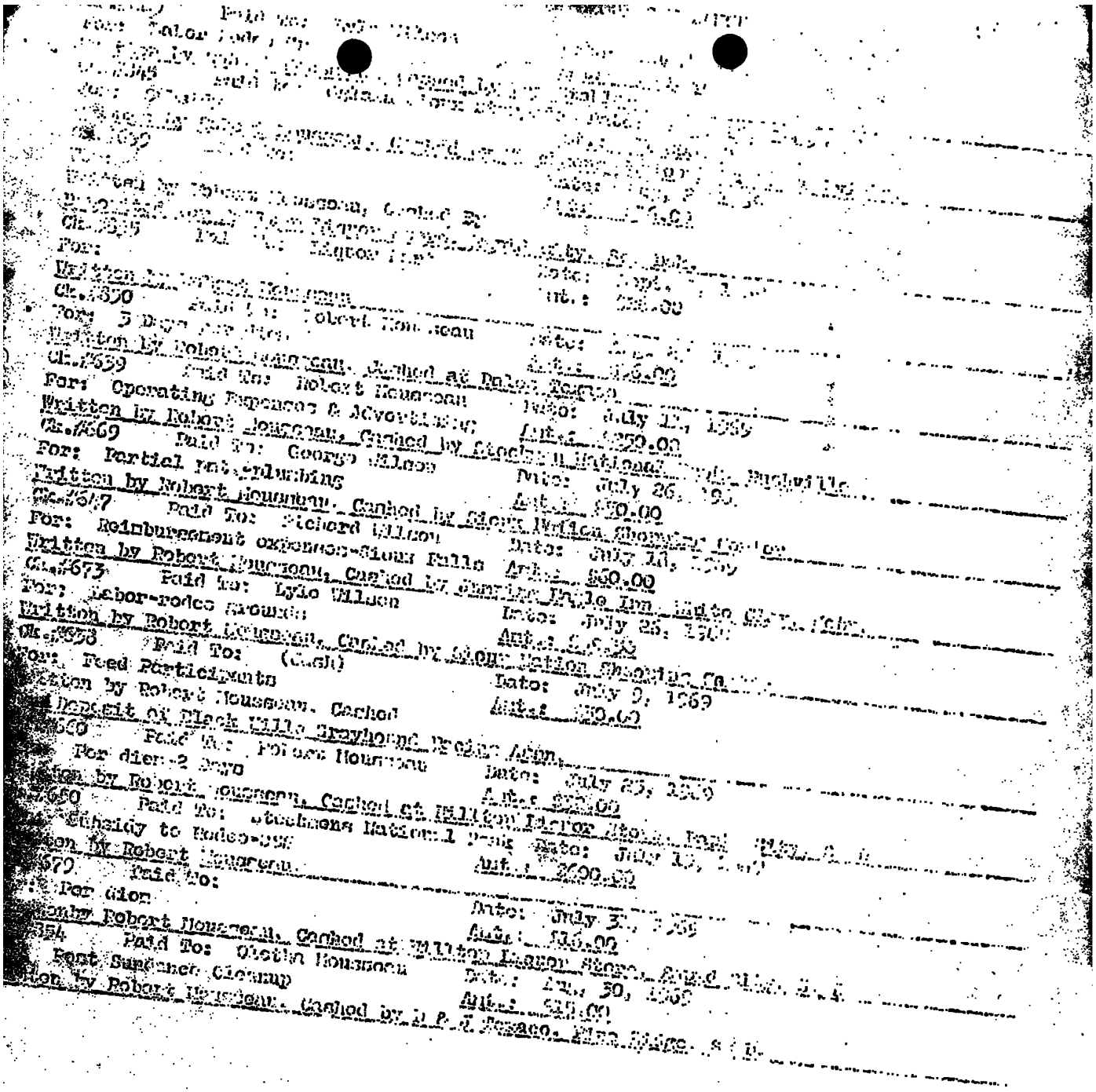
Ck.#680 Paid To: Pine Ridge Husky Service Date: July 31, 1969
For: For Gas Amt.: $26.00

Written by Robert Houseau

Ck.#648 Paid To: Robert Houseau Date: Aug. 28, 1969
For: Amt.: $50.00

Written by Robert Houseau, Cashed by State Bank of Eagle Butte, S. D.

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MP 70-6994

The following investigation was conducted on April 9, 1973, by SA MAURICE E. PEARSON and SA MARK E. CHRISTENSEN:

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Attempts to locate AARON DE SERSA at the Avanti Motel met with negative results. Investigation disclosed that DE SERSA is a transient-type person and it is unlikely that he will be available for interview.

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CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA MAURICE E. PEARSON Office: Minneapolis
Date: April 11, 1973

Field Office File #: 70-6806 Bureau File #:

Title: JEROME M. GLAZE;
RICHARD WILSON

Character: CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION -
EMBEZZLEMENT

Synopsis: Investigation disclosed that subjects did not sell heavy equipment belonging to the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) and convert the proceeds of equipment for personal use. All equipment belonging to OST is accounted for. Equipment allegedly sold by subjects was property of subject WILSON's brother and properly titled and financed through local bank.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon an allegation made by PEDRO BISSONETTE, American Indian Movement (AIM) leader inside the occupied Village of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, that Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman RICHARD WILSON had sold some heavy equipment belonging to the OST, which included a back-hoe tractor, a truck and a low-boy, and kept the proceeds from this sale for his own personal use.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

4/3/73

Date of transcription

GERALD ONE FEATHER, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chief prior to RICHARD WILSON, Box 298, Oglala, South Dakota (telephone 867-5327), provided the following information:

Since RICHARD WILSON became president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in January, 1972, ONE FEATHER has been working with both the American Indian Movement (AIM) and the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council in an effort to improve the criminal justice system and the financial status of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

ONE FEATHER suspects Chairman WILSON of many wrong doings since becoming chief of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, but he has no direct proof or evidence which could be used against WILSON in a court of law. Since WILSON became president, he has suspended and fired many competent people who were associated with the Tribal Council because these people would not cooperate with WILSON in carrying out various "deals" which WILSON was trying to do.

WILSON suspended the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Headstart Director HATTIE TWISS, because she would not cooperate with WILSON concerning the payment of approximately ten to fifteen thousand dollars to WILSON's brother, JAMES J. WILSON, for some type of consulting fees he received through the Headstart program. TWISS can be located at the hospital in Gordon, Nebraska.

WILSON is involved with a contractor in Rapid City, South Dakota named JERRY GLAZE. WILSON has been giving all construction contracts on the Pine Ridge Reservation to GLAZE and not allowing Indian labor to be utilized in various construction projects currently underway on the reservation. GLAZE supposedly gave WILSON $10,000 to assist him (WILSON) in winning the Oglala Sioux Tribal presidential election in 1971-1972.

An individual named CARROL SWAN who has an office next door to the Northwest Engineering Company in Rapid City and whose telephone number is 348-1090, has information concerning heavy equipment which belongs to

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Interviewed on 4/2/73 at Oglala, South Dakota File # MP 70-6806

by SA MAURICE E. PEARSON/mbw Date dictated 4/3/73

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the Oglala Sioux Tribe that WILSON sold and then used the proceeds from this sale for his personal use.

Since WILSON took office in January, 1972, the books and records for the Oglala Sioux Tribe have not been audited and according to several members of the Tribal Council the records which are currently being kept are very inadequate.

During the ONE FEATHER administration, the accounting firm of Thornton and Saylor in Rapid City was responsible for auditing the books and records of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Also, an accountant named FRANCES KILLER who lives in Vermillion, South Dakota and whose telephone number is 642-4963, was under a contract with the Tribe to do monthly accounting work for the Tribe. KILLER's contract with the Tribe expired in October, 1972 and WILSON would not renew his contract.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) recently conducted an audit of the Oglala Sioux Tribe records. The results and findings of this audit were to be reported to Senator HENRY JACKSON of Washington State on April 2, 1973, in Washington, D. C. JACKSON is Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

IVAN BETTELYOUN, who was the Oglala Sioux Tribal Fiscal Manager until his resignation in December, 1972, can furnish information to the FBI as to WILSON's handling of financial matters of the Tribe. BETTELYOUN resigned because he did not agree with WILSON's handling of financial matters and as a result of this, he and WILSON could not get along with each other. BETTELYOUN resides outside of Oglala, South Dakota in a silver trailer house located two miles south of ONE FEATHER's residence.

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ALBERT DALE, president, and/or BENNETT JOHNSON, vice-president, Stockman National Bank, Rushville, Nebraska, can furnish information concerning the financial stability of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The Stockman National Bank has various loans and checking accounts for the Tribe.

Concerning WILSON's involvement in the embezzlement of Tribal funds from the Sundance Ceremony in 1969, ONE FEATHER provided a xerox copy of a Federal Grand Jury, District of South Dakota, Western Division, indictment of ROBERT MOUSSEAU and RICHARD WILSON. MOUSSEAU was convicted on the charges of embezzling Tribal funds but the charges against WILSON were dismissed. ONE FEATHER does not know why the charges against WILSON were dismissed. He feels that WILSON paid MOUSSEAU to take the rap for him. C. H. KEITH, who lives in the East Ridge subdivision in Pine Ridge, has information concerning the misuse of funds by WILSON in his position as housing director for the Tribe in that WILSON sold building materials which had been purchased with government funds and thereafter converted the proceeds from the sale of these building materials to his own personal use.

ONE FEATHER provided a financial statement of the Oglala Sioux Tribe as of April 12, 1972, which reflected the results of an audit of the Oglala Sioux Tribal records of the ONE FEATHER administration. He also provided a memo to the Tribal Council which set forth the predication for the audit of April 12, 1972.

ONE FEATHER advised that if he can be of any further assistance to the FBI he will be more than willing to cooperate.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date of transcription 4/6/73

CARROLL CALEB SWAN (date of birth May 3, 1939), 1120 Racine, Rapid City, South Dakota (home telephone 343-7144) (business telephone 348-1090), provided the following information:

SWAN is president of the Indian Business Center (IBC) in Rapid City, South Dakota. The IBC performs various business and service functions for the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST). Also, the IBC operates a contracting business and is currently attempting to obtain contracts for various construction projects taking place on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

SWAN alleged that DICK WILSON, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, recently sold heavy equipment belonging to the OST, which included a back-hoe tractor, a dump truck and a low-boy and he (WISON) kept the proceeds from this sale for his own personal use. The three pieces of equipment in question were located in the equipment lot of Barton Construction Company, Highway 279 South, Rapid City, about one month ago. Photographs of this equipment were taken and SWAN will make these photographs available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at a later date.

An Indian woman, MURIEL WAUKAZOO, 112 Nowlin, Rapid City (telephone 348-1247), entered the equipment yard of Barton Construction in an attempt to identify three pieces of equipment as belonging to the OST. She opened the glove compartment of one of the vehicles in order to check the identification plate which should have been affixed to the glove compartment. She saw the identification plate, which bore the name "Oglala Sioux Tribe - Department of Interior" torn off the glove compartment. This identification plate was lying inside the glove compartment of the vehicle.

Mr. OWNS MANY HORSES, Equipment Supervisor, OST, Pine Ridge, identified the equipment which was located at the Barton Constructions Equipment Yard as belonging to the OST.

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JOE HORN CLOUD, Pine Ridge, also identified the equipment located at Barton Construction as belonging to the OST.

SWAN has heard that the three pieces of equipment in question have mysteriously reappeared back in the equipment yard of the Pine Ridge Reservation which is across the street from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Station, Pine Ridge.

MILDRED GALIAGO, who lives in the Sioux Edition, Rapid City, can provide additional information concerning the above-mentioned equipment.

On Sunday, March 11, 1973, the day the roadblocks around Wounded Knee were suspended, SWAN, his wife CHARLOTTE, his two children, ages 7 and 4, entered Wounded Knee, South Dakota, for the purpose of bringing SWAN's mother-in-law out of Wounded Knee. As SWAN was leaving Wounded Knee, he was met by several Indian guards who requested that he give them the food and blankets which SWAN had in his car. SWAN gave the Indians inside Wounded Knee all the food and blankets in his possession.

SWAN and his wife CHARLOTTE are completely sympathetic to the American Indian Movement (AIM). CHARLOTTE has a financial administrative position with AIM.

SWAN is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and his wife is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

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JOE HORN CLOUD, Supply Technician and Purchasing Agent, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pine Ridge, provided the following information:

He is responsible for accounting for all equipment and supplies for the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST). His duties also include purchasing new equipment and disposing of obsolete equipment.

There has not been any heavy equipment such as a back-hoe trailer, a dump truck or a low-boy which has been sold by the Tribe in many years. RICHARD WILSON, Tribal President, is in no position or has no access to equipment belonging to the Tribe and he could not obtain any equipment from the Tribe to sell without HORN CLOUD's knowledge.

The last time a physical inventory was taken of the OST equipment all equipment belonging to the Tribe was accounted for. The next physical inventory is scheduled for June, 1973. If any large pieces of equipment are missing HORN CLOUD would have knowledge of this as all the heavy equipment belonging to the Tribe is being used at this time and HORN CLOUD knows this equipment is accounted for.

The OST does not have heavy equipment such as a dump truck, a flatbed trailer or a back-hoe which is any newer than a 1956 model.

HORN CLOUD will furnish any information from the inventory records of the OST equipment inventory at the request of the FBI.

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GEORGE F. WILSON, brother of Tribal Chairman DICK WILSON, Post Office Box 33, Whiteclay, Nebraska, provided the following information:

About three years ago, his brother, DICK WILSON, received a Government grant to start a contracting business. At the same time, GEORGE was in the process of beginning a "ditching contracting" business. DICK WILSON gave GEORGE WILSON about $6,000 or $7,000 to help GEORGE purchase heavy equipment which he needed to operate the business. GEORGE took the grant money which DICK gave him and borrowed additional funds from the First National Bank of Gordon, Nebraska. With this money, he (GEORGE) purchased a two-ton Chevrolet truck from Coons Chevrolet in Martin, South Dakota, and a back hoe and low boy from an unrecalled equipment company in Cheyenne, Wyoming. GEORGE WILSON has all cancelled checks and documents surrounding this transaction; however, the records are boxed up as he is in the process of moving. He will make these records available to the FBI upon request.

About the latter part of 1971, GEORGE WILSON's health became very poor and he had to get out of the contracting business. DICK WILSON took over the business and after a short time and as a result of a contract where the business accumulated many repair bills from the back hoe, the business went broke. At about this time, DICK WILSON began working in the Tribal presidential political campaign and he (DICK) let the equipment sit at his (DICK's) house in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. GEORGE WILSON picked up the equipment from DICK's house and took it over to his house. He told the First National Bank that the equipment was for sale. DICK WILSON told GEORGE WILSON that Barton Construction wanted to purchase the equipment. GEORGE contacted a representative of Barton and they made a deal for Barton to purchase the equipment. GEORGE WILSON and the representative from Barton Construction in Rapid City, South Dakota, went to the First National Bank of Gordon where WILSON signed over the equipment to Barton and Barton paid off the loan on the equipment.

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by SAs MAURICE E. PEARSON & THOMAS W. MATTHEWS - SMS Date dictated 4/10/73

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Date of transcription April 10, 1973

JEROME M. GLAZE, 3925 Canyon Lake Road, Rapid City, South Dakota, telephone number 342-5823, was interviewed by Bureau Agents at his residence. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents by display of their FBI credentials. He was advised that the FBI wished to question him concerning the possible sale of heavy equipment to the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by Tribal Chairman DICK WILSON wherein WILSON kept the proceeds for his own personal use and GLAZE's possible involvement in this sale. GLAZE was advised of his rights as stated on the Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form which he signed and thereby waived his rights.

GLAZE is a sales representative for the Dakota Leasing Company in Rapid City, South Dakota. Dakota Leasing does contracting work on the reservation as well as other independent contracting jobs. Dakota Leasing bids for contracts through competitive bids which are advertised in the newspaper. If Dakota Leasing is awarded a contract, they then subcontract the work to various subcontractors in the Rapid City area.

GLAZE hasknown DICK WILSON for five or six years and they are friends. Just before WILSON was to be inaugurated as Chairman of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, WILSON called GLAZE and told him that he was in trouble and needed some help. ROBERT ISHAM, President of the First National Bank of Gordon, Nebraska, was in the process of foreclosing on a loan for equipment which he had purchased from an equipment company in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and the Chevrolet dealership in Martin, South Dakota. The equipment was a back hoe, a low boy, and a two-ton Chevrolet truck. GLAZE told WILSON that he would try to locate a buyer for the equipment.

GLAZE contacted ERNIE BARTON at Barton Masonry in Rapid City. BARTON told GLAZE if WILSON would bring the equipment to Rapid City for BARTON to inspect, he (BARTON) would consider purchasing the equipment. WILSON brought the equipment to Rapid City and left it at BARTON's equipment yard. BARTON thereafter decided to buy the equipment. BARTON went to the First National Bank in Gordon, Nebraska, and paid off the loan on the equipment. The equipment was then titled over to BARTON.

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GEORGE WILSON was involved in this equipment deal but GLAZE is not sure to what extent. He believes that the equipment was in GEORGE WILSON's name and that the loan at the First National Bank was also in GEORGE WILSON's name.

GLAZE has never received any money from the Oglala Sioux Tribe or from DICK WILSON. The only money he receives as a result of any work done for the Tribe is in the form of commissions paid to him as a sales representative of the Dakota Leasing Company. He located the buyer for the equipment which DICK WILSON had as a personal favor to DICK WILSON.

GLAZE gave no cash donations to DICK WILSON during his (WILSON's) campaign for President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. He did assist him in the conduct of the election campaign by talking with various ranchers who live on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota, and having them donate beef for "pow wows" held on the reservation to help elect WILSON.

GLAZE has no knowledge of money being paid to DICK's brother, JIM WILSON, for any type of consulting fees.

DICK WILSON is the best tribal chairman the tribe has had in many years. DICK WILSON is not corrupt and is working for the benefit of the tribe.

All of GLAZE's financial and tax records will be made available to the FBI by contacting A. C. THORSTENSON of Sayler, Thorstenson, and Company, Certified Public Accountants, Rapid City, South Dakota.

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Mr. DONALD FREY, Barton Construction Company, South Highway 79, Rapid City, South Dakota, was interviewed at which time he furnished the following information:

During February, 1972, his company purchased through the First National Bank, Gordon, Nebraska, with the aid of ROBERT ISHAM, President of this bank, the following heavy equipment:

1 - 1971 1½ ton Chevrolet flat-bed dump truck, serial number CS531P123434, for $7,000

1 - 1970 Allice Chalmers flat-bed trailer, for $2,000

1 - 1970 Allice Chalmers backhoe, serial number AC1001

FREY believes the price of the backhoe to be $5,500. The National Bank of South Dakota, Rapid City, South Dakota is holding the titles for the truck and trailer.

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MURIEL MAURICE, 112 East Nowlin, Rapid City, South Dakota (telephone number 348-1247), provided the following information:

She has no definite information on facts concerning allegations against Tribal Chairman DICK WILSON. The only information she has heard has been rumors.

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by Mrs. MAURICE E. PEARSON and - 12 -
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MILDRED GILIAGO, Route 3, Box 23, Rapid City, South Dakota (telephone number 348-2678), provided the following information:

She is a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and is participating in an effort to have Tribal Chairman DICK WILSON impeached. During the early part of February, 1973, she went to the Barton Construction Company equipment yard with CLIFFORD LUCIO and BOB KILLS ENEMY. They saw equipment which they believed to belong to the Oglala Sioux Tribe. This equipment was a truck, low boy, and back-hoe. She obtained the serial numbers from this equipment and AARON DE SERSA has these serial numbers.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs MAURICE E. PEARSON and MARK E. CHRISTENSEN:

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Attempts to locate CLIFFORD LUCIO through three different roofing contracting companies in Rapid City met with negative results. LUCIO has been characterized by persons with whom he has worked as being a transient-type individual who changes jobs very frequently and does not keep a permanent residence of any type.

Attempts to locate BOB KILLS ENEMY reflect that he is no longer in South Dakota. He is residing somewhere in Oklahoma and his exact location is not known. He is also characterized as being a transient-type individual.

Attempts to locate AARON DE SERSA at the Avanti Motel met with negative results. Investigation disclosed that DE SERSA is also a transient-type person and it is unlikely that he will be available for interview.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA MAURICE E. PEARSON:

AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

The equipment yard of the Oglala Sioux Tribe located at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) equipment yard was phycially checked to determine if there was a back hoe tractor, a truck, or a low boy located in the equipment yard which bore the serial numbers and nomenclature of the equipment which was allegedly sold by Tribal Chairman DICK WILSON to the Barton Construction Company. The equipment was not located.

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A. C. THORSTENSON, Certified Public Accountants, Sayler, Thorstenson, and Company, 810 Quincy, Rapid City, South Dakota, provided the following information:

He made the financial and income tax files of JERRY GLAZE available to SA PEARSON for review. The Federal income tax returns for JERRY GLAZE reflected the following information:

1972

GLAZE's principal income is from the Dakota Leasing Company where he works in the capacity of a sales representative. His gross income was $16,033 wherein he derived a net profit of $7539.

He received interest income in the amount of $1223 from the United National Bank. This money which is on deposit at the United National Bank was the proceeds from life insurance which was paid to him upon the accidental death of his daughter in 1969.

He also showed a loss of $5539 from an investment in the partnership of Kyle Liquor, Rapid City, South Dakota. His adjusted gross income for 1972 was $3223.

1971

GLAZE's principal income was from the Dakota Leasing Company. He showed a gross income of $9820 wherein he derived a net profit of $520.

He showed interest income of $1223 from the United National Bank. He also showed a $3810 loss from an investment in the partnership of Kyle Liquor, Rapid City, South Dakota. His adjusted gross income showed a net loss of $2067.

1970

GLAZE's principal income was from the Dakota Leasing Company. His gross income was $13,850 wherein he derived a net profit of $5851.

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He had interest income of $1079 from the Rushmore State Bank. This is also interest received from the life insurance proceeds.

He showed a $454 loss from his investment in the partnership of Kyle Liquor, Rapid City, South Dakota.

His adjusted gross income was $6476.

It should be noted that GLAZE has never used any of the life insurance money which was paid to him upon the accidental death of his daughter in 1969.

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MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	4/11/73	4/3 - 8/73

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
RICHARD WILSON	SA MAURICE E. PEARSON	smo

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - FRAUD (DIVERSION OF OEO FUNDS)

REFERENCES: Minneapolis nitel to Albuquerque, 4/3/73.
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AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO. Will report results of interview of JAMES J. WILSON.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT VERMILLION, MINNESOTA. Will report results of interview of FRANCIS KILLER.

AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA. Interview LOUIS TYON, #39 Crazy Horse Housing, for information he can furnish in this matter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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2. Interview IVAN BETTELYOUN, Oglala Sioux Tribal Fiscal Manager for information he can furnish in this matter.

3. Interview EMMA T. NELSON, Bureau of Indian Affairs Treasurer, for information in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA MAURICE E. PEARSON Office: Minneapolis
Date: 4/11/73

Field Office File #: 70-6992 Bureau File #:

Title: RICHARD WILSON

Character: CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION - FRAUD
(DIVERSION OF OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY FUNDS)

Synopsis: Investigation to date has failed to determine that subject has diverted monies from the Program Planning Office Account of the Office of Economic Opportunity. Investigation continues.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon an allegation by PEDRO BISSONETTE, American Indian Movement (AIM) leader inside the occupied Village of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, that RICHARD WILSON had diverted the sum of $10,000 from the Program Planning Office Account of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), to his brother, JIM WILSON as some type of consulting fee. JIM WILSON supposedly has never performed any such duties.

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GERALD ONE FEATHER, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chief prior to RICHARD WILSON, Box 298, Oglala, South Dakota (telephone 867-5327), provided the following information:

Since RICHARD WILSON became president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in January, 1972, ONE FEATHER has been working with both the American Indian Movement (AIM) and the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council in an effort to improve the criminal justice system and the financial status of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

ONE FEATHER suspects Chairman WILSON of many wrongdoings since becoming chief of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, but he has no direct proof or evidence which could be used against WILSON in a court of law. Since WILSON became president, he has suspended and fired many competent people who were associated with the Tribal Council because these people would not cooperate with WILSON in carrying out various "deal" which WILSON was trying to do.

WILSON suspended the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Headstart Director HATTIE TWISS, because she would not cooperate with WILSON concerning the payment of approximately ten to fifteen thousand dollars to WILSON's brother, JAMES J. WILSON, for some type of consulting fees he received through the Headstart program. TWISS can be located at the hospital in Gordon, Nebraska.

Since WILSON took office in January, 1972, the books and records for the Oglala Sioux Tribe have not been audited and according to several members of the Tribal Council, the records which are currently being kept are very inadequate.

During the ONE FEATHER administration, the accounting firm of Thorstenson and Sayler in Rapid City was responsible for auditing the books and records of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Also, an accountant named FRANCIS KILLER, who lives in Vermillion, South Dakota, and whose telephone number is 642-4963, was under a contract with the Tribe to do monthly accounting work for the Tribe. KILLER's contract with the Tribe expired in October, 1972, and WILSON would not renew his contract.

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ONE FEATHER advised that if he can be of further assistance to the FBI, he will be more than willing to cooperate.

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HATTIE TWISS, Rocky Fort Route, Porcupine, South Dakota, was interviewed at the Gordon Memorial Hospital, Gordon, Nebraska and provided the following information:

She was Director for the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Headstart Program until October, 1972, at which time she resigned because of wrongdoings on the part of RICHARD WILSON, President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST). WILSON was trying to get access to the Headstart funds which she controlled but she would not allow him access to the funds.

During the first part of October, 1972, she became ill and had to go into the hospital for a week. When she returned to work she discovered that WILSON had drawn $14,000 from the Headstart account. There was no allowance for this withdrawal at the Headstart project and WILSON would not account for what the $14,000 was spent for. The check that was written for the $14,000 bore HATTIE TWISS' signature, but she did not sign the check. At this point, she was fed up with the way WILSON was operating and harrassing her, so she turned in her resignation.

She could furnish no details concerning the payment of $10,000 to $15,000 to WILSON's brother, JAMES WILSON; however, FRANCIS KILLER of Vermillion, South Dakota has the details surrounding this payment. KILLER was the accountant for the OST at the time this disbursement was supposedly made to WILSON's brother.

There has been much wrongdoing on the part of DICK WILSON since he took office in April, 1972. He has continuously attempted to gain control of the various OEO funds, and used these funds for purposes which would not benefit the Sioux people.

DAVE LONG, vice president of the OST, can furnish additional information concerning wrongdoing on the part of RICHARD WILSON.

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by SA MAURICE E. PEARSON/mbw Date dictated 4/3/73

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TWISS advised that she will be willing to testify in this matter as WILSON is charged with the embezzling of funds from OST.

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A.C. THORSTENSON, Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and LEROY B. CATEL, CPA, partners in the firm of Sayler, Thorstenson and Company, Certified Public Accountants, 810 Quincy Street, Rapid City (telephone 342-5630), provided the following information:

The accounting services which Sayler, Thorstenson and Company provide for the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) are yearly audits of the following OST special programs:

1. Revolving Credit Fund - this fund borrows money from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and re-loans this money to various tribal enterprises and indivduals;

2. Short Term Loan Program - this fund makes small loans, usually less than $250, to individuals of the OST;

3. Land Acquisition Enterprise - this fund purchases land within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The last audit conducted on the aforementioned-three funds was in June, 1972. The findings of all prior audits of these funds has always resulted in either a qualified or a disclaimer of opinion for the audit. The primary reason that all the audits have been qualified and/or disclaimer opinions is because of the tardiness of the recordkeeping of the above-three funds. However, a full-scale audit has always been conducted and in this capacity, the auditing standards and procedures which have been utilized would have uncovered any misappropriation, fraud or embezzlement which might have been taking place in these funds.

OST Chairman DICK WILSON has no control or for that matter any influence over the above funds and because of the nature of these funds and the checks and balances which are placed upon these funds, it is not likely that any irregularities might occur in these funds.

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Sayler, Thorstenson and Company does not audit the General OST Records, only the three aforementioned funds.

Sayler, Thorstenson and Company does the accounting and tax work for JERRY GLAZE. GLAZE works for the Dakota Leasing Company and Lakes Developing Company in the capacity of salesman. He also subcontracts construction projects through these two companies. THORSTENSON has known GLAZE for 22 years and has done GLAZE's accounting and tax work for the same period of time. GLAZE is in no position financially to give DICK WILSON any money to help him win the election as President of the OST. THORSTENSON stated that in GLAZE's current financial position, it would be impossible for him to give WILSON $10,000 to help finance a political campaign. GLAZE enjoys an honest and reputable reputation in the Rapid City community.

GLAZE is a long-time personal friend of DICK WILSON and has done some work for WILSON since he (WILSON) took office but GLAZE's income has not seen a marked increase since WILSON took office.

THORSTENSON advised that he will contact GLAZE and advise him that as his accountant, he wishes to make available all tax returns and accounting records of GLAZE to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

THORSTENSON is willing to cooperate in any way with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this matter.

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GEORGE WILSON, brother of Tribal Chairman DICK WILSON, Post Office Box 33, Whiteclay, Nebraska, furnished the following information:

He does not know anything concerning his brother, JIM WILSON, receiving $10,000 or $15,000 as a consulting fee for work performed for the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

If JIM had actually received this money, he would probably have knowledge of it as he and JIM are very close and keep in constant communication.

JIM WILSON is en route to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and should be in Pine Ridge on April 7, 1973. He will have his brother, JIM, contact the FBI upon arrival in Pine Ridge.

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by SAs MAURICE E. PEARSON and THOMAS M. MATTHEWS - SIS 8 Date dictated 4/10/73

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The following investigation was conducted by the Washington Field Office at Washington, D.C.:

On April 4, 1973, Mr. JOSEPH P. RATHER, JR., Assistant Director, General Accounting Office (GAO), Washington, D.C., advised GAO recently completed two projects involving the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) at the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The first project involved the transfer of land on the Pine Ridge Reservation and was completed on February 7, 1973, and is a restricted report per the order of Senator HENRY JACKSON of Washington State, Chairman of the American Indian Affairs Committee.

The second project concerns allegations made to the Senate Committee regarding misuse of Federal funds on the Pine Ridge Reservation. RATHER stated field work on this project is currently being prepared and upon completion, will be forwarded to Senator JACKSON's committee and this report is also restricted.

RATHER anticipates to testify before Senator JACKSON's committee regarding the aforementioned projects in the next few weeks and any release of these projects would have to come from Senator JACKSON.

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	CHARACTER OF CASE: CIR - FRAUD (IRS MATTER)	

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MINNEAPOLIS

AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA. Contact EMMA NELSON, Bureau of Indian Affairs Treasurer, and ascertain if unauthorized salaries are being paid out of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Special Office of Economic Opportunity payroll fund.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA MAURICE E. PEARSON Office: Minneapolis
Date: April 11, 1973

Field Office File #: 70-6991 Bureau File #:

Title: RICHARD WILSON

Character: CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION - FRAUD
(INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE MATTER)

Synopsis: Investigation to date reflects that subject does not have access to Federal payroll taxes withheld from tribal employees. These funds are maintained in a special Oglala Sioux Tribe payroll account and the controls placed on this account are such that any discrepancies would immediately be reflected. Investigation continues.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon an allegation made by PEDRO BISSONETTE, American Indian Movement (AIM) leader inside the occupied Village of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, that Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman RICHARD WILSON has previously had access to Federal income taxes withheld from both Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and tribal employees and has been diverting a portion of these funds to members of a "goon squad" in the form of salaries.

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CARMEL LOUISE MEANS (sister-in-law of BARBARA MEANS), Box 66, Porcupine, South Dakota, who is the Fiscal Manager for the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), located at the Pine Ridge Airport, Pine Ridge (telephone 867-5831), provided the following information:

Her duties with OEO are restricted to the "Community Action Program" (CAP), which provides jobs and services to the poverty-stricken Indians of the Sioux Tribe. She signs checks and disburses funds from the CAP account. The only persons delegated to authorize a disbursement of monies from the CAP fund are the various Component Directors and upon the submission of various expenditures to the OEO by these Component Directors, the OEO Director for Pine Ridge, LELAND BEARHEELS, signs the final authorization for disbursement of funds from the CAP account.

DICK WILSON has no authority to authorize payments of monies from the OEO CAP fund account, however, he has authorized the payment in the sum of a salary to one of the members of his "goon squad" from the CAP payroll account. This person is identified as BEN RICHARDS, who is WILSON's personal bodyguard and driver. RICHARDS does not do any work whatsoever for OEO or CAP; he always works with WILSON. RICHARDS receives a salary of $13,000 a year from the OEO CAP fund.

DICK WILSON's son, RICHARD WILSON, JR., is also on the OEO payroll of the "Community Service Center" (CSC). He is also a member of WILSON's "goon squad" and does not actually do any work for the CSC. His salary is $4389 per year.

OEO has several small funds wherein the payroll is paid at the Sioux Tribal Headquarters in Pine Ridge. The OEO Director (BEARHEELS) submits a time sheet for work done by employees on special projects and the designated fund will issue a check to the Sioux Tribe for the net salary plus any Federal or state withholding tax and state unemployment tax.

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The tribe is supposed to file the appropriate Federal and state withholding tax reports and state unemployment tax reports and pay the taxes which were withheld from the employee's salary from the monies, which is given to them by OEO from the specified special project fund. The Sioux Tribal Headquarters has not been filing these tax reports.

About one year ago, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) came to Pine Ridge and audited the various small projects on which the tribe was supposed to file payroll tax reports. The IRS audit resulted in the CAP fund having to pay several thousand dollars in back payroll taxes for these various special projects which the tribe had failed to file payroll tax reports for. The tribe received the money from the CAP fund to pay these taxes but did not do so.

The special projects heretofore referred to wherein OEO submitted monies to the tribe for salaries plus withholding tax are the "Community Action Program", "Parent-Child Center", and "Headstart."

Beginning March 27, 1973, the day WILSON's men set up a roadblock to prevent food from entering Wounded Knee, several of WILSON's men began signing charge tickets at the Sioux Nation Shopping Center for groceries to be used by WILSON's "goon squad" at the roadblock. These charge tickets are to be paid out of the OEO "Emergency Food and Medical Services Fund" (EFMSF). The persons who have signed for groceries and charged them to the EFMSF but who are not authorized by OEO to do so are: 1) ANTHONY BRAVE; 2) DELORES APPLE; 3) TIM SHANGREAUX. These three persons should not be spending money out of the EFMSF account. The total amount expended for groceries on March 27, 28 and 29, 1973, by the above-mentioned persons is $127.19. None of these people work for OEO.

The original documents pertaining to the aforementioned unauthorized purchase of groceries and all of the time sheets for BEN RICHARDS and RICHARD WILSON, JR., are maintained by CARMEL MEANS and will be made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation upon request.

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SUSAN PERRINE, Revenue Officer, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 520 Kansas City Street, Rapid City, provided the following information:

Since the DICK WILSON administration came into power in April, 1972, the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) has conducted their businesswith the IRS in the most efficient manner in many years.

The OST has a quarter payroll of approximately $400,000. In April, 1972, at the onset of the WILSON Administration, the IRS conducted a payroll tax audit of the OST as the OST had not filed a quarterly payroll tax report for over a year prior to April, 1972. The results of the IRS audit resulted in the OST being assessed approximately $250,000 plus interest for back payroll taxes prior to the period April, 1972.

WILSON was very cooperative with the IRS in furnishing the payroll records for the tribe in order that the audit could be efficiently conducted. The records which WILSON furnished were maintained on a computer system which was done by Sayler, Thorstenson and Company, Certified Public Accountants, 810 Quincy Street, Rapid City, South Dakota.

The OST is now on a weekly depositary system wherein they pay the exact amount of payroll taxes from the special Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) programs into a special OST payroll account maintained at the Stockmens National Bank in Rushville, Nebraska. The exact amount of the payroll tax is now being timely filed in the form of Depositary Receipts each week. Under this system, the checks and balances are such that any unauthorized use of monies in this special payroll account would show up as a deficit balance in the special payroll account at the Stockmens National Bank. The OEO special program payroll, which checking accounts are maintained at the First National Bank, Gordon, Nebraska, were also in arrears for the period prior to April, 1972. These accounts were also audited by IRS and these various

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OEO payrolls were assessed back payroll taxes amounting to approximately $250,000 plus interest.

KEN KRUGER, Revenue Officer for the South Dakota State Unemployment Security Department, Rapid City, also conducted a payroll audit of the OST on behalf of the State of South Dakota. The State of South Dakota also assessed the OST for back payroll taxes prior to the period April, 1972. PETERS could not provide any definite information or exact figures contained in the IRS files located in Rapid City. If the FBI desires access to the entire IRS file in this matter, the Director, FBI, must go through [illegible] Commissioner in Washington, D.C., and formally request to review the file.

The exact amount of payrol tax liens which were placed upon the OST for back payroll taxes prior to the period April, 1972, can be located at the County Court House located at Hot Springs, South Dakota, under the caption "Tax Liens - Shannon County."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 17, 1973

A confidential source was contacted at 9:00 a.m., February 17, 1973. He stated that he has contacts in the American Indian Movement group who are located in Rapid City at the present time and they expec ed him to arrive on February 16, 1973. He desired to remain anonymous with the Minneapolis Office. He said he would contact the writer by telephone. He accompanied the writer on a tour of Rapid City at which time the Mother Butler's Center was pointed out to him. At 11:00 a.m., he went to the Mother Butler Center. At 11:45 a.m., he was recontacted and said he was able to make contact with the American Indian Movement group and had visited with RUSSELL MEANS, and some others whose names he did not know. He understood from visiting with these men that some of their associates, Indians, had been in a fight last night and had been beaten by other Indians. He did not know if this had anything to do with their group movement. A man was introduced to him as AIM's candidate for President of the Tribal Council at Pine Ridge. It was his understanding that this man would be in charge following next Thursday's hearing to oust Tribal Council President RICHARD WILSON. Someone said that DENNIS BANKS would return from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this afternoon. He did not learn of any group plans at this contact.

He stated he would visit with these men again this afternoon. He viewed photographs of persons arrested at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, and indicated of those he knew only RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS, and CLYDE BELLECOURT. The picture of PETER BEARSTOPS appears to be that of a man observed by him at Mother Butler Center.

He advised that when he went to the Mother Butler Center, he was accosted by an Indian who was wearing a red armband and this man was identified as a member of an Indian security force. After he identified himself, as a friend of RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS, ET AL., from Washington D. C., he was allowed to go on into the center. While in the center, he observed chair legs and table legs, which apparently are available to be used as clubs. He said thate were a large quantity of these present; however, he would say there may be 6 to 12.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 18, 1973

A confidential source was interviewed from 11:00 p.m., February 17, 1973, to 1:30 a.m., February 18, 1973, at which time he furnished the following information which he received in contact with RUSSELL MEANS.

MEANS stated that the American Indian Movement (AIM) group has been invited to the Peoples Republic of China; however, they have been so busy they have not been able to go. He expects that sometime during this next spring that 10 or 11 of their representatives will visit the Peoples Republic of China.

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A majority of the chapters and the membership of AIM are people located on reservations throughout the United States. MEANS advised that to say the Indians have declared war would be just mouthing a fact. The Indians have been at war with the white man since the first treaty was broken, which he said was practically before the ink was dry.

He mentioned that there was discrimination in the dissemination of Rapid City Disaster money and HUD money on the Pine Ridge Reservation and that HUD investigators plan to be at Pine Ridge next Tuesday, February 21, 1973.

He discussed the impeachment proceedings of RICHARD WILSON and said that they were being brought about by three councilmen who are not AIM members. Also AIM is very much interested in having WILSON impeached.

AIM is not trying to infiltrate or subvert any tribal group or any other organization. He said AIM members vote with their bodies and not with their minds. He, MEANS, intends to run for president of the tribal council. One of AIM's goals is to throw out the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 which makes the Secretary of Interior "our god."

He said Indian people are forced into a situation where they have to force white people to come to the negotiation table, then promises are made which fail to come true.

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Date February 19, 1973

A confidential source has furnished the following information:

He advised on February 19, 1973, that he had conversation on February 18, 1973, with WALLACE BLACK ELK, American Indian Movement Spiritual Director, from Denver, Colorado, who is in Rapid City with his wife, who is a native of the Rapid City Reservation. WALLACE BLACK ELK advised that DAVID LONG, who is the vice president of the Tribal Council at Pine Ridge, would be acting as the President during impeachment proceedings involving RICHARD WILSON. BLACK ELK said that at this time LONG would order law enforcement agencies such as Bureau of Indian Affairs officials and marshals to leave the reservations, which would allow the American Indian Movement people to come to the reservation unmolested.

BLACK ELK spoke of a victory dance which he anticipates will be held early next week.

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MP 176-87

Date February 23, 1973

A confidential source furnished the following information at midnight, February 22, 1973. He spent the entire day at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and attended a meeting concerning suspension of RICHARD WILSON as Tribal President. He learned nothing during the day concerning proposed plans on the part of American Indian Movement (AIM) personnel. He estimated there were 700 Indians in attendance after this proceeding was moved into Billy Mills Hall.

After returning to Rapid City he went up to Mother Butler Center and was again given the impression from various comments that AIM people in Rapid City did not intend to go to Pine Ridge until a determination was made in the WILSON matter. He observed a number of new faces at Mother Butler Center and described the atmosphere as hostile. He was challenged as he entered the Center and it took him some time before he got into the office. There was some discussion about possible eviction from the Center and one Indian said they would burn the Center if they were evicted. He observed a Manual on the desk which was titled "Liberation Plan" but was unable to look at it closely.

At 7:30 a.m., February 23, 1973, the Informant departed Mother Butler Center with three, possibly four, Indians in his vehicle. He had indicated on the previous evening that he was going to be in Pine Ridge as of 10:00 a.m. His vehicle was kept under surveillance to the Hermosa, South Dakota crossroads on United States Highway 79.

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resources should stay here and should be made available to the people in the Western Hemisphere.

AIM support of impeachment of President of Oglala Tribe:

"RICHARD WILSON receives direct support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Interior and AIM has made its goal and objective to oust the BIA from interfering with tribal business, with governing tribal business, running our business, dictating. This is what the presidency of the Oglala Sioux is doing right now. He's dictating policy, he's dictating procedures, laws, he has total disregard for civil rights or treaty rights. As a result of that we have taken a direct stand to oppose the Bureau of Indian Affairs in their puppet Government on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. I think that the Pine Ridge Reservation, the people there, are very much dissatisfied with the puppet Government, the colonialistic Government that the BIA has set up out there, and I think one of the reasons, of course, that they have decided to call AIM for support is that they are being neglected, even by the tribal president. Our stand will continue against the Government to oust them from Indian affairs.

Future plans of AIM to BIA:

"AIM is going to increase its activity against the Government. We're going to increase our stand against colonialistic Governments, we're going to increase our opposition to any of their puppet dictators from coming to the reservation. I think that this is primarily an area where the people in the east do not understand how the tribal Governments work, that they're set up by the Government and they are dictating policy. Just recently as a matter of fact, in the past 30 days, the Cheyenne River Sioux became very angry at this type of system and they voted to challenge the districting of the Government in trying to eliminate a lot of grass roots Indians, a lot of full-blood Indians from the tribal council, and so the Cheyenne River Sioux voted within themselves to challenge it and they won, and now you have the Cheyenne River Tribal Council composed of at least more than 75% of its members who are grass roots Indians, who are full-bloods, and who are now going to try and dictate back to the Government how they want this system to operate, and the Government is very upset that the Cheyenne River Sioux took this stand and of course, they did everything in its power to try and discredit

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On February 14, 1973, source advised he had determined that a caravan of about 340 people drove to Sturgis, South Dakota, to attend the hearing of HAROLD WHITE HORSE. When the caravan arrived at the courthouse, they found that the building had been blockaded with snowplows and elements of the South Dakota State Patrol were present.

Discussions followed and about four or five American Indian Movement (AIM) spokesmen were permitted inside the courthouse. These included DENNIS BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS and some of the news media. At this point a judge asked for the identities of the news media representatives and upon not identifying themselves, the judge ordered the press outside the courthouse, stating that they exaggerate, cause ill feelings and increase bitterness.

The source determined that bond for WHITE HORSE was reduced to $15,000 and that AIM considered it to be a successful operation.

After the hearing, the caravan returned to Rapid City, South Dakota, where about 40 Indians were being "tried" concerning distruction of taverns which had occurred on an earlier date. Following this trial, source determined that approximately one half of the Indian cases were dismissed and the remainder of the persons were put on probation to Indians.

Meetings were held in Rapid City, South Dakota, on February 12, 1973, which concerned, in part, attempts to get the American Indian Movement commission to operate. Rapid City spokesman noted that AIM demands could be met if no more Indians arrived in town and if the non-local Indians left town. DENNIS BANKS stated that under no conditions would AIM be intimidated either as a group or on an individual basis. He stated that "We are staying."

On February 13, 1973, the Indian caravan started for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota to attend impeachment proceedings against RICHARD WILSON, Chairman of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. WILSON is described as an arch enemy of the American Indian Movement. The source advised that WILSON is being impeached by the tribal council who had invited the American Indian Movement to witness the proceedings. WILSON is reported to have stated that with respect to AIM that he will "shoot 'em on sight." Following the impeachment proceedings, AIM was to be given a buffalo by the tribal council for there use in thier upcoming victory dance.

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On February 22, 1973, source advised that he had been instructed by the leadership of the American Indian Movement to further American Indian activities in Nebraska through the United Indians of Nebraska which is a front organization for AIM and whose primary activity in the future would be fund raising. Source further advised that the leadership of AIM is concerned about a serious leak of information along the top eight leaders. Source stated that he was instructed by DENNIS BANKS through CARTER CAMP to proceed to Houston, Texas, on February 23, 1973, via Oklahoma City. Source advised that CAMP would ride with him as far as Oklahoma City where he would remain until the source returned from Houston, Texas. He stated he was instructed by CAMP to contact Doctor MELVIN D. SIKES, JR., Professor of Educational Psychology, University of Texas at Austin, Texas. He was to meet SIKES on February 24, 1973. He advised he was unaware of the reason for meeting with SIKES, however, it was indicated to him that he was to pick up something from SIKES and return to Nebraska where he would turn it over to CONNIE MARTINEZ, a Chicano, who is active at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and Rapid City, South Dakota. He stated that he would meet MARTINEZ at Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 27, 1973.

Source added that AIM intends to impeach RICHARD WILSON from his job as the Tribal Council President after which he will probably be murdered. He advised that WILSON would not be harmed prior to impeachment as AIM would not have the sympathy of the other Indians on the reservation.

Source stated two cases of guns had arrived at a small landing field near Steamboat Rock and DeValley. northwest of Rapid City, South Dakota. He did not know what became of the guns or who paid for them. He advised that DENNIS BANKS had received $1,500 contribution from someone in Canada and that other funds for AIM in Rapid City through church contribution and small contributions from AIM members and sympathizers in Rapid City and Custer, South Dakota.

Source advised that he had heard that a confrontation would take place in the near future in Tucson, Arizona, to protest the slaying of a 16-year old Indian youth by Arizona Police.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	3/19/75	3/5/75 - 3/19/75

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, aka, Richard Wilson, Dick Wilson; DUANE BREWER; LE ROY JANIS, aka, Sunshine Janis; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; (CONTINUED)	SA JOHN E. MC CARTY	lec
	CHARACTER OF CASE: CIR - ADW	

REFERENCE: Minneapolis report of SA JOHN E. MC CARTY, 3/12/75.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: An extra copy of this report was disseminated to Departmental Attorney DENNIS ICKES, Civil Rights Division, Indian Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 604, Todd Building, Washington, D.C., at Rapid City, South Dakota.

An extra copy of this report was prepared for Minneapolis Division due to complicated nature of current interrelated investigations concerning a variety of incidents on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Departmental Attorney DENNIS ICKES advised a special Federal Grand Jury will be convened on 3/18/75 to investigate this and

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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Title of Case (Continued)

WILLIAM ROSSMOORE - VICTIM;
MARTHA COPLEMAN - VICTIM;
ROGER A. FINZEL - VICTIM;
KATHERINE JAMES - VICTIM;
EDA GORDON - VICTIM;
BERNARD B. ESCAMILLA - VICTIM

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and other Pine Ridge related incidents.

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AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUS. .CE
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Copy to: 1 - Departmental Attorney Dennis Ickes, Rapid City, South Dakota
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Report of: SA JOHN E. MC CARTY Office: MINNEAPOLIS
Date: MARCH 19, 1975

Field Office File #: 70-9729 Bureau File #:

Title: ORLIN WAYNE WILSON;
DUANE BREWER;
LE ROY JANIS;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
WILLIAM ROSSMOORE - VICTIM;
~~XXXXXXX~~ MARTHA COPLEMAN - VICTIM;
ROGER A. FINZEL - VICTIM;
KATHERINE JAMES - VICTIM;
~~XXXXXXX~~ EDA GORDON - VICTIM;
BERNARD B. ESCAMILLA - VICTIM

Character: CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON

Synopsis: WILLIAM ROSSMOORE furnished affidavit regarding his experiences at Pine Ridge. MAX IBOCH advised bullet fired in van fired from inside to outside. MONA MONTGOMERY advised she does not want to talk about AIM and claimed no weapons in her vehicle. LOU J. MENDOZA denies personal knowledge of assault on victims. Special Federal Grand Jury convened 3/18/75 to hear facts concerning this case. JOHN MEANS provided no information re assault on Wounded Knee Committee personnel.

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DETAILS

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

On March 17, 1975, THOMAS GRADY, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, made available to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) PHILIP F. ENLOW the following copy of an affidavit furnished to the Attorney General by WILLIAM ROSSMOORE.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
)ss. Stamford
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD)

WILLIAM ROSSMOORE of full age being duly sworn according to law deposes and says:

1. I am an attorney and counselor at law admitted to practice in the States of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut and before the Supreme Court of the United States, United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third and Fourth Circuits, United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, District of New Jersey and the District of Connecticut. I was first admitted to the Bar in February 1948 and have been practicing law ever since. I now reside in Stamford, Connecticut, and my principal office is in that city and state. I am 56 years of age.

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2. Sometime in the late summer or fall of 1974 I was asked by the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee (WKLDOC hereinafter) whether I would be willing to represent a defendant in one of the many cases then pending in the State and Federal Courts growing out of the events which occurred at Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the winter and spring of 1973. My name had come to WKLDOC as a lawyer with considerable civil trial experience who occasionally undertook cases in the public interest and as one who could afford from time to time to take such cases without fee. I told the Committee that I would be willing to take such a case, provided that its timing would fit into my schedule. Prior to this time, and other than in connection with the events to be recited herein, I have had no connection with or involvement with WKLDOC or with the American Indian Movement (AIM hereinafter).

3. Early in February 1975 I received a call from WKLDOC saying that they had a case which was scheduled to come to trial on March 3, 1975. They asked if I would be available to try this case and I said that I would. The case turned out to be UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs. BERNARD BRAVO ESCAMILLA in the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota, Western Division, No. CR 73-5138. In this case the defendant

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Mr. Escamilla is charged under indictment, in so far as is pertinent to the events,herein, with taking at gunpoint a pocket knife, a watch valued at approximately $30 and $5 cash from one Charles Merrillon March 11, 1973 at Wounded Knee, South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. While the case is docketed in the South Dakota District, it was scheduled to be tried, because of a prior change of venue, at the United States Court House in Council Bluffs, Iowa. However, pre-trial motions were scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 1975 in Rapid City, South Dakota before Judge Andrew W. Bogue.

4. In order to prepare for the trial scheduled for March 3, 1975 and the motion scheduled for February 27, 1975 I went out to Council Bluffs on Monday, February 24, 1975 to meet with the resident attorney and legal workers who had been doing backround work on all of the cases resulting from the Wounded Knee events of two years earlier and also to meet my prospective client, the defendant Mr. Escamilla. In Council Bluffs I spent two days of intensive work with Martha Copleman, a member of the New Jersey Bar and with Katherine James, a legal worker, both of whom had done a great amount of preliminary preparation for the Escamilla case as well as other "Wounded Knee" cases. I also met with Mr. Escamilla for the first time. I determined

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that in order adequately to prepare for trial it would be highly advisable for me to visit the scene of the alleged events at Wounded Knee and also to have further investigative work done on the Pine Ridge Reservation. I was told by Ms. Copleman and Ms. James that a lawyer and a legal worker were available on the Reservation to do this investigative work. I happen also to be a pilot holding a commercial pilot license and accordingly determined to rent a plane at Council Bluffs on Wednesday, February 26 and fly up to Rapid City with the defendant and Ms. Copleman and Ms. James, with a stop at Pine Ridge which has an airport on the way from Council Bluffs to Rapid City where we would meet with the local attorney and legal worker and view the scene of the events at Wounded Knee.

5. Accordingly on Wednesday, February 26, 1975 I rented a Cherokee Six from James Niebur, the owner or manager of the fixed base operator at the Council Bluffs Airport. We took off from Council Bluffs at 10:50 A.M. Central Daylight Time that morning and after stopping for fuel at Ainsworth, Nebraska landed at Pine Ridge at approximately 1:45 to 1:50 P.M. Mountain Daylight Time. There we were met by Roger Finzel who I understood is a member of the Bars of Washington, D.C. and South Dakota and Eda Gordon, a legal worker, both of whom I understood were working on the Pine Ridge Reservation on behalf of WKLDOC. Ms. Gordon left us for a time and Mr. Finzel drove

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Mr. Escamilla, Ms. Copleman, Ms. James and myself to Wounded Knee, about 17 miles away, where we spent sometime over an hour walking and driving around the scenes where the 1973 events were alleged to have occurred. Ms. Gordon rejoined us at Wounded Knee and the six of us then drove back in Mr. Finzel's car with Mr. Finzel driving to the airport at Pine Ridge. When we arrived there we found that the airplane which I had rented was riddled with bullet holes. I made a hurried inspection of the airplane and found multiple holes in the windows on the right side and marks on the right wings and fuel tanks located therein. I decided that the airplane should not be flown until its air worthiness was determined by a competent certified aviaton mechanic. Accordingly we loaded our baggage including numerous legal files which we had brought along for preparation of the pre-trial motion scheduled the next day in Rapid City, into Mr. Finzel's car with the intention of first reporting the damage to the airplane to the local police in person and to Mr. Niebur by telephone and then driving to Rapid City. The car was an Oldsmobile convertible, two door, approximately nine or ten years old. Mr. Finzel was in the driver's seat, I was in the right front and between us was Ms. Gordon. Immediately behind me was Mr. Escamilla, with Ms. Copleman in the left rear and Ms. James in the middle.

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We started to drive out of the airport but before reaching the road (which I believe runs from Pine Ridge toward Wounded Knee) where we intended to make a left turn toward Pine Ridge, our way was suddenly blocked by a car which pulled up in front of us. At the same moment ten or fifteen other cars pulled into the airport entirely blocking us on all sides. It being very cold our windows were closed and as the car which immediately blocked us came to a stop I saw a man get on the front hood, facing us and pointing a shotgun at us. Mr. Finzel said to lock the car which we did and we were approached on both sides by several men. Almost immediately there was a crowd of about thirty men around us. One of the first men to emerge from the cars which had pulled up was a man identified to me by, and known to, all of the other occupants of our car, as Richard Wilson, the Tribal Chairman of the Tribal Government on the Pine Ridge Reservation whom I recognized from pictures of him which I had seen in a publication entitled "Voices from Wounded Knee 1973" published in 1974 by AKWESASNE NOTES, Mohawk Nation, via Rooseveltown, New York 13683, ISBN 0-914838-01-6, Library of Congress Catalog Number 74-82402. The men who came up to the left side of the car shouted "open up". Mr. Finzel asked them what they wanted. They said they wanted to talk.

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Mr. Finzel said "you can talk through the closed door and I can hear you". At this moment at least two men started slashing through the roof of the convertible with knives and in a very few seconds ripped off the entire roof of the car. As that happened I unlocked the door on my side and I believe Mr. Finzel did the same on his side. The men on the front of the car on the left side then said to Finzel that he had been involved in some incident at the court house in Pine Ridge (which I later learned had taken place at the very time that we were at Wounded Knee some 17 miles distant). Finzel said "you can ask Dick Wilson, he knows I wasn't there". At this point Wilson came over and Finzel said to him words to the effect "you know I wasn't at the court house today". Wilson did not reply to Finzel but said to the men next to him "stomp on him". With that at least two men got on the hood of the car and kicked in the windshield and at least two men got on the back of the car and kicked in the back window. The men up front started to kick Finzel in the head. Ms. Gordon tried to protect Finzel and she also was kicked in the head. The men on the left tried to drag Finzel out of the car through the left side and were unable to do so and then they and/or others pulled at him from the right and in the course of this I was forced out of the car and hit and kicked. When the events started I had a legal attache'

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case in my hand and this was still in my hand when I got out of the car. I started to walk toward the rear of the car and saw Wilson at the same time that I was being shoved, hit, kicked and pushed by another man. I called to Wilson, "are you in charge here?" hoping to tell him that I was a lawyer doing work in connection with a case and to prevail upon him to stop the violence. Wilson did not reply but made a motion to the man who had been shoving me, upon which the man kicked and hit me again and knocked me into a ditch at the rear of the car which was covered partly with mud and partly with ice. This man said "you wait over there and they'll get you later". When I got up from being knocked into the ditch I saw Mr. Escamilla on the ground on the right side of the car being kicked by several men. After several minutes more during which time Mr. Escamilla and Mr. Finzel continued to be beaten a somewhat older man, an Indian, motioned Mr. Finzel and Mr. Escamilla to get back into the car and I came back across the ditch and was allowed to get in. Mr. Finzel was too injured to drive and Mr. Escamilla got into the drivers seat. The car which had been blocking us moved out of the way and we were allowed to leave the scene. As we left we heard shouts of "get off the reservation" and "don't you ever come back". Mr. Escamilla drove and we left the Reservation as fast as we could. Because of the cold

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we could not drive the totally open car all the way to Rapid City and we eventually stopped at a place which is unknown to me where the others arranged to get two other cars with drivers who drove us to the Rapid City Regional Hospital in Rapid City where we arrived at approximately 10:00 P.M. local time. While still in Mr. Finzel's car I was seated in the right front seat with Ms. Gordon in the middle. I observed one of her hands bleeding badly and gave her my handkerchief to wrap around it. I was later told that her hand was cut when one of the men who attacked us at Pine Ridge was cutting Mr. Finzel's hair with a knife and Ms. Gordon tried to stop him.

6. At Rapid City Regional Hospital the four of us who had been injured, Mr. Finzel, Ms. Gordon, Mr. Escamilla, and myself checked into the emergency room where we were each examined by physicians. I was feeling great pain in the left shoulder which had begun to swell. I was also feeling great pain in the right knee and was finding it difficult to walk. I also had pain in the right thumb, the neck and the lower back. Multiple x-rays were taken of all these sites of complaint and fortunately no fractures or dislocations were found. All of us except Mr. Escamilla were released from the hospital that night, with Finzel and myself being given medicine for pain relief and I was given a sling for my left arm. Mr. Escamilla

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remained in the hospital at least until Friday, February 28,1975. The rest of us went to the Alex Johnson Hotel in Rapid City where we spent the night.

7. The next morning, Thursday, February 27 I woke up feeling great pain in the left shoulder, being barely able to move the left arm and also found it extremely difficult to walk since my right knee would barely support me. I had had an athletic injury to this knee in July 1971 and had an operation for the removal of the medial minisctus in August 1971. The beating which I had received at Pine Ridge evidently re-activated this old injury site. The five of us, other than Mr. Escamilla, went that morning to the United States Court House in Rapid City and gave full statements to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who told us that they would "investigate the matter". We asked that Wilson be arrested but got no response other than the promise to investigate. Ms. Copleman, Ms. James and I also accompanied two agents of the F.B.I. to the Rapid City Regional Hospital where they interviewed Mr. Escamilla in our presence and took a full report from him as to the events that occurred the preceeding day. That same day we also went before Judge Bogue in connection with Mr. Escamilla's case. Judge Bogue adjourned the pre-trial motion to March 19, 1975 in Rapid City and the trial to March 24 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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8. Also on February 27 I telephoned Mr. Niebur to advise him what had happened to the airplane. I said that I did not think it would be safe for him to go to Pine Ridge with a mechanic unless he had protection of law enforcement officers. Later in the day he called me and told me that he had arranged to fly on Friday, February 28 with a mechanic in another airplane and that officals of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA, hereinafter) had arranged to meet him there and afford the required protection. I spoke to Mr. Niebur on the telephone on Saturday, March 1 and he told me that he had retrieved the plane which was flyable although the right gas tank had been punctured and was leaking. He also told me that during the time he was at the Pine Ridge Reservation Airport no one from the BIA showed up and he was surrounded by a hostile crowd who jeered him for renting the airplane to me. He told me that he got off as quickly as he could, being in fear for his own safety.

9. I left Rapid City for home early Friday morning February 28 via North Central Airlines and United Airlines to Minneapolis and La Guardia Airport in New York. As of the time of this affidavit, I still have considerable pain, swelling and hematoma in the left shoulder with restriction of motion and continued pain in the right knee with continued difficulty in walking, although both injuries are improving.

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10. While I personally viewed the area at Wounded Knee where events of two years ago were alleged to have taken place, I do not feel that I have adequately completed the investigation which I need for the trial of Mr. Escamilla in which I represent him. Nothing on earth could pursuade me to return to the Pine Ridge Reservation to do any further investigation nor would I ask anyone else to undertake the necessary investigation in Mr. Escamilla's case or any other case. From what I witnessed on February 26, 1975, I believe it would be a long time before it is safe to carry on any investigative activities for "Wounded Knee" defendants whose cases are still awaiting trial. I was offered a personal escort of marshals for myself or an investigator by Judge Bogue, but it seems obvious that any adequate investigation can not be done in any law case when the investigator himself is accompanied by a team of armed law enforcement officials.

William Rossmoore

Sworn and subscribed to
before me this 3rd day
of March 1975.

Milton Turkel
Commissioner of the
Superior Court.

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Date of transcription 3/10/75

On March 7, 1975, Special Agent WADE SHIRLEY, Scottsbluff, Nebraska Resident Agency was telephonically contacted by SA DONALD G. WILEY in connection with the arrest of THOMAS RICHARD POOR BEAR by local Gordon, Nebraska, authorities.

SA SHIRLEY advised that POOR BEAR and others had brought an Indian girl to the Gordon, Nebraska Hospital after she had been stabbed with a butcher knife. This stabbing incident occurred on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

SHIRLEY continued that the vehicle in which the girl had been brought had been involved in an earlier confrontation on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The occupants of the vehicle upon arrival at the hospital found the hospital door locked. These persons and particularily a male Indian (First Name Unrecalled) POWERS beat on the hospital door until the glass broke. Hospital authorities notified local authorities who responded to the hospital where they arrested the driver of the van a THOMAS RICHARD POOR BEAR. During the search of the van a .30-.30 cliver rifle and a .22 weapon were found. The .22 caliber weapon had the serial number ground off.

SHIRLEY advised that MAX IBOCH, Investigator, Nebraska Highway Patrol, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, has advised that the weapons are in custody of the Sheriff's Office, Rushville, Nebraska. IBOCH advised that the Nebraska State's Attorney in Rushville, Nebraska, does not want the weapons altered at this point in any investigation.

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by SA DONALD G. WILEY/sb Date dictated 3/10/75

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Date of transcription 3/17/75

MAX IBOCH, Criminal Investigator, Nebraska Highway Patrol, Chadron, Nebraska, was interviewed at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. IBOCH advised that although he does not have his notes or report with him, he believes that on March 1, 1975, he examined and photographed a green van which had brought a stabbing victim to the Gordon Hospital, Gordon, Nebraska. IBOCH stated that the reason he had examined a and photographed this vehicle was that it was involved in a disturbance at the Gordon Hospital in which the glass front door of the hospital had been broken.

IBOCH also advised that this same van had earlier on February 26, 1975, been involved in a disturbance at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in which gunfire had damaged an aircraft and an automobile.

IBOCH recalls that the Sheriff's Office at Rushville, Nebraska, had recovered a .22 caliber weapon with the serial n number filed off and a large caliber rifle. IBOCH stated that he observed a bullet hole in the passenger door side of the vehicle. This bullet hole went through the door and struck a metal frame behind the passenger side of the front seat. IBOCH advised that the bullet hole looked new, however he was unable to locate any spent bullet in the van.

IBOCH advised he would make photographs available to the FBI upon their return from his laboratory.

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by SA DONALD G. WILEY/sb Date dictated 3/14/75

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MONA MONTGOMERY advised that on February 26, 1975, she rode from Porcupine to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in her own 1963 red Nova, a four door car. WILMA POOR BEAR, who is the same as WILMA COLHOFF drove the car for her. The van which had been with her group had left Porcupine and went to Pine Ridge ahead of them. Upon arriving at Pine Ridge they went to the home of WILMA's mother and then to the courthouse where they saw a fracas.

MONICA, whose last name she thinks is CISCERRNOS (phonetic), her son SHANE, age 2, and some other women were in the car with she and WILMA.

At the Pine Ridge Airport the van, her car, and WEBSTER POOR BEAR's pickup truck were all there. When her car pulled into the airport, WEBSTER told the occupants of her car to get the hell out of there. She saw no plane at the airport and said she had heard no shots fired at all.

MONTGOMERY said she will not sign any statement, that she does not want to talk about AIM, and does not want to have anything to do with any hearings. She said that this just is not relevant to the assault on her. She also said there were no weapons in her car whatsoever.

MONTGOMERY advised that when her car left the Pine Ridge Airport they drove through a bunch of goons by a turn-off past the airport, drove onto the top of a hill and stopped to see what was happening. She saw a rust colored car back up out of a driveway and try to stop the van. She again said she heard no shots and saw nothing else, and her only concern was for her son.

MONTGOMERY said the night before the stabbing she was at DICK MARSHAL's house together with RUSSELL MEANS, WEBSTER and TOMMY POOR BEAR, BILL MESTETH, MARSHAL and KENNY KANE. TED MESTETH was also with the group. She does not know DU BRAY or RED COLOMBE (phonetic).

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Assistant Special Agent in Charge
PHILIP F. ENLOW and SA JOHN E. MC CARTY

by JEM/lee Date dictated 3/18/75

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She stated that when her car got back to Wounded Knee after leaving Pine Ridge, all she did was get out and check the oil in her car. She does not know anything about a white car which was with her group. She has no idea as to why the group even went to Pine Ridge. She herself went in just to wash some clothes. She said she has no idea as to how many cars went from MARSHAL's to Pine Ridge. She did not see anyone with guns.

She does not know what time the group went to Pine Ridge or who all went. Then she said that her car went to Pine Ridge long before the others left Porcupine. She does not know why the occupants of her car went to the Tribal Courthouse. WILMA just went there.

At the courthouse she and WILMA tried to use the bathroom, but could not get in so they went to the nearby jail. At the jail no one would let them use the bathroom there.

At this point MONTGOMERY said she had a severe headache and asked to leave. She said she prefers not to talk to the FBI again. She stated that WILMA is now living in Rosebud and she herself stays with her mother at 640 Wanblee, Lacota Homes in Rapid City.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/18/75

MAX IBOCH, Investigator, Nebraska Highway Patrol, telephonically advised that when he examined the van at Gordon, Nebraska, which had been used to bring MONICA MONTGOMERY to the hospital, he found a bullet hole in the right front door. In his opinion the hole would have been made by a rifle bigger than a .22 caliber. IBOCH said the bullet was definitely fired from the inside to the outside of the van. He found no shell casings or slugs in the van.

He will have the pistol and rifle which were recovered from the van test fired at Lincoln, Nebraska, and will forward the casings and slugs for comparison purposes to the FBI at Rapid City.

He stated that when he was at Wounded Knee on February 26, 1975, he could identify RUSSELL MEANS, TOM POOR BEAR, and RICK or RICHARD POWERS as being in the van. He could see the barrel of a rifle being held by someone inside the van. When he glanced through a van window he could not identify the person who had the weapon.

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by SA JOHN E. MC CARTY/lec Date dictated 3/18/75

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MAX IBOCH, Criminal Investigator, Nebraska State Highway Patrol, advised that on March 18, 1975, he test fired and obtained .22 caliber slugs and shell casings from a weapon recovered by him from the van recovered at Gordon, Nebraska. He advised that on the same date and at the same time, Deputy Sheriff JAMES TALBOT had test fired the .30-.30 caliber rifle. IBOCH made available slugs and shell cashings from the two weapons.

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LOU J. MENDOZA, Small Business Administration, advised he was in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on business on February 26, 1975. He stated he was not, however, at either the Pine Ridge Airport or the Pine Ridge Courthouse.

MENDOZA stated he had heard general talk that "WILSON and his bunch had been involved in some problems," but stated he has no personal knowledge of any of the incidents that allegedly occurred in the Pine Ridge area on that date. MENDOZA also stated he could provide no names of anyone who might have any personal knowledge of the shootings or assaults.

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"Pine Ridge, S.D.
March 5, 1975

"I, John Wallace Means, make the following voluntary statement to J. Gary Adams and Frederick Coward Jr who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I am aware that I am being interviewed in regard to the incidents which occurred on February 26, 1975 at Pine Ridge, S.D. I am 27 years of age, having been born June 10, 1947 at Pine Ridge, S.D. I have had 12 years of education. I can read and write the English language. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

"Between 2PM and 3PM on Wednesday, February 26, 1975, I was driving a green Ranger pickup, 1974 Ford, back to Pine Ridge, S.D. Seth Hernandez was with me. I heard over the 2-way radio in the pickup that Duane Brewer was at the Court House alone and there were several American Indian Movement (AIM) guys there also. Fluff Bettelyoun was calling someone else with this message. I was just leaving the planning center when we heard this message.

"I drove to the BIA parking lot and parked directly across from a green van parked in the street facing west on the south side of the street. This van had a vent door on top which was open.

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"When I arrived there were several people standing around. I recognized Russell Means, my cousin, Ski Jacobs, Duane Brewer, standing around. My brother Popo Means and sister, Irene Brewer, were sitting in Duane's car. Hernandez and I sat in the pickup.

"We sat in the parking lot about 15 minutes and left and went to the ONAP office. We were there a couple minutes and started back to the BIA parking lot. As we passed the tribal cafe, we met the same van that was previously parked by the court house. This van was headed east on hwy 18. I don't recall any of the vehicles following the van.

"I observed Duane Brewer following the van some distance behind the van. Manny Wilson and Popo Means were with Duane. I turned around and followed everyone.

"When I approached the airport driveway off Hwy 18, I observed this same green van parked near the first house. The back doors were open and I observed approximately 20 to 25 people around the van and some 6 other cars in the area. I observed one individual, a foreign Indian male, with long hair with a rifle.

"I observed Duane's car parked in the approach to Donna Mae Pourier's place. The car was backed in. Alvin Long Soldier's pickup was parked on the right hand shoulder.

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Phil Bettelyoun's pickup, a light blue Ford, was parked in front of Alvin Long Soldier's pickup. I pulled into the ditch in the vicinity of these two pickups. We sat in our pickup for several minutes and then got out when Alvin said they were coming. This meant the people in the van were coming our direction. I got out of my pickup and got behind Fred Brewer's pickup, a green Chevrolet, which was also in the area.

"The green van and about 5 or 6 other vehicles then came east on Hwy 18. There were approximately 15 rounds fired from 3 or 4 different guns. I was not hit and the pickup I was driving was not hit.

"I got in my pickup with Hernandez and we started back to Pine Ridge. Before leaving the area I had conversation with Joe Big Crow and Alvin Long Soldier about how close we came to getting hit. I got to the vicinity of the large fenced in area, heading toward Pine Ridge, to get some rifles. Roger Big Crow also was with us. We didn't know where we were going to get the rifles so we turned around and went back to the airport. We parked in the ditch on the west side of the approach. I stood by the pickup and was listening to the 2-way radio.

"After about 20 minutes Chuck Conroy and I went to Batesland in Conroy's blue jeep. John Hussman and Tom Conroy followed us. We were in Batesland about 10 minutes and started back to Pine Ridge. We met Bud Merrill at the Wounded Knee turnoff of Hwy 18. We asked Merill

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about a roadblock at Art Vitalis and a road block at the Wounded Knee junction with the Manderson Road. Merrill said there were no road blocks. Merrill also told us about the airplane at the airport was shot up. We went to the airport and looked the airplane over. I did not see any bullet holes. Chuck Conroy told me there were some in it though.

"Blaine White Eyes, Vince Brewer, Tom Conroy, Seth Hernandz , Bogie Carlow, John Hussman were at the planning center. I stayed at the Planning Center until 4:30 PM and then went home.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and four other pages. I have initialed any corrections. I have initaled each page. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/John W. Means

Witness:

"/s/ SA J. Gary Adams, FBI, Rapid City, S.D. 3/5/75

"/s/Frederick Coward, Jr., SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/5/75.

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On March 18, 1975, a Special Federal Grand Jury, being conducted by the Office of the United States Attorney and Department of Justice Attorneys, convened at Rapid City, South Dakota, to take testimony regarding this and other Pine Ridge related matters.

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To: SAC, Minneapolis

From: Director, FBI 62-115830-1

1 - Mr. Bates
1 - Mr. Gordon
1 - Mr. Miller
1 - Mr. Mosher

CONFERENCE, OFFICE OF
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
RE SITUATION AT PINE RIDGE
INDIAN RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA
11:00 A.M., 10/30/73
MISCELLANEOUS

This will confirm Butelcal, 10/30/73.

A conference in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General was held on 10/30/73 regarding the situation at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. This conference was attended by representatives from FBIHQ. The conference was chaired by Mr. Edward Kitch, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and others in attendance were Gary Baise, Acting Associate Deputy Attorney General; Deputy Assistant Attorney General William O'Connor, Civil Rights Division; Carl Belcher, Criminal Division; R. Dennis Ickes, Deputy Director, Office of Indian Rights, U. S. Department of Justice; William E. Hall, Deputy Director, U. S. Marshals Service; Gil Pompa, Community Relations Service, U. S. Department of Justice; Francis Niland, Chief of the Civil Disturbance Unit, Criminal Division; and Roger Adams, Attorney, Criminal Division.

Mr. Kitch advised this conference was held as a result of a statement made on 10/26/73 by Senator James G. Abourezk, South Dakota, to the effect that law and order had broken down on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The Senator's statement was made at a meeting attended by the Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton; Kent Frizell, Solicitor General, Department of the Interior; Bradley Patterson, White House; Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officials; and representatives from the Department of Justice. At that meeting there were five

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alternatives suggested to correct the situation on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, as follows:

1. Suspend all BIA law enforcement, replacing it with U. S. Marshals until the situation subsides.

2. Integrate the BIA police with U. S. Marshals on a one-on-one basis.

3. Dispatch a group of U. S. Marshals to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation as advisers to the BIA police.

4. Send a study group from Washington consisting of officials from Congress, Department of Interior, and U. S. Marshals Service.

5. Request Richard Wilson, elected tribal chairman, of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, BIA officials, and tribal leaders to meet in Washington to discuss their problems.

The U. S. Marshals Service was against any joint or unilateral police action by the U. S. Marshals Service on the reservation.

The FBI representatives pointed out the FBI's function is investigative for the purpose of gathering intelligence information and investigating criminal violations occurring on the Indian reservation and the FBI did not have the resources or manpower to furnish a force to handle policing of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The Civil Rights Division of the Department was instructed to offer its expertise on electoral matters to the BIA in connection with the forthcoming elections for a new tribal chairman at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

It was recognized the situation on the Pine Ridge Reservation is an Interior Department problem in which the Justice Department had a secondary interest in that it was required to investigate and prosecute violations of Federal law on an Indian Reservation. It was indicated at the conference the Department should take action to have the Department of the Interior, with their facilities, pick up the policing of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The Department of Justice should attempt to furnish technical assistance where necessary.

NOTE: See memorandum R. F. Bates to Mr. Gebhardt, 10/30/73.

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TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: 10/30/73

FROM : R. F. Bates

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Bates
1 - Mr. Gordon
1 - Mr. Miller
1 - Mr. Mosher
1 - Mr. Moore
1 - Mr. Franck
1 - Mr. Bowers

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE, OFFICE OF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
RE SITUATION AT PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA
11:00 A.M., 10/30/73
MISCELLANEOUS

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge, South Dakota

This is to advise concerning the developments that took place at a conference in the Deputy Attorney General's Office on 10/30/73, attended by Special Agent (SA) Charles A. Mosher, Intelligence Division, and SA John C. Gordon, General Investigative Division.

The Conference was chaired by Mr. Edward Kitch, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and others in attendance were Gary Baise, Acting Associate Deputy Attorney General; *Assistant Attorney General William O'Connor, Civil Rights Division; Carl Belcher, Criminal Division; R. Dennis Ickes, Deputy Director, Office of Indian Rights, U. S. Department of Justice; William E. Hall, Deputy Director, U. S. Marshals Service; Gil Pompa, Community Relations Service, U. S. Department of Justice; Francis Niland, Chief of the Civil Disturbance Unit, Criminal Division; and Roger Adams, Attorney, Criminal Division.

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Mr. Kitch advised this conference was called as a result of a statement made on 10/26/73, by Senator James G. Abourezk, South Dakota, indicating law and order had broken down on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and anarchy existed. Mr. Abourezk's statement was made at a meeting attended by Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton; Kent Frizell, Solicitor General, Department of the Interior; Bradley Patterson, White House; Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officials; and the above-named Pompa and Ickes. At that meeting the following alternatives were suggested to correct the present situation on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation:

1. Suspend all BIA law enforcement, replacing it with U. S. Marshals until the present situation subsides.

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2. Integrate the BIA police with U. S. Marshals on a one-on-one basis.

3. Dispatch a group of U. S. Marshals (5 - 15) as advisers to the BIA police.

4. Send a group of Washington officials from the Congress, Department of Interior, and U. S. Marshals Service to the reservation to interview people within the tribal government and citizens to obtain an overall view of the present situation, after which appropriate recommendations will be made to the Congress.

5. Request Richard Wilson, elected tribal chairman, of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, appropriate BIA officials, and tribal leaders to meet in Washington, D. C., to discuss their problems.

No specific requests were made of the Department of Justice during this meeting.

Mr. William Hall of the U. S. Marshals Service stated the U. S. Marshals Service was against any joint or unilateral police action by the Marshals Service on the reservation. It was pointed out by Mr. Kitch the U. S. Marshals Service Special Operations Force is a trained unit of U. S. Marshals to be utilized on a short-term basis and not to be committed for any lengthy period.

Mr. Kitch requested comments concerning the FBI's position at which time it was pointed out to him the FBI's function is investigative for the purpose of gathering intelligence information and investigating criminal violations occurring on the Indian reservation and the FBI did not have the resources or manpower to furnish a force to handle policing of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Mr. Ickes advised forthcoming elections for a new tribal chairman at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation were scheduled for the latter part of November and approximately ten candidates would run in the primary, including present tribal chairman Richard Wilson and AIM leader Russell Means. Due to the present factional situation on the reservation, it

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is considered problems could develop during the elections. Mr. Kitch instructed William O'Connor that he should offer the expertise of the Civil Rights Division in the handling of electoral matters to the BIA.

Mr. Kitch recognized the situation on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation as an Interior Department problem, in which the Justice Department had a secondary interest in that it was required to investigate and prosecute violations of Federal law on an Indian reservation. He indicated the Department should put "heat on Interior" to pick up the policing of the Pine Ridge Reservation and to fully utilize all of their facilities, and the Justice Department should attempt to furnish technical assistance where necessary.

ACTION: For information.

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RICHARD WILSON, SR.; FRED BETTELYOUN; WILLIE BETTELYOUN; JOE BIG CROW; WILBUR BLACK FEATHER; DUANE BREWER; GABBIE BREWER; (TITLE CONTINUED)	SA DAVID F. PRICE	lec

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REFERENCE: Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, 12/12/74.
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ADMINISTRATIVE: It is recommended the Bureau not disseminate a copy of this report to the BIA as it is felt the report could be used as propaganda in the power struggle between WILSON's forces, the AIM forces, and Superintendent TRIMBLE on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA DAVID F. PRICE
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Title: RICHARD WILSON, SR.;
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RICHARD WILSON, JR.;
GEORGE WILSON, JR.

Character: CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION-
IMPEDING A FEDERAL OFFICER

Synopsis: Bureau of Indian Affairs reports regarding jail takeover set forth. Case presented to an FGJ, Aberdeen, S.D., 12/12/74. Jury returned a no bill on a charge of impeding federal officers. On 12/13/74, USA CLAYTON, Sioux Falls, S.D., declined further prosecution.

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DETAILS

On December 10, 1974, DELMAR K. EASTMAN, Agency Special Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, made available the following documents relating to the takeover of the BIA Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on September 25, 1974:

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MEMORANDUM November 16, 1972

TO : Aberdeen Area Director
Aberdeen Area Office

FROM : Superintendent
Pine Ridge Agency

SUBJECT: Oglala Sioux Tribal Resolution #72-55 - A Resolution of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council to Protect Property, Interests, and Sovereign Dignity of the Oglala Sioux Tribe

Attached is OST Resolution #72-55 dated 11-10-72 and President Wilson's letter of the same date, requesting our help to implement the terms of this Resolution.

As you can see, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is taking a strong stand for adequate Law and Order Services here. They expect the Bureau of Indian Affairs to protect the daily functions of Tribal, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Public Health Service and State business. The use of Oglalas in a way similar to that of an auxiliary police force seems to be the most likely way of providing adequate Law and Order Services at this time.

In view of the strong stand of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council the Bureau of Indian Affairs is certainly totally committed to provide whatever financing, training and equipment is necessary to protect the lives and business of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

/s/ Stanley D. Lyman

Superintendent

CC: 1 ea-Executive Committee
Members, OST Council
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JP&ES, Pine Ridge
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RESOLUTION NO. 72-55

RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL
OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE
(An Unincorporated Tribe)

A RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL TO PROTECT PROPERTY, RECORDS AND SOVEREIGN DIGNITY OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE.

WHEREAS, the members of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council are extremely concerned with the recent activities of the AIM people in Washington, D. C. and to the extent of unjustified damage to Indian Bureau offices and to the destruction and damage and ultimate loss of records within those offices, and

WHEREAS, many of the documents now lost or damaged could easily pertain to records relating to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the American Indian Movement is not recognized by the Oglala Sioux governing body as an organization now in not one that speaks with authority for the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and

WHEREAS, this Oglala Sioux governing body has on the 8th day of November 1972, officially declared itself as not condoning or approving any of the destructive actions, or statements issued by leaders of the American Indian Movement in attempting to release to the Government officials or the American public at large that they were acting and speaking on behalf of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and

WHEREAS, all actions and statements of the AIM leaders have been given serious and conscientious consideration by members of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the members of this Council have totally agreed that similar actions on the part of the AIM group, such as the destruction of property and documents on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation will not be tolerated by this governing body of the Oglala Sioux people, and

WHEREAS, for the immediate protection and future preservation of property and documents necessary to the functions of tribal government, necessary steps and plans must be taken thereby such indignities to the government of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation shall be given adequate and legal protection:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council in Regular Session on this 10th day of November, 1972: that, the sovereign dignity of the Oglala Sioux Tribe be upheld and protected against any threats, or the intent of destructive action on the part of the American Indian Movement on this Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. That the governing body of this Tribe now assembled, pledges its full support to the Chairman, Dick Wilson in the decision which he will make or in any action that he shall direct which will protect the property, interests, and dignity of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that no buildings under jurisdiction of the Tribe shall be permitted for use by the AIM organization or for any so-called "victory dancing" related to their recent and unjustifiable destructive actions in Washington, D. C.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as Secretary of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, hereby certify that this resolution was enacted by the standing vote of the 17 members present during the Regular Session held on the 10th day of November, 1972.

Lloyd W. Eagleball

Lloyd W. Eagleball, Secretary
Oglala Sioux Tribal Council

ATTEST:

Dick Wilson

Dick Wilson, President
Oglala Sioux Tribal Council

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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

PINE RIDGE INDIAN AGENCY

PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57770

IN REPLY REFER TO:

September 26, 1974

Memorandum

To: Del Eastman, Agency Special Officer

From: Superintendent, Pine Ridge Agency

Subject: Vigilante Organizations

This memorandum is to officially inform you that enforcement of Law and Order on the Pine Ridge Reservation, with respect to Indians, rests solely in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Force.

Any attempt by any other group or force to assume police functions and responsibilities will not be honored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs police. Rather, the BIA police will treat such groups as impeding or attempting to impede Law Enforcement on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Superintendent

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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

PINE RIDGE INDIAN AGENCY

PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57770

IN REPLY REFER TO

September 26, 1974

Memorandum

To: Del Eastman, Agency Special Officer

From: Superintendent, Pine Ridge Agency

Subject: Resolution No. 72-55 Oglala Sioux Tribal Council

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Force is solely invested with the duties and responsibilities of enforceing law and order on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, except as others are commissioned by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Pine Ridge Agency Superintendent.

This is to inform you, therefore, that any attempt to invoke provisions of Resolution No. 72-55 of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, must be directly ordered by the Superintendent, Pine Ridge Agency.

The Pine Ridge Agency Police will accept no orders or direction from any other persons than the Superintendent and/or the Agency Special Officer.

Superintendent

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
PINE RIDGE INDIAN AGENCY
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57770

December 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM

TO : To Whom It May Concern

FROM : Plant Manager, Pine Ridge Agency

SUBJECT: Ownership Jail Bldg. #000047, Pine Ridge.

The United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs is sole owner of subject building: Number 000047 Jail and Courtroom located on the Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

This building was constructed in 1933 and renovated in 1966. The original cost was $7,500. The present value is $150.000. This building is 6,946 Sq. Ft. and has been maintained by the Branch of Plant Management since its original construction.

This building is identified and listed in the Bureau's current Facility inventory data printout which lists all bureau owned buildings at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Plant Manager

Noted by:

Acting Superintendent 8

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PINE RIDGE INDIAN AGENCY

PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57770

IN REPLY REFER TO

December 9, 1971

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I certify that the Agency Jail in Pine Ridge, South Dakota is situated in the Agency Reserve. The Agency Reserve is owned by the Oglala Sioux Tribe but is in a reserve status.

Acting Superintendent

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PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57770

IN REPLY REFER TO

Law Enforcement Services

December 9, 1974

FOR U. S. GOVERNMENT USE ONLY

SPECIAL REPORT NO. 75-40: Matter of attempted take over of the Agency Jail at Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, South Dakota on September 25, 1974.

BRIEF OF CASE: This report relates to the attempted take over of the Agency Jail by MR. RICHARD WILSON, Tribal Charirman and a group of his followers on the night of September 25, 1975 at approximately 10:45 P. M..

FACTS: Criminal Investigator JOE L. BROWN was assigned from Porcupine to the Pine Ridge Agency Police Department at approximately 11:00 P. M. September25, 1974 by Agency Special Officer DELMER K. EASTMAN. To Investigate a report of trouble. Criminal Inveatigatior BROWN arrived at the Pine Ridge Agency Police Department at approximately 11:30 September 25, 1974, upon his arrival Officer BROWN witnessed the following: The Police Department has several Police cars parked out on the South side, and upon entering the building Officer BROWN noticed several men who were not Police officers in various places in the Police Station. Officer BROWN entered the Jail section of the building and saw tribal Chairman RICHARD WILSON talking to MR. NELSON WITT, Acting Agency Superintentend and MR. JOE JACOBS, The Chief of Police. Officer BROWN approached the group and asked what was going on, he was informed by Tribal Chairman RICHARD WILSON that he had declared Martial Law and had taken over Officer BROWN suggested that the Group find a conference table and talk this thing over. Also over heard by Officer BROWN was a statement made by Chief JACOBS stating that, "he was 52 years old and had never been in Jail and was not going now." The group, Mr. WITT, MR. JACOBS, MR. WILSON, BAT RICHARDS, who appeared intoxicated, Officer BROWN and some other parties went up to Chief JACOBS Officer and a call was made to the acting Area Director, MR. HARLEY ZEPHIER. The call resulted in a meeting being arranged and the group dispersed.

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CONCLUSION: The following parties were identified as being involved in the attempted take over: Attempted take over are as follows:

1. Richard Wilson Sr.
2. RICHARD WILSON, JR.
3. BILLY VOCU
4. WILBUR BLACK FEATHER, JR.
5. JOHN HUSSMAN
6. DUANE BREWER
7. DELANE PROVOST
8. IRV PROVOST
9. DICK HOGAN
10. JOHN "BAT" RICHARDS
11. BILLY VITALIS
12. SPECK WILSON
13. POPO MEANS
14. GABBIE BREWER
15. GLENN THREE STARS
16. TIM SHANGREAUX
17. WILLY BETTLYOUN
18. LOUIE LEFT HURON

The following officers, Jailers, and dispatchers were victims of the attempted take over. Officers on Duty at the time of the attempted take over are as follows:

1. DAVID TERRAN MILLS
2. HOBERT ECCOFY
3. ADAM WHITE EYES
4. JESS TRUEBLOOD
5. DAN MESTETH
6. BERNARD SHOTT
7. WAYNE ROMERO
8. GERALD AGARD
9. CHIEF JOE JACOBS
10. AGENCY SPECIAL OFFICER, DELMER K. EASTMAN
11. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, JOE L. BROWN
12. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NATHAN MERRICK

Dispatchers - ORA JANIS
JEANEANE ZEPHEIER

Jailers - MARVIN STOLDT
FRED KILLS SMALL

The take over by MR. WILSON and his followers was preplanned and disrupted Law Enforcement, and communications for approximately two hours.

Criminal Investigator

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FISCAL YEAR 1975

NAME	NUMBER		NAME	NUMBER
Ecoffey, Hobart	A06-5-01	6/17/74		
Janis, Ora	A06-5-02	"		
Schreiner, Anna	A06-5-03	"		
Two Bulls, Catherine	A06-5-04	"		
Pond, Alberta	A06-5-05	"		
Steele, Faye	A06-5-06	"		
Trueblood, Jesse B.	A06-5-07	6/10/74 ?		
Black Feather, Antoine	A06-5-08	"		
Hopkins, Clark	A06-5-09	7/1/74		
Weston, Terry A	A06-5-10	"		
Clifford, Philip	A06-5-11	"		
Trueblood, Jesse B.	A06-5-12	illegible		
Black Feather, Antoine	A06-5-13	"		
Mills, David T.	A06-5-14	"		
Snell, William F. Jr.	A06-5-15	7/12/74		
Rhodd, Benjamin K.	A06-5-16	"		
Ecoffey, Robert D.	A06-5-17	"		
Wilcox, Floyd	A06-5-18	7/16/74		
Brown, Gerald	A06-5-19	"		
Whiting, Joseph	A06-5-20	"		
Brugier, Matthew	A06-5-21	7/25/74		
Nathan Elk	A06-5-22	"		
Elizabeth Titus	A06-5-23	"		
Mills, Pat	A06-5-24	8/15/74		
Shot With Arrow, Bernard	A06-5-25	8/15/74		
Fast Horse, Wayne M.	A06-5-26	"		
Morrison, David, Jr.	A06-5-27	"		
Thunder Hawk, Sherrill G.	A06-5-28	"		
Elk, Nathan W.	A06-5-29	"		
Kills Small, Fredrick L.	A06-5-30	"		
Two Bulls, Franklin D.	A06-5-31	"		
Agard, Gerald B.	A06-5-32	"		
Medicine Crow, Antoine D.	A06-5-33	"		
Richards, Benjamin	A06-5-34	8/16/74		
Weston, Verne D.	A06-5-35	9/6/74		
Twiss, Charles D.	A06-5-36	"		
White Eyes, Adam W.	A06-5-37	10/10/74		
Big Crow, Theodore	A06-5-38	"		
Zephier, Jeaneane M.	A06-5-39	"		
Bad Bear, Alex	A06-5-40	"		
Brown Gerald L.	A06-5-41	"		
Yellow Bull, Wendell A.	A06-5-42	"		
Yellow Boy, Douglas W.	A06-5-43	"		
Stoldt, Marvin A.	A06-5-44	"		
Hill, Gerald L.	A06-5-45	10/3/74		
Dubray, Baptiste W.	A06-5-46	10/3/74		
Pourier, Delbert J.	A06-5-47	10/3/74		
Yellow Horse, Donald W.	A06-5-48	11/11/74		
Hernandez, Julie S.	A06-5-49	"		
Hanneman, William G.	A06-5-50	11/15/74		

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EMPLOYMENT

OMB Approval No. 50-R

PART A. QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT (For use of the APPLICANT - READ "INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT" on the back of the LAST copy of this form before you fill out items 1 through 17.) WARNING—Making false statements on this form is punishable by law.

1. Name (Last—first—middle or initial) (PLEASE PRINT) ☒ Mr. ☐ Miss ☐ Mrs.
STOLDT, Marvin A.

2. Birth (Mo., day, year)
4-24-40

3. Social Security Account Number
504-44-6170

4. Home Address (Number, Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)
PO Box 47
Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770

Area Code and Phone Number
none

5. In an EMERGENCY notify (Name, Number, Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)
Rita Stoldt (wife)
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Area Code and Phone Number
none

6a. Total number of exemptions, including yourself, claimed for Federal income tax purposes 8

b (Check one) ☒ Married ☐ Single

7. List Dates and Branch of all active Military Service:
From: To: Branch: none

Kinds of Discharge: ☐ Honorable ☐ Other, explain on a plain piece of paper

8. If you have had Federal civilian service, give total time worked BIA, Law Enf, Pine Ridge sept 6-29-74
Years: Months: 6 Days:
and give on plain paper the name and address of the last agency you worked for and date of separation

ANSWER BY PLACING AN "X" IN THE PROPER COLUMN (If more space is needed in answering, use plain paper—write name and date of birth at top and attach.)	YES	NO
9. Are you a citizen of the United States? *If No, give country of which you are a citizen:*	X	
10. To insure that you are not placed in a position which might impair your health, or which might be a hazard to you or to others, we need information about the following. Do you have, or have you had, heart disease, a nervous breakdown, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or diabetes? *If Yes, explain on plain paper and attach.*		X
11. Are you now employed by a Federal agency, or are you receiving a lump sum payment from a Federal agency for leave extending into the date of this statement? *If Yes, explain on plain paper and attach.*		X
12. Do you receive or do you have a pending application for retirement or retainer pay, pension or other compensation based upon military, Federal civilian, or District of Columbia Government service? *If Yes, explain on plain paper and attach.*		X
13. Within the last five years have you been fired from any job, or have you quit after being informed that your employer intended to fire you for any reason? *If Yes, give on plain paper the name and address of employer, date, and reasons in each case.*		X
14. Have you ever been convicted of an offense against the law or forfeited collateral, or are you now under charges for any offense against the law? (You may omit: (1) traffic violations for which you paid a fine of $30 or less, and (2) any offense committed before your 21st birthday which was finally adjudicated in a juvenile court or under a youth offender law.) *If Yes, give on plain paper, the date, charge, place, court, and action taken in each case.*	X	
15. Have you any relative (by blood or marriage) who works for the agency that you are applying to for employment? *If Yes, for each such relative give on plain paper full name, address (including ZIP Code), and relationship.*		X
16. Are you now, or within the last ten years have you been a member of: (a) The Communist Party, U.S.A., or any subdivision of the Communist Party, U.S.A.? (b) An organization that to your present knowledge seeks the overthrow of the constitutional form of government of the United States by force or violence or other unlawful means? *If your answer is "Yes," write your answers to the following questions on a separate piece of paper: (a) The name of the organization? (b) The dates of your membership? (c) Your understanding of the aims and purposes of the organization at the time of your membership?*		X

17. List on plain paper any trade or profession in which you hold a license or certificate, the State in which it was issued, and the name of the issuing organization.

18. I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: X Marvin A. Stoldt Date 9-15-74

19. I SWEAR (or affirm) to the oath and the appointment affidavits on the reverse of this form.

Appointee's Signature: X Marvin A. Stoldt

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN (or affirmed) before me on this 16th day of September A.D. 1974

(Signature and Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath)

PART B. NOTICE OF PERSONNEL ACTION (For use of agency)

20. VET PREF ☒ 1 No ☐ 2 - 5 pt ☐ 3 10 pt. Disab ☐ 4 - 10 pt. Comp ☐ 5 - 10 pt Other

21. RETIREMENT COVERAGE ☐ 1 - CS ☒ 2 - FICA ☐ 4 - None

22. NATURE OF ACTION
☒ 171 Excepted Appointment ☐ 110 Temporary Appointment (from register)
☐ 761 Extension of Excepted Appointment ☐ 113 Temporary Appointment (outside register)
☐ 214 Temporary Appointment (special need) ☐ 760 Extension of Temporary Appointment
☐ 352 Termination ☐ 317 Resignation
☐ Other (Specify Code and Term)

EMPLOYMENT NOT TO EXCEED (Mo., day, yr.) 12-31-

23. Effective Date: 9-15-74

24. Civil Service or Other Legal Authority: Sch A. Sec. 213-3112(a)

25. Position Title, and Number (if any): Policeman

26. Pay Plan and Occupation Code: GS-083

27. Grade or Level: 3/1

28. Salary ☒ PA ☐ PD ☐ PH
☐ Other (Specify) $ 6,408 6764
☒ Full time ☐ Part time ☐ Intermittent

29. Name and Address of Employing Office
BIA, Law Enforcement Services
Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota 57

30. Duty Station (City, County, State): Pine Ridge, Shannon, S.D.

31. Location Code (State-City-County): 46-2165-1

32. Total work is not to exceed ..... days ..... hours in a service beginning ..... n/a .....

33. If not [illegible] and a regular tour of duty is set, give days of week and hours of day to be worked.
n/a

34. Appropriation: 5A06-01-3200-2351

35. Leave: ☐ No ☐ Sick ☐ Annual ☒ Both sick and a

36. Minimum qualification standards met: ☒ Yes ☐ No

37. REMARKS (If separation, give specific reasons, and check or enter applicable items below.) It is certified that oyee is of ½ or more degree Indian the local reputation of appointee h investigated and it has been conclu that his employment in the positio which he will be appointed will not in conflict with EO 10450.

☐ Expiration of Appointment ☐ Lack of work (funds) ☐ No other work available

☐ I certify that all Government property and permits have been accounted for a except as otherwise shown no amount is due the Government from this emp to this employment

Your final check and Form W-2 will be mailed to your: ☐ Home address ☐ Em address ☐ To Number, Street, City, State, and ZIP Code below:

10-11-7

38. Agency Code: IN 06

Name of Employing Department or Agency: Department of the Interior Law Enf., Pine Ridge, S.D.

39. Signature (or other authentication) and Title

Date

Submitting Office No.

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FPM Chap. 295 (EMPLOYEE — See General Information on reverse)

(FOR AGENCY USE) 0/2/00 / - - / - - / - - /09-01-74/ - - / / / - - / - - / 504-30-0887

1. NAME (CAPS) LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE / MR.—MISS—MRS.	2. (FOR AGENCY IP	3. BIRTH DATE (Mo., Day, Year)	4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO
MCSTETH, DANIEL J. MR.		05-18-32	504-30-0887

5. VETERAN PREFERENCE	6. TENURE GROUP	7. SERVICE COMP. DATE	11. (FOR CSC USE)
2 (1—NO, 2—5 PT, 3—10 PT. DISAB., 4—10 PT. COMP., 5—10 PT. OTHER)	2	09-15-72	

9. FEGLI	10. RETIREMENT
4 (1—COVERED (Regular only—declined Optional), 2—INELIGIBLE, 3—WAIVED, 4—COVERED (Reg. & Opt.))	1 (1—CS, 2—FICA, 3—FS, 4—NONE, 5—OTHER)

12. CODE / NATURE OF ACTION	13. EFFECTIVE DATE (Mo., Day, Year)	14. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
702 / 0-1-RR PROMOTION	09-01-74	SCH. A, 213.3112 & 7

15. FROM: POSITION TITLE AND NUMBER	16. PAY PLAN AND OCCUPATION CODE	17. (a) GRADE OR LEVEL / (b) STEP OR RATE	18. SALARY
POLICEMAN A06-05-438-E90-0077A- N2-0500- N	GS-00083	04 / 02	PA $07438

19. NAME AND LOCATION OF EMPLOYING OFFICE

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, ABERDEEN AREA
PINE RIDGE AGENCY, PINE RIDGE, S.D.

20. POSITION TITLE AND NUMBER	21. PAY PLAN AND OCCUPATION CODE	22. (a) GRADE OR LEVEL / (b) STEP OR RATE	23. SALARY
POLICEMAN A06-05-438-E90-0077A- N2-0500- N	GS-00083	05 / 01	PA $08055

24. NAME AND LOCATION OF EMPLOYING OFFICE

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, ABERDEEN AREA
PINE RIDGE AGENCY, PINE RIDGE, S..D.

25. DUTY STATION (City-county-State)	26. LOCATION CODE
KYLE, SOUTH DAKOTA	46-1523-113

27. APPROPRIATION	28. POSITION OCCUPIED (1—COMPETITIVE SERVICE, 2—EXCEPTED SERVICE)	29. APPORTIONED POSITION FROM: (1—PROVED-1, 2—WAIVED-2) TO: STATE
	2	

30. REMARKS:
A. SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OF 1 YEAR PROBATIONARY (OR TRIAL) PERIOD COMMENCING
B. SERVICE COUNTING TOWARD CAREER (OR PERMANENT) TENURE FROM:
C. DURING PROBATION

SEPARATIONS: SHOW REASONS BELOW, AS REQUIRED. CHECK IF APPLICABLE:

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Posted 9-4-74

31. DATE OF APPOINTMENT, AFFIDAVIT (Accessions only)	34. SIGNATURE (Or other authentication) AND TITLE
32. OFFICE MAINTAINING PERSONNEL FOLDER (If different from employing office)	Joseph A. Aquiraul PERSONNEL OPERATIONS OFFICER
33. CODE / EMPLOYING DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY IN-OS DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR	35. DATE 09-03-74 1114

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1. EMPLOYEE COPY

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FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/16/74

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Policeman HOBERT ECOFFEY of the Pine Ridge Department, advised that SPEC WILSON's true name is GEORGE WILSON, JR.

Interviewed on 12/11/74 at Aberdeen, South Dakota File # MP 70-9273

by SA DAVID F. PRICE/lec Date dictated 12/16/74

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MP 70-9273

On December 12, 1974, this case was presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Aberdeen, South Dakota. The Grand Jury was presented with an indictment charging RICHARD WILSON, SR., DUANE BREWER, LOUIE LEFT HURON, BILLY VOCU, and GEORGE WILSON, JR., with impeding federal officers. A no bill was returned.

On December 13, 1974, United States Attorney WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, declined further prosecution regarding this case.

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FD-3 (Rev. 1-7-72)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	11/6/74	9/26/74 - 10/29/74

TITLE OF CASE
"CHANGED";
RICHARD WILSON, SR.;
FRED BETTELYOUN;
WILLIE BETTELYOUN;
JOE BIG CROW;
WILBUR BLACK FEATHER;
DUANE BREWER;
(CONTINUED)

REPORT MADE BY: SA DAVID F. PRICE

TYPED BY: amj

CHARACTER OF CASE
CIR - AFO;
IMPEDING A FEDERAL OFFICER

Title "Changed" to add all subjects in addition to RICHARD WILSON, SR., previously entitled "RICHARD A. WILSON; UNSUBS (approximately 30); CIR - ADW; AFO; EM - AIM."

REFERENCE

Minneapolis teletypes to Director, 9/25 & 9/26/74.
(P)

ADMINISTRATIVE

Until the USA's Office renders an opinion regarding this matter, no further investigation will be conducted.

Only one copy of report being submitted to the Bureau.

It is recommended that Bureau not disseminate a copy of this report to the BIA as it is felt that the report could be used as propaganda in the power struggle between WILSON's forces, the AIM forces, and Superintendent TRIMBLE on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED _____ SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE _____

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

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1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
2 - Minneapolis (70-9273)

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report				
Agency				
Request Recd.				
Fwd.				

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Title Of Case (Continued)

GABBIE BREWER;
PAT CARLOW, aka,
Boggie;
BENJAMIN COTTIER;
RICHARD HAGEN;
JOHN HUSSMAN;
LOUIE LEFT-HURON;
FRANK MEANS, aka,
Papo;
DELANE PROVOST;
IRV PROVOST;
EMIL RICHARDS, aka,
Woody;
JOHN RICHARDS, aka,
Bat;
BENNIE RICHARDS;
TIM SHANGREAUX;
GLEN THREE STARS;
BILLY VITALIS;
BILLY VOCU;
RICHARD WILSON, JR, aka,
Mannie;
SPEC WILSON

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Report of: SA DAVID F. PRICE
Date: November 6, 1974

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Field Office File #: 70-9273

Bureau File #:

Title: RICHARD WILSON, SR.;
FRED BETTELYOUN;
WILLIE BETTELYOUN;
JOE BIG CROW;
WILBUR BLACK FEATHER;
~~XXXXXXXX~~ DUANE BREWER;
GABBIE BREWER;
PAT CARLOW;
~~XXXXXXXX~~ BENJAMIN COTTIER;
RICHARD HAGEN;
JOHN HUSSMAN;
LOUIE LEFT HURON;
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JOHN RICHARDS;
BENNIE RICHARDS;
TIM SHANGREAUX;
GLEN THREE STARS;
BILLY VITALIS;
BILLY VOCU;
RICHARD WILSON, JR.;
SPEC WILSON

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER; IMPEDING A FEDERAL OFFICER

Synopsis: On the evening of 9/25/74, Pine Ridge Tribal President RICHARD WILSON, SR. and about 25 of his followers took over the BIA Jail at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. One policeman disarmed himself at WILSON's request. Tribal prisoners were released by WILSON's men. No Federal prisoners were present. BIA Police radio operations were suspended at WILSON's orders. WILSON demanded removal of ASO EASTMAN and removal of BIA Superintendent TRIMBLE. WILSON also demanded that AIM Security Force members not be allowed to ride in police cars. After about 45 minutes,

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WILSON and his men left the Jail in the custody of the Police Department. WILSON and his men were not observed to be armed and no violence was used in the takeover.

DETAILS:

Predication

Investigation in this matter was instituted due to report on September 26, 1974, by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Agency Special Officer DELMER K. EASTMAN, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, that during the evening of September 25, 1974, the Pine Ridge BIA Jail was taken over by Tribal President RICHARD WILSON and approximately 30 of his followers. EASTMAN advised that WILSON had declared Martial Law based on a 1973 Tribal Resolution and released the prisoners who were in the Jail at that time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIO

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DELMER K. EASTMAN, Agency Special Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was contacted regarding any information he could furnish concerning an incident which happened on the evening of September 25, 1974, at the Pine Ridge Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, wherein the Pine Ridge Jail was "taken over" by men under the direction of RICHARD WILSON, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman.

EASTMAN advised that on September 25, 1974, at approximately 11:00 p.m., he was at a meeting at the Porcupine Community Building, Porcupine, South Dakota, with BIA Criminal Investigator NATHAN MERRICK. He was called by the Pine Ridge radio operator sometime before midnight and told by TERRY WESTON, BIA Police Officer, that RICHARD WILSON's boys wanted to see him at Pine Ridge. He advised he detailed BIA Criminal Investigator JOE BROWN to go to the Pine Ridge Jail and see what they wanted.

He advised he then proceeded to DICK COLOFF's residence and from there went to the Pine Ridge Jail, arriving at the Pine Ridge Jail at approximately 12:15 a.m., September 26, 1974. He advised that DICK WILSON, DUANE BREWER, WOODY RICHARDS, BENNY RICHARDS, JOHN "BAT" RICHARDS, Police Chief SKI JACOBS, Criminal Investigator JOE BROWN, and NELSON WITT, Director of Indian Services, were standing around outside talking. Police Chief SKI JACOBS appeared to be very unhappy.

EASTMAN advised that he walked into the Pine Ridge Jail with Criminal Investigator NATHAN MERRICK and indicated that he had been briefly informed by Police Officers TERRY MILLS and DOUGLAS YELLOW BOY that WILSON had declared martial law and had disarmed a police officer.

NELSON WITT told him that WILSON had declared martial law and had appeared at the BIA Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, with approximately 25 or 30 men and had taken over the jail and

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released the prisoners. He later ascertained that twenty prisoners had been released. NELSON went and told him RICHARD WILSON, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, had made various demands during this confrontation.

EASTMAN indicated that RICHARD WILSON then spoke to him and stated he had declared martial law on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation based upon authority granted in Oglala Sioux Tribal Resolution 72-55, which Resolution, passed in 1972, had not been rescinded. WILSON asked him if he remembered this Resolution and EASTMAN replied that he did. WILSON stated this Resolution, as it has not been rescinded, gave him the authority to take the action he did.

NELSON WITT said he had had a short meeting with WILSON and his staff and WILSON had already sent the majority of his boys home and was himself in the process of leaving the jail.

WILSON told EASTMAN that there was going to be a meeting at the Howard Johnsons Motel, Rapid City, South Dakota, September 26, 1974, and that TRIMBLE, the BIA Superintendent, and NELSON WITT would be there. WILSON indicated to EASTMAN that EASTMAN should also attend this meeting. WITT agreed to attend this meeting by nodding his head.

EASTMAN advised that then WILSON and his group left the building.

EASTMAN indicated that he then talked to NELSON WITT and NELSON WITT indicated to him that when this incident starte he was called by Police Officer JESSE TRUEBLOOD to come to the Pine Ridge Jail. WITT indicated that he went to the Pine Ridge Jail and talked to RICHARD WILSON and that WILSON told WITT and Police Chief SKI JACOBS that they would have to go to jail. WITT indicated to EASTMAN that WILSON made the following demand

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1. Immediate transfer of Superintendent ALBERT TRIMBLE

2. Transfer of Agency Special Officer DELMER K. EASTMA

3. Transfer of WAYNE ATKINS, Administrative Manager of BIA, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

4. Did not want American Indian Movement (AIM) Securi riding in police patrol cars.

5. Did not want AIM in any Tribal or Government buildings.

6. Wanted Police Chief SKI JACOBS reinstated as Chief of Police.

7. Wanted immunity for all of his "goon squad" involved in this particular takeover.

EASTMAN indicated that WITT advised WILSON that WITT could not meet these demands.

EASTMAN indicated he talked briefly to Criminal Investigators JOE BROWN and NATHAN MERRICK and had them interview the Police Department personnel who were in the jail at the time of this takeover. He advised he then talked to SKI JACOBS, the Police Chief, and got a rundown from JACOBS of what had happened.

EASTMAN indicated that at 12:35 a.m., September 26, 1974, NELSON WITT called Superintendent TRIMBLE at the Imper Hotel, Rapid City, South Dakota, and told him of this incid TRIMBLE requested that EASTMAN charter a plane and fly to Rapid City to talk with him about this incident. EASTMAN indicated that he then flew to Rapid City with NELSON WITT and at 2:40 a.m. arrived at the Imperial Motel, Rapid City, South Dakota, and talked with BIA Superintendent TRIMBLE about this affair.

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EASTMAN advised that at 3:10 a.m., September 26, 1974, he was called by JUDY CORNELIUS, United Press International (UPI) representative, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and he informed her of this incident.

EASTMAN advised at 3:20 a.m., September 26, 1974, he telephoned Assistant United States Attorney LARRY VON WALD, Rapid City, South Dakota, and informed him of this incident and discussed various possible Federal violations, such as the following:

A. Assaulting Federal Officer
B. Assaulting Government Employees
C. Aiding and Abetting Felons To Escape

EASTMAN advised that at 4:15 a.m., September 26, 1974, he called Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agent JOHN E. MC CARTY, Rapid City, South Dakota, and advised him what had happened.

EASTMAN advised that the following prisoners were released in this takeover and he did not know if any of these prisoners were being held on felony charges:

1. FRANK SIERS
2. TED LAME
3. CECIL EVANS
4. MORRIS NO HORSE, JR.
5. ROGER MARTIN
6. FLOYD BULLMAN
7. DELMAR WOUNDED
8. JAMES MOVES CAMP
9. DANIEL WALKING BULL
10. JOE PAWNEE LEGGINS
11. NORBERT JANIS
12. VELMA RED FEATHER
13. JULIUS "BOY" TITUS
14. ROBERT TRUEBLOOD
15. VINCENT GROUND SPIDER
16. VERDALL PAWNEE LEGGINS
17. J. BELT, JR.
18. EUGENE BLACK BEAR, JR.
19. LEO WINTERS
20. MADELINE SIMONSON

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EASTMAN indicated he would like to see this incident investigated and the results put forth before a Federal Grand Jury.

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NATHAN MERRICK, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Criminal Investigator, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was contacted regarding any information he could furnish concerning an incident on the evening of September 25, 1974, when RICHARD WILSON, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, and several of his followers "took over" the Pine Ridge Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

MERRICK advised that on September 25, 1974, at approximately 11:00 p.m. he was at a meeting at the Porcupine Community Center, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, with Agency Special Officer DELMER K. EASTMAN.

Subsequently, at approximately 12:15 a.m., September 26, 1974, he arrived at the Pine Ridge Jail with DELMER K. EASTMAN to see what an incident was about.

He was told by TERRY MILLS, a police officer at the jail, that RICHARD WILSON and his goons had taken over the jail for a short period of time but that everything was quiet now.

He advised that he interviewed the radio dispatcher, ORA JANIS, the Chief of Police SKEE JACOBS, and Police Officer DAN MESTETH about this incident.

Police Officer MESTETH told him that he had brought prisoners into the jail with his Deputy NATHAN ELK and that BENNY RICHARDS, a police officer, had come into the jail in civilian clothes. He advised that DUANE BREWER had told him they wanted him upstairs so he went upstairs where he was surrounded by RICHARD WILSON, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, and approximately twenty others. WILSON informed him that he, WILSON, had declared martial law and WILSON told him to go in the Lieutenant's room. WILSON told him he did not want any trouble and WILSON asked him for his gun, which MESTETH gave to WILSON. MESTETH indicated that he was sure

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ORA JANIS was not allowed to operate the radio. MESTETH indicated that BILLY VACU watched ORA JANIS so she could not answer calls on the radio.

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JOSEPH L. "SKEE" JACOBS, Chief of Police, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Police Department, was contacted regarding an incident on the evening of September 25, 1974, when the Pine Ridge Jail was "taken over" by RICHARD WILSON, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, and his followers.

JACOBS advised that on September 25, 1974, at 10:56 p.m. he was called by the Pine Ridge Radio Operator and informed that there was trouble at the Pine Ridge Police Department. JACOBS indicated he immediately went to the Pine Ridge Police Department, out of uniform and without his sidearm, and when he drove up, he noticed individuals standing in the door whose identities he did not know. When they observed him, they shut the door and went inside the Police Department. He advised he then went in the Police Department and saw BILLY VITALIS and BILLY VITALIS told him they wanted to talk to you, meaning RICHARD WILSON.

JACOBS indicated he said O.K. and he met RICHARD WILSON on the main floor of the Police Department near the door to the women's cell and WILSON said he wanted to talk to JACOBS in private. WILSON told JACOBS he had declared martial law and had turned loose all the prisoners except those in the drunk tank. WILSON said he was going to get rid of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Superintendent TRIMBLE and Agency Special Officer DELMER EASTMAN and Administrative Officer ATKINS. WILSON said TRIMBLE would not let the Police Department do its job and that there was too much interference. WILSON said he did not believe American Indian Movement (AIM) members should ride in the police patrol cars and WILSON was very strong on this point. JACOBS advised WILSON was not threatening in his language and he observed no one to have any weapons.

JACOBS indicated there were approximately 25 of WILSON's men standing around and they said they were not there

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to cause trouble. JACOBS indicated that of WILSON's men, he recognized the following:

DUANE BREWER
JOHN "BAT" RICHARDS
SPEC WILSON
WILLIE BETTELYOUN
JOE BIG CROW
FRED BETTELYOUN
BENNY RICHARDS

JACOBS advised he talked only to WILSON, which talk took place by the door to the women's cell. He advised that Police Officer DAN MESTETH was there but he had not had a chance to talk to DAN MESTETH. JACOBS had heard that DAN MESTETH had his weapon taken away.

JACOBS indicated that NELSON WITT, who is in charge of Indian Affairs, came in and WILSON asked he and NELSON WITT if they would submit to arrest and be put in a jail until WILSON's demands had been met.

JACOBS replied "Bullshit, I've never been arrested and they were not about to put me in one of those cells." JACOBS indicated that WILSON then backed off and said the police could go about their regular duties but WILSON wanted one of his goons to ride with the police officers. JACOBS indicated he said yes to this but that subsequently, none of WILSON's goons rode with the police officers to the best of his knowledge.

JACOBS indicated that then he observed NELSON WITT and RICHARD WILSON make a couple of telephone calls and then WILSON told him that he wanted the uniform police department put back under the control of the Chief of Police. WILSON complained about the lack of promotions in the police department and the low salary grade of the police officers. WILSON then told his men to leave, so they left.

JACOBS then called his police officers together as the midnight shift had come in and he told them to go about their regular patrol duties.

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JACOBS indicated that the following police officers were in the police department when he arrived on the scene:

HOBERT ECOFFEY
JESSE TRUEBLOOD
ADAM WHITE EYES

He advised these officers had not been disarmed and were all carrying sidearms.

JACOBS advised that he understood that a meeting was to be held in Rapid City, South Dakota, on September 26, 1974, between WILSON, TRIMBLE, EASTMAN, and others.

JACOBS advised that of the released prisoners there were no Federal prisoners released.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview of JACOBS:

Name	JOSEPH L. "SKEE" JACOBS
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	October 13, 1922
Place of Birth	Interior, South Dakota
Height	Five feet ten inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown (glasses)

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DANIAL J. MESTETH, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer, was interviewed with BIA Criminal Investigator JOE BROWN regarding an incident on the evening of September 25, 1974, at the Pine Ridge Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, where DAN MESTETH was relieved of his revolver by Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman RICHARD WILSON.

MESTETH advised that on the evening of September 25, 1974, at approximately 11:00 p.m. he and his Deputy, NATHAN ELK, brought in prisoners to the Pine Ridge Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. These two prisoners were LEO WINTERS and MADELINE SIMONSON. He advised he placed these prisoners in the jail cell and was assisted by jailers MARVIN STOLDTS and FRED KILLS SMALL.

He advised he then went upstairs and talked to the desk clerk ORA JANIS and ORA JANIS went downstairs to search the female prisoner MADELINE SIMONSON.

ORA JANIS subsequently returned to the radio room and he then went downstairs to get a cup of coffee. He talked to the jailers for a short time and observed that police officer BENNY RICHARDS was downstairs out of uniform talking to the wife of LEO WINTERS. He advised he then went out the front door to behind an ambulance where he "relieved himself" and upon doing so DUANE BREWER opened the front door to the jail and said they wanted to see him inside. He advised he did not see DUANE BREWER come in the front door and did not know how DUANE BREWER got in the jail.

He advised he went in the jail and went upstairs where he was surrounded by fifteen or twenty men in the hallway. Two individuals approached him, which individuals were Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman RICHARD WILSON and JOHN "BAT" RICHARDS. WILSON said he was declaring martial law but would not put me in jail if there was no trouble. WILSON said that he was to

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wait in the Lieutenant's Office so he went in the Lieutenant's Office and observed the two jailers MARVIN STOLQTS and FRED KILLS SMALL in the Lieutenant's Office.

He observed that an unknown individual was sitting in the radio room behind the radio operator ORA JANIS. Another unknown individual was standing by the door to the radio room.

MESTETH indicated that he sat down in the Lieutenant's Office and unloaded his gun. RICHARD WILSON came in and said he wanted no trouble and wanted no guns in here and asked him for his gun so he handed his gun and gunbelt to WILSON who reached out his hand for it.

Then Police Officers JESSE TRUEBLOOD, HOBERT ECOFFEY, WAYNE ROMERO, and DOUGLAS YELLOW BOY all came into the Lieutenant's Office. All of these police officers were armed.

Police Officers HOBERT ECOFFEY was pounding his fist against the palm of his hand in a belligerent manner.

Then, JOHN HUSSMAN came to the door of the Lieutenant's Office and said to him "keep those other guys cool". MESTETH indicated he said in Indian to the other officers present "get ready".

Police Chief "SKEE" JACOBS and RICHARD WILSON then went in "SKEE" JACOBS' Office for a while and then "SKEE" JACOBS told the Police Officers present to go about their routine patrol duties.

NELSON WITT of the BIA Administrative Services was present during this incident.

Subsequently, all of WILSON's men left and the Police Officers returned to their patrol duties. He advised they were given no explanation of what this incident was all about.

MESTETH indicated that he asked WOODY RICHARDS what had happened to his revolver and RICHARDS said it was downstairs. He then went downstairs and retrieved his gun from on top of the jailer's desk, put his gun on, took his Deputy NATHAN ELK, and returned to Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

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He advised he did not observe WILSON's men to have any weapons, and he did not observe WILSON's men to be doing any drinking.

MESTETH indicated he recognized the following individuals present during this incident:

1. RICHARD WILSON
2. JOHN "BAT" RICHARDS
3. WOODY RICHARDS
4. JOHN HUSSMAN
5. DUANE BREWER
6. JOE BIG CROW
7. BENNY RICHARDS
8. MANNY RICHARDS (RICHARD WILSON's son)
9. BILLY VOCU
10. DICK HAGEN

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HOBERT ECOFFEY, Patrolman, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was contacted at the Office of Criminal Investigator NATE MERRICK, who was also present during the interview. ECOFFEY was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent by display of credentials and was advised of the nature of the inquiry. He then furnished the following information:

ECOFFEY advised that he had been interviewed by BIA Criminal Investigator JOE BROWN in the early morning hours of September 26, 1974, after he got off duty at midnight. ECOFFEY advised that he had been working the 3:30 p.m. to 12 midnight shift and had been on patrol alone on the night of September 25, 1974, in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Fellow BIA Officers JESSE TRUE BLOOD and ADAM WHITE EYES were also on duty and each was patrolling in separate cars.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., WHITE EYES called him on the police radio and wanted him to 10-24 (rendezvous) with ECOFFEY. ECOFFEY suggested that they meet at the ballpark near the Oglala Community School. TRUE BLOOD apparently overheard the radio conversation and he pulled up at the ballpark about a minute before WHITE EYES arrived. WHITE EYES told them he saw a lot of people going into the jail and ECOFFEY said "we better go to the jail and check it out."

ECOFFEY stated they went to the jail and shortly before arriving he used his police radio to "go 10-6 (out of service) but did not get a response from the radio dispatcher. ECOFFEY stated that it was not very unusual for an Officer not to receive a response from the radio dispatcher. ECOFFEY went into the jail and saw a bunch of guys milling around. He went directly upstairs and saw BIA Officer DAN MESTETH sitting at the Lieutenant's Desk just outside the radio room.

At this point, he saw Oglala Sioux Tribal President DICK WILSON, who advised him that Martial Law had been declared and he then said that "you may have to give up your guns." ECOFFEY said that he and the other Officers with him ignored WILSON's statement and WILSON did not repeat anything about giving up their guns.

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ECOFFEY then went into the radio room and told Dispatcher ORA JANIS to call Chief of Police SKEE JACOBS. ECOFFEY advised that he had asked MESTETH if they took his gun and he answered "yes".

ECOFFEY advised that while he was in jail, "everything was cool," there was no violence and no threats were made to any of the Officers. While he was in the Lieutenant's Office, he saw JOHN HUSSMAN picking up the telephone whenever a call came in. He said he felt that HUSSMAN was trying to listen in on each of the calls. He also saw BILLY VOCU and WILBUR BLACK FEATHER, JR. in the radio room with ORA JANIS and it appeared to him that JANIS was "very shaken." He said that he also observed DICK WILSON, TIM SHANGREAUX and "BAT" RICHARDS and quite a few other individuals walking in and out of the Lieutenant's Office. He said he could not remember all of them.

At about this time, WILSON, SHANGREAUX, RICHARDS and a few others went downstairs to the cell block area. ECOFFEY remained upstairs in the Lieutenant's Office for about five or seven minutes and then he went downstairs to get a cup of coffee and saw WILSON, SKEE JACOBS, and a few others standing outside the women's cell, talking. He said he did not hear what the conversation was about.

He said he saw BIA Officer BENNIE RICHARDS in civilian clothes (light blue slacks and T-shirt) downstairs near the kitchen and that he saw RICHARDS again a little while later and he was in his police uniform. He had no idea what RICHARDS' purpose was in being there, although he did advise that RICHARDS and many of the other officers, when off duty, will come to the Police Department.

ECOFFEY advised that approximately 10 or 15 minutes after WILSON went downstairs to the cell block area, SKEE JACOBS came upstairs and told him as well as the other officers who were present, to go into SKEE's Office. He advised that this group included Officers coming on duty as well as a few of WILSON's men, including DICK WILSON. He heard WILSON say that he had great respect for the Police Department and felt it was about time something was done to help them. WILSON also said something to the effect that he wanted some of his men to ride with the Police Officers on their routine patrols. According to ECOFFEY, WILSON did not demand this but requested it of both SKEE JACOBS and NELSON WITT, who was also present. He thinks there was something said about AIM Security riding with Officers, but he could not recall exactly what was said. He never heard any demands made by WILSON or any of his men.

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ECOFFEY then advised that at about this time he received a phone call from his wife advising him that his eight year old son had not yet come home from a friends house and he then left to go look for his son. He said that nobody made any attempt to stop him.

ECOFFEY also advised that by the time he, TRUE BLOOD and WHITE EYES arrived at the jail, the prisoners who had been lodged there had already been released.

ECOFFEY furnished a list of names of those present at the jail and this list is attached.

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1 Dawn Brewer
2 Marvin Wilson
3 Dick Wilson
4 Tim Shargsian
5 Dick Hagen
6 Delarie Peasant
7 Pat Carlow
8 Willie Bettelyoun
9 Fred "
10 "Boogie" Carlow
11 "Woodie" Richard
12 John Hussman
13 Billy Voca
14 "Bat" Richard (Thos L)
15 Billy Wilcox
16 Steve Wilson

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ADAM WHITE EYES, Patrolman, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was contacted at the Office of Criminal Investigator NATE MERRICK, who was also present during the interview. WHITE EYES was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent by display of credentials and was advised of the nature of the inquiry. He then furnished the following information:

WHITE EYES advised that he was on regular patrol in his police unit at approximately 10:50 p.m. when he saw six to eight cars in a caravan driving from the east on Highway 18, turn north and head toward the jail. They parked on the east side of the courthouse, next to the road. He saw approximately 20 to 30 men get out of the cars and head toward the jail building.

He called fellow Officer HOBERT ECOFFEY on his police radio and asked to meet with him. ECOFFEY told him to rendezvous at the ballpark near the Oglala Community School. When he arrived at the ballpark, both ECOFFEY and JESSE TRUE BLOOD, also a BIA Officer, were already there and ECOFFEY said that "there might be trouble at the jail so kind of be aware and follow me."

When they arrived in front of the jail, he heard ECOFFEY call in on the radio to go out of service and he then immediately did the same as did TRUE BLOOD. He did not hear any response and he felt that it was unusual because the radio dispatcher generally answers with a "10-4".

All three of them went into the jail and saw all of the cell doors open and did not see the jailer. They all went upstairs and as he was climbing the stairs, he saw a male Indian carrying a pistol belt in his hand. WHITE EYES stated that he remembers thinking at that time that "that's a police gunbelt." He advised he did not know the individual carrying the belt but described him as approximately 5'10" tall, heavy set, in his 20s, with long bushy hair and light complexion. He stated that he would recognize this individual if he saw him again.

He went into the radio room to ask what was going on and saw two guys standing around listening, so he did not ask but

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turned around and went into the Lieutenant's Office. He saw Tribal President DICK WILSON walking toward him and heard WILSON say something like "Martial Law is declared and we are going to take over this jail and lodge SKEE, MERRICK, and EASTMAN but if you keep cool, relax and cooperate, you won't be lodged." At about this time he heard somebody ask for all of the Officers gunbelts but he did not know who it was and did not give up his gunbelt. This question was not repeated and the matter was apparently dropped. He saw DAN MESTETH sitting at the Lieutenant's Desk and asked him in Sioux language "what happened to your gunbelt?" DAN answered, also in Sioux, "they took it."

WHITE EYES advised that he waited around in the Lieutenant's Office for about 10 or 15 minutes (until shortly after 11:00 p.m.) when SKEE JACOBS, DICK WILSON, and some other individuals came into the Lieutenant's Office and then they all went into the Chief of Police's Office.

WHITE EYES advised that those present were JESSE TRUE BLOOD, HOBERT ECOFFEY, TERRY and PAT MILLS, DOUG YELLOW BOY, JAMIE BIG CROW, GERALD AGARD, and himself as well as DICK WILSON, DUANE BREWER, "BAT" RICHARDS, and another guy whom he does not know but would recognize. NELSON WITT was also present. WILSON made the remark "TRIMBLE should help enforce the law." "As Tribal President, I will help them enforce the law." WILSON mentioned that if AIM Security forces will ride with police officers, his boys should ride also. He also said "four of my boys should ride with each Officer or whatever he needs." SKEE JACOBS was overheard to say that "they can ride on routine patrol, but they won't be cops." SKEE then told the Officers present to continue their normal patrols, however, since it was almost 12 midnight and TRUE BLOOD, ECOFFEY, and WHITE EYES were going off duty, SKEE told WHITE EYES "you have a long drive, so you might as well go home." WHITE EYES then left and went to his home in Kyle, South Dakota.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIC

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JESSE BENJAMIN TRUEBLOOD, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was contacted regarding any information he could furnish concerning an incident on September 25, 1974, when Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman RICHARD WILSON and his supporters "took over" the Pine Ridge Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

TRUEBLOOD indicated that on September 25, 1974, at approximately 10:30 p.m. he was called on his police radio by ADAM WHITE EYES who wanted to meet him at the baseball park, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, which he did. WHITE EYES indicated to him that there were several cars and people at the Pine Ridge Jail.

TRUEBLOOD indicated that he subsequently drove to the Pine Ridge Jail and went inside to see what was going on. He advised that at the Pine Ridge Jail, upstairs, he observed Police Officer DAN MESTETH, who was without his revolver. Police Officer HOBERT ECOFFEY was there and he heard RICHARD WILSON say that he, WILSON, had declared martial law.

TRUEBLOOD indicated he called Police Chief SKEE JACOBS on the telephone and subsequently, JACOBS came to the Police Department and JACOBS and WILSON talked.

TRUEBLOOD indicated he was not bothered by any of these individuals and his gun was not taken. He advised nobody said anything to him during this incident. He advised there were approximately 25 individuals who were WILSON's followers and he did not see any of these individuals to have weapons.

TRUEBLOOD indicated that at approximately 10:45 p.m. he had repeatedly tried to call the BIA Radio Dispatcher but could not get any answer.

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by SA DEAN HOWARD HUGHES DHH:klk Date dictated 9/27/74

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TRUEBLOOD indicated he recognized the following WILSON supporters at this incident:

1. RICHARD WILSON
2. JOHN HUSSMAN
3. DUANE BREWER
4. DELANE PROVOST
5. BENJAMIN COTTIER
6. RICHARD HAGEN
7. BOGGI CARLOW
8. SPEC WILSON
9. MANNY WILSON
10. JOHN "BAT" RICHARDS
11. WILLIE BETTELYOUN
12. JOE BIG CROW
13. BENNY RICHARDS
14. WOODY RICHARDS
15. BILLY VOCU
16. WILBER BLACK FEATHER, JR.
17. IRV PROVOST
18. BILLY VITALIS
19. GLEN THREE STARS
20. LOUIE LEFT HURON

TRUEBLOOD indicated that LOUIE LEFT HURON was carrying the jailer's keys during this incident but did not observe him doing anything with these keys. He advised he did not know who let the prisoners loose.

He advised he saw BENNY RICHARDS, a police officer, there in civilian clothes.

He indicated he had no idea how WILSON's men had gained entrance into the jail.

He advised that at one point during this incident RICHARD WILSON asked him to bring NELSON WITT, the Director of Indian Services, to the Pine Ridge Jail so he went to WITT's residence and brought WITT back to the Pine Ridge Jail. Subsequently, WITT and SKEE JACOBS talked to RICHARD WILSON. He advised that at one point during this incident he tried to telephone DELMER EASTMAN, Agency Special Officer, but could not contact him.

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He indicated that BILLY VOCU was watching ORA JANIS in the radio room during this incident.

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Date of transcription September 30, 1974

DAVID TERRAN MILLS, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Patrolman, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was contacted at the Office of Criminal Investigator NATE MERRICK, who was also present during the interview. MILLS was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent by display of credentials and was advised of the nature of the inquiry. He then furnished the following information:

MILLS stated he came on duty at approximately 11:15 p.m., September 25, 1974, and was to work from midnight until 12 noon on September 26, 1974. When he arrived, a few people inside the jail said "hi" and SKEE JACOBS was already present. MILLS advised that he asked DUANE DREWER, who was standing in the doorway to the cell block (near the sink), what was going on. BREWER told him that DICK WILSON had declared Martial Law. He advised that no mention was made of disarming him.

MILLS then advised that he went upstairs to the radio room and when he entered that room, he saw BILLY VOCU and WILBUR BLACK FEATHER, JR. sitting near ORA JANIS, radio dispatcher who was sitting at the radio console. JANIS was answering the radio and calling police units by this time.

He said he saw JOHN HUSSMAN walking back and forth between the Lieutenant's Office and the radio room and he was apparently listening in on the phones when calls came in. He also saw DAN MESTETH sitting at the Lieutenant's Desk. DICK WILSON was downstairs in the cell block area near the women's cell talking to Chief of Police JOSEPH (SKEE) JACOBS, Criminal Investigator JOE BROWN, NELSON WITT, and "BAT" RICHARDS. He also advised that other individuals kept walking past this group and out into the booking area and were just generally milling around. He said that he could not recall the names of these individuals.

MILLS also advised that he heard references to Martial Law and heard DICK WILSON ask SKEE JACOBS "would you mind getting into a cell for a while," or something to that effect. SKEE objected and WILSON dropped the subject. WILSON also asked SKEE if one of his (WILSON's) men could ride with the patrolmen on their regular rounds. He also harrd WILSON say something to the effect

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that "AIM is getting away with everything and it was about time something was done about it."

MILLS advised that he did not see nor hear of any of the policemen being pushed around or threatened and he never saw any weapons displayed by the group which had taken over the jail.

MILLS said that he saw fellow Officer BENNIE RICHARDS sitting in a chair in the cell block area across from the kitchen and that at that time RICHARDS was not in uniform. He was wearing light blue slacks and a T-shirt. MILLS said he later saw RICHARDS in the jail and at that time he was in his police uniform. RICHARDS never indicated to MILLS whether or not he was a part of this group.

MILLS furnished a list of those present at the jail and this list is attached.

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1. Richard Wilson Sr.
2. Richard Wilson Jr.
3. Billy Dew
4 Wilbur Black Feather
5. John Hissman
6. Duane Brewer
7 Delore Provost
8. Irv. Provost
9. Dick Hagan
10. John "Bat" Richards Sr.
11. Billy Vitale
12. Spick Wilson
13. "Papo" (Frank) Means
14. Gabbie Brewer
14 Glen Three Stars
15. Tim Thompson
16. Willy Battleyone
17 Tonie Left Hand

Furnished by Terry Mills

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ORA EUNICE JANIS was interviewing concerning the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Jail on the evening of September 25, 1974.

JANIS advised that she was on duty, September 25, 1974, from 3:30 p.m. until 12 midnight as the radio dispatcher at the Pine Ridge Police Department. At about 10:45 p.m. on September 25, 1974, she heard a noise in the hallway outside of the Lieutenant's Room which leads to the radio area. JANIS looked into the television which monitors the hall and saw a group of men in the hall outside of the Lieutenant's Office. Some of these men came into the Lieutenant's area.

Oglala Sioux Tribal President DICK WILSON and two other persons entered the radio room. The two other persons were BILLY VOCU and BAT RICHARDS. WILSON said "ORA, I want you to go 10-6 and be silent for about ten minutes." WILSON told VOCU to stay in the radio room with ORA. ORA remained in the radio room logging incoming calls, but not answering them, as she was ordered to do by WILSON. JANIS understood that VOCU would not have let her answer any calls had she attempted to do so. JANIS remained in the raiio room until about 11:30 p.m. when she resumed normal operations. She was never given an order to resume normal operations but did so upon the departure of WILSON and his men.

While JANIS was in the radio room, a person identified to her as WILBUR BLACK FEATHER, JR. walked in and out of the radio room several times. JANIS also saw LOUIE LEFT HURON with RICHARD WILSON.

JANIS made available the radio log of September 25, 1974, which shows a 10:45 entry that DICK WILSON told JANIS to go out of service. The radio log is as follows:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
ABERDEEN AREA

Date Sept 25, 1974 RADIO STATION AND ACTIVITY LOG Page No. 86 Con't

	Frequency		
Agency	TTE - 1.	169,325	Location Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Police	TTE - 2.	169,775	Call Sign KAC 529
So. Dak.	TTE - 3.	30,100	Rated Power Watts
Nebraska	TTE - 4.	30,100	Emission Type 16 F 3
Telephone	TTE 5.		

Time	Channel Used	Station Called or contacted	Logged Activity or Remarks	Operator
2203	3	Susie Randall	Rd one of Corrine Janis's son	
			broke into Florence Standing	
			Soldier house and there's a	
			baby inside	OJ
2204	2	Chuck	Out of unit cking a Ply Lic #	
			G5-1436 (74) in W/K	OJ
2204	2	Dan	Any vents on Wilbur Two Dogs	
			(nec)	OJ
2206	2	Terry	In-service they already park	
			that vehicle and subject is	
			leaving res	OJ
2206	2	Bernard	Out of unit at Johnny Dubray	
			res cking rpt	OJ
2207	2	Chuck	In-service vehicle cked okay	OJ
2208	2	Terry	Out of unit cking a 64 Ford	
			Black Lic # 178-387 ND (74)	OJ
2208	2	Bernard	In-service Allen housing no	
			cont with Johnny Dubray	OJ
2210	2	Chuck	Out at W/K S.S.	OJ
2211	2	Terry	In-service vehicle cked okay	OJ
2211	2	Hobbie	Out at Standing Soldier res	OJ
2213	2	Chuck	In-service	OJ
2214	2	Hobbie	Florence S. Soldier ad Melcolm	
			Folsom and Leon Janis broke	
			into her house, but they took	
			off toward Jingles Janis res	OJ
2217	2	Terry	I was just ad there's quiet	
			afew traffic coming in from	
			east in-service over there to	
			check	OJ
2218	5	Cherry	Tell Bernard his bro Northbase	
			call me from the bar and he's	
			drunk and said he's coming back	
			to P.C. about 10:30 P.M. or	
			11:00 P.M. and I'm scared of	
			him	OJ
2222	5	John Crossman	For Dick Wilson or Headman	OJ
2223	2	Terry	In-service back to Porcupine	OJ
2227	2	Bernard	In-service Allen to P.C.	OJ
2228	2	Chuck	Out of unit afew	OJ
2232	1-L	Hobbie	Have Barry check that subject	
			Pa	OJ

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DEPART[illegible] OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF IND[illegible] AFFAIRS
ABERDEEN AREA

Date Sept 23, 1974 RADIO STATION AND ACTIVITY LOG Page No. 66 Con't

	Frequency		
Agency	MZ	1.	169,325
Police	MZ	2.	169,775
So. Dak.	MZ	3.	30,100
Nebraska	MZ	4.	30,100
Telephone	MZ	5.	

Location Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Call Sign KAC 529
Rated Power Watts
Emission Type 16 F 3

Time	Channel Used	Station Called or contacted	Logged Activity or Remarks	Operator
2243	5	Oper	Rd there trying to cont Mayor	
			radio	OJ
2245	In-person	Dick Wilson	Rd me to go out of service for	
			10 mins	OJ
2245	2	Terry	Out of unit afew	OJ
2246	2	Chuck	In-service	OJ
2247	2	Hobie	Out at P.D.	OJ
2247	2	Jess	Out at P.D.	OJ
2251	2	Chuck	Out at Henderson S.S.	OJ
2256	In-person	P/R P.D.	L.L. Skee and ad him to come	
			down to P.D. right away as	
			we have problems	OJ
2257	2	Joe Brown	In-service Porc to P/R	OJ
2257	2	Hobie	Rd Eastman, Joe Brown to come	
			back to P/R soon as possible	
			as there's trouble at P.D.	OJ
2257	2	Eastman/Nate	In-service back to P/R	OJ
2258	2	Eastman/Nate	In-service Porc to P/R	OJ
		Brown		
2300	2	Gerald	In-service Wanblee area	OJ
2300		Douglas	EOD	OJ
2303	5	Hornbeck	Will be late tonite, as he's	
			just got thru moving his stuff	OJ
2304	5	Female	For Hobie or Jess	OJ
2307	2	Chucky	Out of unit	OJ
2307	2	Bernard	Out at P.C. Housing	OJ
2309		Mills	EOD	OJ
2310	2	Gerald	In-service Wanblee area	OJ
2310	5	Dorothy Mae	Wants to know whats going on	
			at P.D.	OJ
2317	5	Dorothy Mae	Wants to know whats going on	
			at P.D. referred to Hobie	OJ
2317	2	Gerald	In-service to P.C. from Wanblee	OJ
2319		Jeanenna	EOD	OJ
2320	4	Gordon	Rec a full rep on S.D. Lic #	
			11-TA 29	OJ
2320	1	Ronald	Rd they have to go thru Valentine	
			as it's out of state	OJ
2320		Arvid	EOD	OJ
2320		Susie	EOD	OJ
2320	2	Gerald	Out at Bernard afew	OJ
2320	5	Dorothy Mae	Rd Terry there's trafic in	
			P.C.	OJ

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ABERDEEN AREA

Date Sept 25, 1974 ...DIO STATION AND ACTIVITY LOG Page No. 86 Cont'd

	Frequency		
Agency	[illegible]	1.	1[illegible],325
Police	[illegible]	2.	1[illegible],775
So. Dak.	[illegible]	3.	3[illegible],1[illegible]
Nebraska	[illegible]	4.	3[illegible],1[illegible]
Telephone	[illegible]	5.	

Location Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Call Sign KAC 520
Rated Power _____ Watts
Emission Type 16 F 3

Time	Channel Used	Station Called or contacted	Logged Activity or Remarks	Operator
2343	2	Eastman/Nate	In-service Base to P/R , dod you have visitors at P.D. ad	
			yes	OJ
2348	1-L	Kyle	Out at Bear Eagle res	OJ
2348	2	Wayne	In-service P/R area	OJ
2349	2	Hobie/Jamie	In-service town area	OJ
2349		Adam	DOD	OJ
2350	2	Hobie	Out at my res. to see if my son is home	OJ
2351		Bobbie	DOD	OJ
2351	1-L	Kyle	In-service P.C. to Hosp with a patient	OJ
2352	1-L	W/K	I'm trying to cont Kyle Amb.	OJ

Herbert Eastman
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIO

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MARVIN ALBERT STOLDTS, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Jailer, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was contacted regarding an incident on the evening of September 25, 1974, wherein RICHARD WILSON, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, "took over" the Pine Ridge Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

STOLDTS advised that on September 25, 1974, he was working a shift from 3:30 p.m., September 25, 1974, to twelve midnight, September 26, 1974. On September 25, 1974, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Police Officer DAN MESTETH brought in prisoner LEO WINTERS and prisoner MADELINE SIMONSON. He advised he searched these prisoners and locked them in a jail cell, logged them in his prisoner book, then turned around and was confronted by a large group of men. He advised these men had not come in from the front door as he was standing near the front door. STOLDTS indicated that SPEC WILSON and BILLY VITALIS were in the forefront of these men and that there were approximately twenty to twenty-five men in this group. He advised he was with DAN MESTETH and NATHAN ELK, a Deputy to DAN MESTETH, and the three of them were told by an unrecalled individual in this group that they wanted to talk to them upstairs.

He advised that on his way upstairs, an unknown individual in this group relieved him of his mace which was on his belt. He advised that as a jailer he does not carry a sidearm or any other kind of weapon. He advised that SPEC WILSON relieved him of his jail keys and he mentioned he had his other BIA keys in his right boot.

STOLDTS indicated that upstairs in the Pine Ridge Jail he observed several men in the radio room but could not tell who they were. He advised he was jostled and pushed into the Lieutenant's room by SPEC WILSON, BILLY VITALIS, DUANE BREWER, LOUIE LEFT HURON, and TIM SHANGREUX.

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RICHARD WILSON asked DAN MESTETH for his gun and DAN MESTETH handed his gun to RICHARD WILSON.

RICHARD WILSON announced to the group that he had declared martial law and that everything was legal. WILSON advised we were to remain calm. WILSON told LOUIE LEFT HURON that he was the new jailer and told LOUIE LEFT HURON to release all the prisoners. LOUIE LEFT HURON then took the keys to the cells and went downstairs where the prisoners were lodged in the cells.

WILSON said we were all under arrest.

WILSON was asked by someone in the group what was going on and WILSON replied that when EASTMAN, JACOBS, and TRIMBLE arrived, they would be placed in jail for a while.

STOLDTS advised that various individuals, unknown to him, appeared to be guarding all exits. He advised he started to go downstairs to get some coffee and an unknown individual stopped him from leaving the building. He advised this individual is described as an Indian male, five feet eleven inches, 185 pounds, long hair, 25 years of age, and that he has seen this individual on the Reservation before.

STOLDTS advised he was allowed to get a cup of coffee, which he did, and then he went back upstairs.

STOLDTS advised that in the meantime, police officers HOBERT ECOFFEY and JESSE TRUEBLOOD had come in to the Pine Ridge Jail and were being held with the rest of the group. He advised that TRUEBLOOD and ECOFFEY retained possession of their firearms. He advised that RICHARD WILSON asked police officer HOBERT ECOFFEY for his gun and ECOFFEY refused to hand his gun over so no more mention was made of it.

[redacted]DTS indicated at approximately 9:00 p.m., September 25, 1974, he had secured all the outside doors to the Pine Ridge Jail (locked). He advised that approximately ten minutes prior to this incident, he had gone to the bathroom which bathroom is located near the East entrance to the Pine Ridge Jail. At this time, he noted that the East entrance was

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locked and that two two by fours were in place on the inside of this door, securely locking this door. He advised that police officer BENNY RICHARDS in civilian clothes wearing levis and a T-shirt had shortly before this come into the Pine Ridge Jail and went upstairs and he suspected that BENNY RICHARDS is the individual who removed these two by fours and allowed RICHARD WILSON's men to enter the Pine Ridge Jail. He advised that BENNY RICHARDS freely associated with RICHARD WILSON's men when they were in the Pine Ridge Jail. He advised he smelled liquor on the breath of DELNO PROVOST and indicated that several of these individuals had been drinking.

He advised that while he and the others were confined to the jail by WILSON's men, DUANE BREWER followed HOBERT ECOFFEY everywhere ECOFFEY went and ECOFFEY told BREWER to quit following him around.

WILSON told us at one point that we were all incompetent and that when he took over there would be a new staff.

STOLDTS advised that at one point, just before JACOBS arrived, he was downstairs and he heard WILSON mention to his men "keep your weapons out of sight".

STOLDTS advised that subsequently, Police Chief "SKEE" JACOBS talked to WILSON near the jail cell door to the women's cell downstairs and that then JACOBS and WILSON came upstairs and all the police officers and WILSON went in a room upstairs where they held a discussion.

STOLDTS indicated that he and jailer FRED KILLS SMALL and Deputy NATHAN ELK went outside this room while this discussion took place and waited. Subsequently, WILSON and DUANE BREWER came out of the room and WILSON said "We'll see you fellows, thanks for the cooperation."

WILSON and BREWER then left and JACOBS came out and told everyone to return to their normal duties. STOLDTS indicated that he observed that all his prisoners had been released.

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EASTMAN, Agency Special Officer, then showed up and asked STOLDTS for a list of the prisoners that had been released and a written statement of what had happened, and STOLDTS prepared this for EASTMAN.

STOLDTS advised he then received a call from the Pine Ridge Dispatcher that a bad car accident had happened between Rushville and Whiteclay, Nebraska, approximately half way so he assisted ambulance driver ESSIE KIRK at this car accident. He advised that CALVIN PULLIAM, BILLY PULLIAM, and DEBBIE PULLIAM had been in this accident and that DEBBIE PULLIAM had a cut on the leg and had had one foot cut off in this accident. STOLDTS advised he did not know if this accident had occurred during the period that WILSON's goons had refused the Pine Ridge Radio Operator to answer calls and transmit calls.

STOLDTS advised he recognized the following individuals at the BIA Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, during this incident:

1. RICHARD WILSON
2. JOHN "BAT" RICHARDS
3. DUANE BREWER
4. SPEC WILSON
5. WILLIE BETTELYOUN
6. JOE BIG CROW
7. FRED BETTELYOUN
8. BENNY RICHARDS
9. JOHN HUSSMAN
10. WOODY RICHARDS
11. RICHARD WILSON, JR. (son of RICHARD WILSON)
12. BILLY VOCU
13. WILBER BLACK FEATHER, JR.
14. DELANE PROVOST
15. IRV PROVOST
16. DICK HAGEN
17. BILLY VITALIS
18. PAPO MEANS
19. GABBIE BREWER
20. GLEN THREE STARS
21. TIM SHANGREAUX
22. LOUIE LEFT HURON

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STOLDTS advised that to the best of his knowledge, the following police personnel were at one time or another involved in this incident:

1. DAN MESTETH
2. SKEE JACOBS
3. HOBERT ECOFFEY
4. JESSE TRUEBLOOD
5. WAYNE ROMERO
6. TERRY MILLS
7. ORA JANIS
8. DOUGLAS YELLOW BOY
9. BENNY RICHARDS
10. NATHAN ELK
11. GERALD AGARD
12. DELMER EASTMAN
13. NATHAN MERRICK
14. FRED KILLS SMALL

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On September 27, 1974, the facts of this case were discussed with United States Attorney (USA) WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. USA CLAYTON requested that Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer BENNIE RICHARDS be interviewed regarding this matter.

On October 4, 1974, attempts were made to locate BENNIE RICHARDS through the BIA Police Department, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and through the Office of Criminal Investigation at Pine Ridge. These attempts met with negative results.

On October 8, 1974, attempts were made to contact BENNIE RICHARDS through the Police Department at Pine Ridge and by contacts in the building in which RICHARDS was living. These contacts met with negative results

On October 21, 1974, attempts were made to contact RICHARDS at his room which is located in the same building as the Agency Special Officer, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

On October 21, 1974, FAYE STEELE advised that RICHARDS had been Absent Without Official Leave (AWOL) for two days.

On October 21, 1974, A. J. ROMERO advised that he had been contacted by RICHARDS from Martin, South Dakota. RICHARDS told ROMERO that he was quitting the Police Department.

On October 21, 1974, ORA JANIS, BIA Police Dispatcher, advised that RICHARDS had been AWOL for two days and his current whereabouts is unknown.

On October 21, 1974, Mr. RICHARDS, father of BENNIE RICHARDS, Martin, South Dakota, advised that BENNIE RICHARDS had gone to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in order to return his police equipment. Mr. RICHARDS advised that his son would be home later that evening.

On the morning of October 22, 1974, Mrs. RICHARDS, mother of BENNIE RICHARDS, Martin, South Dakota, advised that her son is staying in an unknown location in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. She also advised that her son had quit working for the Police Department.

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On October 22, 1974, attempts were made to locate RICHARDS at the Pine Ridge Police Department and in the Pine Ridge area. BIA Jailer MARVIN STOLTZ advised that RICHARDS had turned in his equipment on the night of October 21, 1974. BIA Police Captain JOSEPH JACOBS advised that BENNIE RICHARDS had quit his employment with the Police Department on the night of October 21, 1974.

On October 29, 1974, BIA Police Officer JESSE TRUE BLOOD advised that RICHARDS' current whereabouts is unknown. TRUE BLOOD advised he unsuccessfully looked for RICHARDS for about two or three weeks regarding a personal matter.

On October 29, 1974, A. J. ROMERO, BIA Policeman, advised he had not seen BENNIE RICHARDS since RICHARDS quit his employment with the Police Department on the night of October 21, 1974.

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Laboratory Transmittal Form
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FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Minneapolis (70-7178)

Date: June 15, 1973

From: Director, FBI

EX. 104

Re: UNSUBS; BURNING OF HOUSE BELONGING
TO RICHARD WILSON,
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN,
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA
5/14/73
CIR - ARSON

FBI File No. 70-59044

Lab. No. PC-J7464 JA

Examination requested by: Minneapolis

Reference: Airtel 5/19/73

Examination requested: Chemical Analyses

Remarks:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are being returned to the Minneapolis Office under separate cover by registered mail.

MAILED 10
JUN 15 1973
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5/14/73
CIR - ARSON
Specimens received 5/25/73

Q1 Burned Humble Oil Company can
Q2 Charred floor board and ashes

Result of examination:

No traces of flammable liquids were found in the Q1 can or on the Q2 wood and ashes. The contents of the Q1 can at the time of the fire is not known.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUBS;
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PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA
5/14/73
CIR - ARSON

File # 70-3714-2
Lab.# PC-J7464 JA

Examination requested by: SAC, Minneapolis (70-7178)

Examination requested: Chemical Analyses (Gen Chem)

Date received: 5/25 rm

Result of Examination:

Examination by: STRICKLAND

Q1 Burned Humble Oil Company can
Q2 Charred floor board and ashes

Evidence Examined at Minneapolis
- Acc. to ... copy of ... memo ...
... Agent ... Laboratory ...
... of the ... Chemical Unit ...

6-13-73
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Re Minneapolis teletype to Bureau 5/15/73.

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FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

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Date of transcription May 19, 1973

An examination was made of a frame structure belonging to RICHARD WILSON, which was located in a sub-division known as East Ridge Housing. This building exhibited evidence of having been partially destroyed by fire with extensive damage to the interior of the structure.

There were no doors or windows existing in the structure at the time of this examination.

Investigation in the interior of the building revealed that the most extensive damage was in the southwest corner of the building. This damage included the complete destruction of cross timbers in the ceiling area of the building, as well as extensive damage to the ceiling area. Other parts in the interior of the building also exhibited extensive damage, but this damage was somewhat less than that in the southwest portion.

Measurements were taken of the depth of charring in various sections of the interior of the building and it was readily discernible that the deepest charring was in the southwest portion of the house. Additionally, comparison of depth of charring in various portions of the building revealed lesser depth in descending portions leading away from the southwest corner of the house.

Examination of the exterior of the house revealed that the most extensive exterior damage to the roof and outer walls was also in the southwest portion of the building. Additionally, in the southwest exterior corner of the house extensive charring was noted to the exterior floor boards. This particular charring was not found on any other exterior part of the building.

Examination of the crawl space underneath the house, as well as the electrical wiring, indicate that apparently no electricity or gas was connected to the building.

Interviewed on 5/15/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-7178

by SA DAVID T. OXLER
SA THOMAS R. PARKER TRP:wkb Date dictated 5/19/73

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A one-quart oil can with the name Humble Oil Company barely readable on the side was located approximately two feet inside the doorway in the southwest corner of the building. Examination of this can revealed that it was severely burned and had several small puncture holes in its top.

Numerous photographs were taken of the interior and exterior of this building. Additionally, the above-described oil can and pieces of burned floor board from the southwest corner of the building were removed for Laboratory analysis.

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"TEST AS ORIGINAL"

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ON 5/15/73 TRIBAL CHAIRMAN WILSON ADVISED THAT A HOME HE HAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION HAD BEEN GUTTED BY FIRE AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 P.M. ON 5/14/73. PINE RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTINGUISHED SAME.

INVESTIGATION BY BUREAU AGENTS WITH FORMER ARSON INVESTIGATION EXPERIENCE INCONCLUSIVE REGARDING ARSON. EVIDENCE DEVELOPED INDICATING FIRE STARTED IN SOUTHWEST PORTION OF BUILDING AND FIRE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN OF ACCELERATED TYPE. INVESTIGATION INDICATES NO ELECTRICITY OR GAS CONNECTED TO HOUSE, THUS APPARENTLY ELIMINATING NATURAL CAUSE.

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE DEVELOPED IN SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HOUSE WHICH MAY BE INDICATIVE OF FIRE FOLLOWING PATH OF UNKNOWN LIQUID SEEPING INTO FLOORBOARDS.

18 MAY 22 1973

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION REVEALED NEXTDOOR NEIGHBOR HEARD POPPING NOISE JUST PRIOR TO DISCOVERY OF FLAMES, AND NEIGHBOR

- Minneapolis

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Special Agent in Charge

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STATED INTERIOR OF HOUSE IMMEDIATELY BECAME ENVELOPED IN FLAMES.

REMAINS OF HUMBLE OIL COMPANY BRAND OIL CAN FOUND IN INTERIOR SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HOUSE. CAN HAD SMALL HOLES PUNCTURED IN TOP.

ABOVE OIL CAN, PIECES OF FLOORBOARD, AND QUANTITY OF ASHES FROM AREA AROUND OIL CAN BEING FORWARDED TO LAB VIA SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

REPRESENTATIVES OF UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSING GREAT INTEREST IN FIRE AT PINE RIDGE AND TRIBAL CHAIRMAN WILSON APPARENTLY IS CLAIMING FIRE WAS ARSON.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

END.

CC - M. Conrad

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	6/14/73	5/1/73 - 6/8/73

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
CHANGED; RICHARD WILSON; BENNIE DUANE RICHARDS; LELAND BEARHEELS	SA MAURICE E. PEARSON	kas
	CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - EMBEZZLING	

Title marked changed to reflect the addition of subject LELAND BEARHEELS. Title formerly carried as "RICHARD WILSON; BENNIE DUANE RICHARDS; CIR - EMBEZZLING".

REFERENCE: Minneapolis report of SA MAURICE E. PEARSON dated 5/2/73.

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CC TO:
REQ. REC'D
MAY 22 1975
ANS.
BY:

LEAD

MINNEAPOLIS

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA: Will present facts to U. S. Attorney for prosecutive opinion.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report			
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Report of: SA MAURICE E. PEARSON
Date: 6/14/73

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Field Office File #: 70-7033

Bureau File #:

Title: RICHARD WILSON;
BENNIE DUANE RICHARDS;
LELAND BEARHEELS

Character: CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION - EMBEZZLING

Synopsis: Investigation disclosed that subject RICHARDS receives a salary from Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) funds but performs no duties for OEO. Subject RICHARDS works exclusively for subject WILSON, Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) Chairman, and performs whatever services subject WILSON requires of subject RICHARDS. Investigation continuing.

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Date of transcription 6/11/73

CALVIN L. SANGREAUX, Office of Economic Opportunity, (OEO), and Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST), Personnel Director, OST Headquarters Building, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, provided the following information:

The personnel file for BENNIE DUANE RICHARDS has no job application or job description for the position of Administrative Assistant to the OEO and for which RICHARDS is currently receiving a bi-weekly salary of $240.

To the best of SANGREAUX's knowledge, RICHARDS performs no duties whatsoever for OEO. His only apparent function is that of assisting tribal chairman RICHARD WILSON in whatever duties WILSON dictates to RICHARDS.

Upon receiving authorization from the Acting OEO Director, EARL ARRES, SANGREAUX planned to advertise for the position of Administrative Assistant to the OEO Director. The OST Evaluation Committee will then decide who to select for this position. RICHARD WILSON is not a member of this Committee. SANGREAUX feels that RICHARDS will possibly apply for this position even though he is not qualified.

Interviewed on 6/8/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-7033

by SA MAURICE E. PEARSON/kas Date dictated 6/9/73

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BERL AKRES, Acting Director of Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), Pine Ridge Airport, Pine Ridge, South Dakota (telephone 867-5931), provided the following information:

On May 7, 1973, the Executive Board of the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) appointed AKRES Acting OEO Director until such time that the OST Tribal Council meets to select a permanent Director. AKRES was appointed Acting Director after the Council terminated the employment of LELAND BEARHEELS, because BEARHEELS never showed up for work. AKRES' regular position is that of Director for the OST Manpower Program.

Since February, 1973, BENNIE DUANE RICHARDS has been receiving a bi-weekly salary of $240.00, which is payment from the OEO Community Action Program (CAP) while under the title of Administrative Assistant (OEO Account 311-01) position to the OEO Director.

RICHARDS performs no duties for OEO whatsoever and his job description is Administrative Assistant to the OEO Director for which he receives a bi-weekly salary. RICHARDS was placed in his current position by Tribal Chairman, RICHARD WILSON, and former OEO Director LELAND BEARHEELS. RICHARDS never showed up for work at the OEO office and has never performed any duties in any way connected with the OEO or the position of Administrative Assistant to the OEO Director. As Administrative Assistant, RICHARDS' duties did require that he spend all of his time at the OEO office, which is located at the Pine Ridge Airport. RICHARDS' only function appears to be that of sitting in WILSON's office reading the newspaper and running errands for WILSON.

About two weeks ago, AKRES attempted to talk with WILSON concerning RICHARDS, but when AKRES approached WILSON and told him that RICHARDS should be terminated from his position with the OEO, WILSON did not reply to AKRES' statement, he (WILSON) just turned and walked away.

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AKRES plans to recommend to the Personnel Board of the OST at their next meeting that RICHARDS's employment be terminated from the OEO.

The only documents which set forth the reason for hiring RICHARDS is that of a memorandum dated March 16, 1973 from LELAND BEARHEELS which states that on March 16, 1973, the Executive Board authorized the temporary hiring of RICHARDS as Assistant OEO Director. This memorandum is attached hereto. A physical check of the Executive Board minutes by AKRES reveals that the Executive Board did not authorize the hiring of RICHARDS.

AKRES provided copies, which are attached hereto, of the payroll earnings record for RICHARDS which sets forth the monies paid to RICHARDS from the OEO under the title Administrative Assistant since February, 1973. AKRES also provided a copy of the Community Action Program (CAP) list of expenditures for the months of March and April, 1973, which reflects that RICHARDS is receiving the salary for the position of Administrative Assistant for OEO. AKRES also provided a copy of the most recent pay check for RICHARDS dated June 6, 1973, which reflects that RICHARDS is still on the payroll of OEO.

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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM DATE MAR 16, 1973

TO: FISCAL MANAGER.

FROM: KECAND BEARHEELS, DIR.

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL ACTION

BE EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION TODAY, BERNIE RICHARDS WAS HIRED TEMPORARICY FOR THE ASSISTANT OED DIRECTOR POSITION. I WAS ADVISED TO CLEAR HIS PAYROLL FOR P.P#6 AS PER TIME SHEET.

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Acct. Assistant — Pine Ridge, S.D.

M — 80 biweekly — M-2

											Tribal Tax	Total Deductions		
			24000			24000	14.04	23.80		2.40		40.24	199.76	
			24000			24000	14.04	23.80		2.40		40.24	199.76	

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION

March 31, 1973

PERSONNEL COSTS	CURRENT	CUMULATIVE	BUDGET	BALANCE
Administrative Director	1,000.00	6,250.00	7,000.00	750.
HARRIS-Administrative Assistant	240.00	1,612.84	5,250.00	3,637.
Data Coordinator	620.23	3,728.98	4,040.00	311.
Secretary	504.00	2,429.00	2,730.00	301.
Files Clerk	320.00	636.00	2,368.50	1,732.
Fiscal Manager	752.38	4,654.04	2,997.50	(1,656.
Accounts Payable Clerk	512.00	3,147.00	1,860.00	(1,287.
Payroll Clerk	-0-	1,338.50	1,573.50	235.
Assistant Fiscal Manager	-0-	502.50	2,209.50	1,707.
Fring. Benefits	479.48	2,589.60	3,010.00	420.
Total Salaries & Fring. Fring. Benefits.	4,384.87	26,982.46	33,113.00	6,130.
Audit Services	-0-	-0-	1,300.00	1,300.
Total Personnel Costs	4,428.14	26,982.46	34,413.00	7,430.
OTHER COSTS				
In-Comm. Travel	9.50	203.29	1,750.00	1,546.
Out-Comm. Travel	99.00	1,177.34	1,250.00	72.
Office Space Rental	-0-	-0-	1,250.00	1,250.
Space Cost to Trib (NFS)	215.83	1,294.98	1,295.00	.02
Office Supplies	173.45	1,933.98	1,750.00	(183.
Lease Purchase of Office Equipment	303.37	974.37	2,250.00	1,275.
Cost of Equip. to Tribe(NFS)	415.67	2,500.02	2,500.00	-0-
Telephone	-0-	-0-	1,000.00	1,000.
Postage & Freight	-0-	46.00	250.00	204.
Bonding Insurance	-0-	821.00	-0-	(821.
Total Non-Personnel Costs	585.92	5,010.47	9,500.00	4,489.
Total Federal Costs	5,014.06	31,992.93	44,113.00	12,120.
Total Non-Fed. Share	632.50	3,795.00	3,795.00	-0-
Total Costs	5,646.56	35,787.93	47,908.00	12,120.

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Community Action Program
Statement of Expenditures

Acct. #	Name of Account	Current	YR. To Date	Budgeted	Remaining
310-01	Administrative Director	$1,000.00	$ 7,250.00	$14,500.00	$ 6,750.00
311-01	Administrative Assistant-RICHARDS	720.00	6,332.84	13,500.00	8,167.16
312-01	Data Coordinator	620.26	4,413.26	8,000.00	3,600.74
313-01	Secretary	564.00	2,933.00	5,460.00	2,527.00
314-01	Fiscal Clerk	630.00	994.00	4,725.00	3,731.00
315-01	Fiscal Manager	726.00	5,516.42	6,000.00	575.58
316-01	Associate Payroll Clerk	518.00	3,679.00	3,720.00	41.00
317-01	Payroll Clerk	300.00	1,713.50	3,147.50	1,434.50
318-01	Assistant Fiscal Manager	- 0 -	502.50	1,578.00	4,075.50
320-01	Fringe Benefits	284.43	2,819.63	6,220.00	3,400.37
410-01	Audit Services	- 0 -	- 0 -	3,000.00	3,000.
TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS:		$5,366.69	$32,046.55	$80,225.00	$37,178.45
121-01	In-Community Travel	72.00	277.28	1,500.00	1,222.72
711-01	Out-Of-Community Travel	256.17	1,393.54	2,700.00	1,306.46
510-01	Office Space Rental	- 0 -	- 0 -	2,500.	2,500.00
721-01	Office Supplies	(10.30)	1,817.38	3,000.00	1,182.62
811-01	Lease, Purchase of Equipment	52.50	1,027.37	4,000.00	2,972.63
722-01	Telephone	3,106.32	3,106.32	2,000.00	(1,106.32)
731-01	Postage and Freight	30.00	30.00	250.00	220.00
512-01	Bonding Insurance	- 0 -	921.00	- 0 -	(921.00)
TOTAL NON PERSONNEL COSTS:		3,507.32	8,515.29	19,000.00	10,484.71
TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES		$8,870.01	$40,563.84	$83,225.00	$47,661.16
811-01	Space Costs to Tribe NFS	215.83	1,510.81	2,590.00	1,079.19
811-01	Cost of Equipment to the Tribe NFS	416.67	2,916.69	5,000.00	2,083.31
TOTAL NON FEDERAL SHARE COSTS		632.50	4,427.50	7,590.00	3,162.50
TOTAL COSTS - ADMINISTRATION		$9,203.41	$44,991.34	$90,815.00	$50,823.66

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OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
Box 379
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57770

No 4565

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
GORDON, NEBRASKA
36-278
1041

PAY [illegible] AND 76/100

DATE: 6/6/73
AMOUNT: $ 199.76

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE

ORDER OF: Ben Richards

NOT NEGOTIABLE

CBT TREASURER

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PAYEE: DETACH THIS STATEMENT BEFORE DEPOSITING CHECK

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE

DATE	INVOICE NO.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DISCOUNT OR DEDUCTION	NET AMOUNT
6/6/73	V.A 3197	Pay Period #12, May 28th, thru June 1st, 1973.	199.76	211-01	199.76

CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: [signature]

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE

PAY PERIOD ENDING	HOURS	RATE	GROSS EARNINGS	DEDUCTIONS F.I.C.A.	DEDUCTIONS FEDERAL W.TH. TAX	DEDUCTIONS STATE WITH. TAX	DEDUCTIONS	DEDUCTIONS	NET EARNINGS PAID
6/1/73	REG. 80 TIME OVER TIME	3.00	240.00	19.04	23.00	-	2.40	40.24	199.76

EMPLOYEE: THIS IS A STATEMENT OF YOUR EARNINGS AND DEDUCTIONS FOR THE PERIOD INDICATED KEEP THIS FOR YOUR PERMANENT RECORD

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MOVEMENT SECTION
SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832) (P)

WOUNDED KNEE WEEKLY SUMMARY.

RE SUMMARY TEL DATED 5/12/73; BUREAU AIRTEL TO MINNEAPOLIS DATED 5/15/73.

AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 P.M., 5/14/73, A HOUSE AT PINE RIDGE, S.D., OWNED BY DICK WILSON, OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, BROKE OUT IN FLAMES AND WITHIN MINUTES WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. EXAMINATION OF BURNED OUT BUILDING DISCLOSED POSSIBLE EVIDENCE OF ARSON. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE ORIGIN OF THIS FIRE.

DEL EASTMAN, HEAD OF BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) POLICE, PINE RIDGE, S.D., ADVISED ON 5/16/73 HE BECAME AWARE OF A CONCENTRATION OF HIPPIE-TYPE, INDIANS AND CHICANOS AT RANCH OF FRANK FOOLS CROW, NEAR KYLE, S.D., WHICH IS SITE FOR MEETING OF WHITE HOUSE DELEGATION AND OGLALA SIOUX CHIEF AND HEADSMEN ON 5/17/73.

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EASTMAN SET UP ROADBLOCKS IN VICINITY OF FOOLS CROW RANCH ON 5/15/73 AND ANTICIPATED SERVING TRIBAL EVICTION ORDERS ON 5/16/73 ON THOSE UNABLE TO GIVE A GOOD ACCOUNTING OF THEMSELVES OR THEIR PRESENCE. EASTMAN CONFERRED WITH DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY R. DENNIS ICKES ON 5/15/73 AND REMOVED ROADBLOCKS SHORTLY THEREAFTER ON INDICATIONS WHITE HOUSE WANTED NOTHING DONE WHICH WOULD DISRUPT SCHEDULED CONFERENCE.

ON MORNING OF 5/16/73, EASTMAN ADVISED A FEDERAL RESTRAINING ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED PREVENTING HIM FROM SERVING EVICTION ORDERS AT THE FOOLS CROW RANCH. RESTRAINING ORDER, ACCORDING TO EASTMAN, EXTENDS THROUGH 5/20/73.

ON 5/16/73, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY R. DENNIS ICKES ADVISED WHITE HOUSE DELEGATION CONSISTING OF BRADLEY PATTERSON, CHARLES M. SOLLER, CRAIG A. DECKER, LESLIE GAY, AND BARBARA KILBERG, PLUS WHITE HOUSE STAFF PERSONNEL WOULD ARRIVE AT DENVER, COLORADO AT 7:00 P.M., 5/16/73, AND WOULD BE QUARTERED AT GORDON, NEBRASKA. DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DICK WILSON AT 9:00 A.M., 5/17/73. DELEGATION WILL THEN PROCEED

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BY HELICOPTER TO RANCH OF FRANK FOOLS CROW WHERE MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH TRIBAL CHIEF AND HEADSMEN. DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE CONCERNING 1868 TREATY.

ON 5/17/73, DICK WILSON, OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN, ADVISED HE MET WITH WHITE HOUSE DELEGATION FOR ONE HOUR AT 9:00 A.M., 5/17/73. DURING MEETING WILSON EMPHASIZED NEED FOR RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL AS TRUE REPRESENTATIVES AND GOVERNING BODY OF TRIBE. WILSON WAS ASSURED BY WHITE HOUSE DELEGATION OF THIS RECOGNITION WITH INDICATION DELEGATION WOULD MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO THIS EFFECT. WILSON ALSO EMPHASIZED SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS BY DELEGATES SHOULD BE HELD WITH ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF TRIBE RATHER THAN TRADITIONAL CHIEFS AND HEADSMEN.

WILSON ADVISED WHITE HOUSE DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH NINE TRIBAL CHAIRMEN OF UNITED SIOUX TRIBES OF SOUTH DAKOTA ON 5/19/73 AT PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA, WHERE EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON ROLE OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AS DULY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIANS.

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INVESTIGATION OF HIDES OR PARTS OF HIDES OF CATTLE FOUND INSIDE WOUNDED KNEE BY JIM HOLLOWAY, CHIEF BRAND INSPECTOR OF SOUTH DAKOTA, REVEALED DISCOVERY OF ELEVEN HIDES OR PARTS OF HIDES. HOLLOWAY'S INSPECTION RESULTED IN IDENTIFICATION OF HIDE OF ONE BULL AND FIVE CALVES AS BELONGING TO RANCHER GEORGE COATS. THREE OF THE HIDES WERE FOUND ON FENCE BEHIND TEPEE CHURCH, TWO HIDES FOUND BEHIND TRADING POST, AND THE BULL HIDE WAS FOUND IN A BUILDING EAST OF THE MUSEUM. TWO HIDES WITHOUT BRANDS WERE LOCATED BEHIND TEPEE CHURCH AND ONE CALF HIDE WITHOUT BRAND DISCOVERED BEHIND GILDERSLEEVE HOME. EXAMINATION BEING CONDUCTED FOR POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF ONE OTHER HIDE.

RAPID CITY RADIO STATION BROADCAST DURING MORNING, 5/17/73, REVEALED POSSIBILITY A BONDING FIRM FROM FLORIDA WOULD POSSIBLY PAY $125,000 BOND FOR AIM LEADER RUSSELL MEANS, WHO IS NOW CONFINED IN MINNEHAHA COUNTY JAIL, SIOUX FALLS, S.D.

CHECK WITH CHIEF DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, DISCLOSED NO ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HOLD BOND HEARING FOR MEANS AND MEANS CONTINUES TO REMAIN CONFINED.

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SEARCH OF WOUNDED KNEE AREA CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER OCCUPATION BY FEDERAL FORCES DISCLOSED FOLLOWING APPROXIMATE RECOVERY VALUE OF ITEMS LOCATED:

MONEY ORDERS AND STAMPS	$ 2,870.29
ARTIFACTS FROM MUSEUM	16,387.06
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	76,495.20
ITEMS FROM TRADING POST	22,293.62
MOTOR VEHICLES	88,370.00
APPROXIMATE TOTAL	$206,416.17

NO ADDITIONAL ARRESTS MADE SINCE LAST SUMMARY, 5/12/73. TOTAL ARRESTS TO DATE 237. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE FUGITIVES ON WHOM FEDERAL PROCESS EXISTS.

INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

SINCE 5/8/73, BOTH JEEP AND FOOT PATROLS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED OF AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING WOUNDED KNEE IN EFFORT TO LOCATE POSSIBLE ROUTS UTILIZED BY INDIANS TO INFILTRATE INTO WOUNDED KNEE BYPASSING FEDERAL ROADBLOCKS. SEARCHES CONDUCTED IN EFFORT TO LOCATE POSSIBLE BURIAL SITES FOR WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES.

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ON 5/16,17/73, DUE TO ROUGH TERRAIN INVOLVED, SA'S UTILIZING HORSES HAVE CONDUCTED THESE SEARCHES OF GULLIES, RAVINES AND DRAWS. POSSIBLE HORSE TRAILS FROM PORCUPINE, S.D., A CENTER OF AIM ACTIVITY, TO WOUNDED KNEE ALSO BEING SEARCHED BY AGENTS ON HORSEBACK.

REFERENCED SUMMARY TEL SET FORTH INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION OF VIDEO TAPE DURING SEARCH INSIDE WOUNDED KNEE, WHICH PORTRAYED CLOSE-UP PHOTOS OF INDIVIDUALS CARRYING SHOULDER WEAPONS, ETC. COPIES OF THIS VIDEO TAPE HAVE BEEN MADE AND ARE IN PROCESS OF BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU FOR CLIPPING AND POSSIBLE USE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

EVIDENCE SEIZED BY SEARCH WARRANT AT RAPID CITY COMMUNITY HALL ON 5/5/73, REVEALED PERSONAL PAPERS OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS ON WHOM SEPARATE CASES HAVE BEEN OPENED. SOURCES INDICATE SEIZURE OF FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, BEDDING AND MISCELLANEOUS CAMPING EQUIPMENT HAVE DEMORALIZING EFFECT ON AIM, WOUNDED KNEE SUPPORT GROUPS, AS SEIZURE OF SUPPLIES COMPLETELY DISRUPTED THE SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES TO WOUNDED KNEE INSURGENTS.

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FEDERAL SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED 5/9/73 ON WOUNDED KNEE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, 208 NORTH 11TH, RAPID CITY, S.D., RESULTED IN SEIZURE OF A QUANTITY OF RECORDS, PAPERS AND NOTEBOOKS INCLUDING APRIL TELEPHONE BILL. ANALYSIS OF PHONE BILL DISCLOSED CALLS PLACED TO APPROXIMATELY 514 PHONES THROUGHOUT U. S. AND CANADA. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS OF THESE PHONES. OTHER PHONE NUMBERS LOCATED IN PAPERS ALSO BEING HANDLED. TOTAL OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS REQUIRING IDENTIFICATION IS EXPECTED TO TOTAL 1000. THESE PHONE NUMBERS BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU FOR INCLUSION IN BUREAU COMPUTERIZED TELEPHONE INDEX.

MAILING LISTS AND RECORDS INCLUDED NUMEROUS NAMES AND ADDRESSES, WHICH HAVE NECESSITATED OPENING OF FIVE SUB VOLUMES IN ORIGINAL WOUNDED KNEE CASE FILE. THESE NAMES BEING FORWARDED TO PROPER FIELD OFFICES FOR IDENTIFICATION. EXCELLENT RESULTS OF THIS SEARCH ELICITED FAVORABLE COMMENTS FROM DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD HELSTEIN.

SEARCH OF BUILDINGS INSIDE WOUNDED KNEE DISCLOSED TYPEWRITER CASE FULL OF RECORDS WHICH APPEAR TO BE PERSONAL RECORDS OF

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RUSSELL MEANS. RECORDS CONTAIN POSSIBLE AIM MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR NORTH CENTRAL U.S., WHICH WAS POSSIBLY COMPILED BY MEANS DURING MID-FEBRUARY AND WAS AMENDED DURING OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE. SEPARATE CASE FILE HAS BEEN OPENED CONCERNING THIS EVIDENCE.

DISCOVERY OF A GUN LIST POSSIBLY USED BY DENNIS BANKS, ASSIGNING VARIOUS WEAPONS TO INDIVIDUALS, RESULTED IN OPENING ADDITIONAL CASE FOR PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION OF ALL INDIVIDUALS NAMED ON THE LIST FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL PROSECUTION.

AS OF AFTERNOON, 5/17/73 THERE WERE 93 PENDING CASES IN THE 44, 70, 89, and 176 CLASSIFICATIONS, WITH 32 PENDING LEADS IN THESE SAME CLASSIFICATIONS. THESE CASES ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO WOUNDED KNEE SPECIAL AND DO NOT INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY 35 CASES AND TWO LEADS IN OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS NOT RELATED TO WOUNDED KNEE.

REPORTS PRESENTLY BEING PREPARED ON EIGHT PRINCIPAL AIM LEADERS WITH SCHEDULED COMPLETION BY 5/18/73. IT IS ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL LEADS WILL RESULT FROM THESE REPORTS.

UAC, AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS 5/23/73, THE COMMAND POST AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, WILL CLOSE AND COMMAND POST OPERATION

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WILL BEGIN AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON 5/24/73. OVERTIME PAY WILL BE CUT OFF AS OF COB 5/23/73, WITH FIVE DAY WORK WEEK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN 5/24/73.

IT IS ANTICIPATED AS OF COB, 5/23/73 THERE WILL BE 17 OUT OF OFFICE SA'S PLUS 20 MINNEAPOLIS SA'S FOR A TOTAL COMPLEMENT OF 37 SA'S ASSIGNED TO WOUNDED KNEE SPECIAL. THEY WILL BE SUPPORTED BY 4-6 STENOGRAPHERS AND 3-4 CLERKS. SIXTEEN OF THE SEVENTEEN OUT OF OFFICE SA'S WILL HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO WOUNDED KNEE OVER 30 DAYS AS OF 5/27,28,29/73, PRIOR TO RELEASE OF THESE SA'S, EVALUATION WILL BE MADE BY SAC, MINNEAPOLIS REGARDING MANPOWER NEEDS. BASED ON THIS MANPOWER EVALUATION, IF OUT OF OFFICE SA'S ARE STILL NEEDED, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR REPLACEMENT OF SA'S WITH OVER 30-DAYS CONTINUOUS ASSIGNMENT, WHO SHOULD ROTATE TO THEIR OFFICES OF ASSIGNMENT.

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FOLLOWING FIGURES REGARDING PERSONNEL ARE AS OF COB, 5/17/73:

OUT OF OFFICE SA'S, INCLUDING TWO ASAC'S TOTAL 67. MINNEAPOLIS

SA'S ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL TOTAL 16. TOTAL SA COMPLEMENT, INCLUDING

TWO ASAC'S IS 83. IT IS NOTED TOTAL SA COMPLEMENT HAS BEEN

REDUCED BY 43 SA'S SINCE 5/12/73.

END.

cc- Mr Miller

ccs: Mr. Herington
Mr. Miller
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Cleveland

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May 18, 1973
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns situation at Wounded Knee (WK) as of 5/17/73.

On 5/14/73, a house at Pine Ridge, South Dakota (SD), owned by Dick Wilson, Oglala Sioux Tribal Council Chairman, was destroyed by fire with evidence of possible arson. Del Eastman, head of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police, reported concentration of Hippie Type, Indians and Chicanos at ranch of Frank Fools Crow near Kyle, SD, which is site for meeting of White House Delegation and Oglala Sioux Chief and Headsmen on 5/17/73. Eastman anticipated serving tribal eviction orders on those individuals unable to give good account of themselves, however, a Federal restraining order had been issued preventing Eastman from serving eviction orders at Fools Crow Ranch. Restraining order extends through 5/20/73. White House Delegation was scheduled to meet with Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman Dick Wilson, 9:00 a.m., 5/17/73. Delegation will then proceed by helicopter to ranch of Frank Fools Crow where meeting will be held with Tribal Chief and Headsmen.

Chief Brand Inspector of SD identified hides of one bull and five calves of the eleven hides or parts of hides found inside WK as belonging to local rancher. Radio station broadcast, Rapid City, SD, 5/17/73, revealed possibility bonding firm from Florida would pay $125,000 bond for American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Russell Means who is presently confined in county jail, Sioux Falls, SD.

Search of WK area recovered numerous items with approximate total value of over $206,000. No additional arrests made since 5/12/73, and total arrests to date 237. Searches continue in effort to locate possible burial sites for weapons and supplies. Federal search warrant executed 5/9/73, on WK Communications Center, Rapid City, SD, resulted in seizure of quantity of records including April telephone bill which indicated calls placed to approximately 514 phones throughout U.S. and Canada.

Search of buildings inside WK also resulted in recovery of records which appear to be personal records of Russell Means. Records contain possible AIM membership list for north central U.S.

Total Special Agent complement including two ASACs is 83. As of close of business 5/23/73, Command Post, Pine Ridge, SD. will close and command post operation will begin at Rapid City, SD, 5/24/73.

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MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	7/26/74	7/5-7/17/74

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
RICHARD WILSON; BENNIE DUANE RICHARDS; LELAND BEARHEELS	LARRY L. DE WITT	srs
	CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - EMBEZZLEMENT	

REFERENCE:

Minneapolis report of SA LARRY L. DE WITT, 8/23/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Contact has been maintained with AUSAs RICHARD D. HURD, EDWARD E. CARPENTER, and ROBERT D. HIARING, Sioux Falls, South Dakota re this matter.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED — NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ] NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [X] YES [ ] NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Title: RICHARD WILSON;
BENNIE DUANE RICHARDS;
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Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - EMBEZZLEMENT

Synopsis: RICHARD WILSON, Oglala Sioux Tribe President, interviewed by FBI on July 12, 1974 at which time he advised that he had hired RICHARDS for the position of Assistant Director of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Rangers. Assistant United States Attorney HIARING, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that this matter, after detailed review, did not merit Federal prosecution.

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DETAILS:

On July 5, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney ROBERT D. HIARING, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that he desired to have RICHARD WILSON, current president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, interviewed in regard to this matter before rendering a final prosecutive opinion.

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Date of transcription July 18, 1974

RICHARD WILSON, President, Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge Agency, was contacted at the law firm of Costello, Porter, Hill, Banks, and Nelson, 704 St. Joseph Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, at which time WILSON was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent by display of credentials.

Also present at that time was attorney DENNIS HILL of the above law firm and PAT LEE, the Representative of the OST, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota.

WILSON was advised by the contacting Agent that individuals had made allegations against WILSON, which allegations were possibly in violation of Federal Criminal Statutes.

WILSON was advised that individuals had alleged that WILSON had hired BENNY RICHARDS to a position for which RICHARDS was obviously not qualified, and that other irregularities had been alleged regarding RICHARDS position. WILSON was advised that the above allegation was possibly in violation of Federal Criminal Statutes.

Attorney DENNIS HILL asked WILSON if WILSON desired to talk about the above allegation and WILSON replied to the effect that he would gladly talk about the above allegation.

WILSON thereafter advised that he had hired BENNY RICHARDS as Assistant Director of the OST Rangers.

It was agreed that WILSON would be afforded an opportunity to review his records and notes to refresh his memory and he would thereafter gladly make himself available for interview by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the near future, if the Federal Bureau of Investigation so desired.

Interviewed on 7/12/74 at Rapid City, South Dakota File # MP 70-7033

by SA LARRY L. DEWITT:LLD:Mec Date dictated 7/17/74

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On July 17, 1974, a conference was held between Assistant United States Attorney HIARING and SA LARRY L. DE WITT at the United States Attorney's Office, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at which time this matter was discussed in detail.

Assistant United States Attorney HIARING thereafter advised that after detailed review of this matter, he felt that additional investigation was not warranted in this matter and that this matter did not merit Federal prosecution.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	6/24/75	5/21/75

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, aka; ET AL	RONALD E. BRUGGER	mjs

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - EMBEZZLEMENT OF TRIBAL FUNDS; FAG

REFERENCE

Minneapolis report of SA RONALD E. BRUGGER, 5/27/75.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Delay in reporting is due to case agent being assigned to the Wounded Knee Leadership Trials, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Bufiles 70-59318, 176-2397, and 176-2588).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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MP 70-9027

LEAD

MINNEAPOLIS

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will, through AUSA, District of South Dakota, solicit a prosecutive opinion in the matter of ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, ET AL.

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2025 RELEASE UNDER THE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION RECORDS COLLECTION ACT OF 1992

FD-204 (-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: RONALD E. BRUGGER
Date: June 24, 1975

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Field Office File #: 70-9027

Bureau File #: 46-67126

Title: ORLIN WAYNE WILSON
ET AL

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION -
EMBEZZLEMENT OF TRIBAL FUNDS;
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Synopsis:

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Albuquerque, New Mexico, made available copies of delivery tickets submitted by Lakota Sand and Gravel, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

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DETAILS

At Albuquerque, New Mexico

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FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/23/75

BOB CASWELL, Chief of Disbursement, Accounting and Finance Division, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Federal Building, Albuquerque, New Mexico, furnished the following information:

He stated that he knows nothing more about this transaction than is contained in the file and furnished copies of the following documents:

(1) Invoice number 23236.

(2) Bid proposal number 23721.

(3) Order for supplies or services, dated May 15, 1974.

(4) Delivery tickets, numbered 19848, 19783, 19754, 19860, 19311, 1459, 1461, 1466, and 1059.

Interviewed on 5/21/75 at Albuquerque, New Mexico File # AQ 70-5790

by SA LEOPOLDO E. ARMIJO/sgj Date dictated 5/22/75

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A review of invoice number 23236 disclosed same was submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) by MANNIE WILSON, doing business as Lakota Sand and Gravel, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	11/1/74	9/9/74 - 10/4/74

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
CHANGED ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, Aka, Dick Wilson, Richard Allen Wilson, Richard Wilson, Sr.; RICHARD ALLEN WILSON, Aka, Dick Wilson, Mannie Wilson, Richard Wilson, Jr.	RONALD E. BRUGGER	11

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - EMBEZZLEMENT OF TRIBAL FUNDS;
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Title marked "CHANGED" to reflect subject's true names as reflected on Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe census records; previously carried as "RICHARD WILSON, SR., Aka Dick Wilson; RICHARD WILSON, JR., Etc., Et al".

REFERENCE:

Minneapolis report of SA RONALD E. BRUGGER, 9/6/74;
FD 470 to Bureau, 9/18/74;
Denver airtel to Albuquerque, 10/11/74.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Albuquerque should note Minneapolis realizes copies of the requested Delivery Tickets may be obtained through BIA, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, to support payments disbursed. However, due to the nature of the allegations involved and in view of the fact many individuals who are employed by BIA, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, were placed by DICK WILSON, SR., it is not believed a true accounting of these tickets could be made by Minneapolis at Pine Ridge.

LEADS

ALBUQUERQUE

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Will, through Division of Financial Management, BIA, attempt to locate any payments to Lakota Sand and Gravel Company, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, or Lakota Enterprises, Rapid City, South Dakota, or Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and note whether the Delivery Ticket numbers match any of the Delivery Ticket numbers which are listed on pages 4, 5, and 6, of the Minneapolis report of SA RONALD E. BRUGGER, 9/6/74.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will, through AUSA, District of South Dakota, present the matter involving DICK WILSON, SR., Et Al, upon receiving results of investigation from Albuquerque.

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: RONALD E. BRUGGER
Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: November 1, 1974

Field Office File #: 70-9027
Bureau File #: 46-67126

Title: ORLIN WAYNE WILSON;
RICHARD ALLEN WILSON

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - EMBEZZLEMENT OF TRIBAL FUNDS;
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Synopsis: Superintendent, Hills Material Company, Hot Springs, South Dakota, advised his company charged IAT for gravel picked up by Lakota Sand and Gravel Company in accordance with arrangements made with BRIAN BREWER in May, 1974. FBI Identification Division record of DICK WILSON, SR., set forth.

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DETAILS:

At Hot Springs, South Dakota

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FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription September 19, 1974

MERLE E. JOHNSON, Superintendent, Hills Material Company, was interviewed at his place of business, Hot Springs Quarry, and was told of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview, and being duly sworn, provided the following information:

In late May, 1974, he made arrangements with BRIAN BREWER of the Indian Action Team (IAT), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, for the pickup of gravel by Lakota Sand and Gravel Company (Lakota), which was for use by IAT at the IAT Cement Batch Plant, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The agreement stipulated Lakota was to pick up the gravel for a Pine Ridge, South Dakota, street improvement project and Hills Material Company was to charge IAT. This procedure was followed from the date of the first pickup on May 31, 1974. He understood RICHARD WILSON, JR. operated Lakota.

On July 24, 1974, RICHARD WILSON, SR. appeared at his office and instructed him to credit IAT for ten pickups and to charge Lakota for the gravel. According to WILSON, the gravel referred to was for a Lakota project other than the IAT Cement Batch Plant and the charge to IAT was in error.

He (JOHNSON) made available a copy of the credit slip dated July 24, 1974, which disclosed the following credit: $537.16 as represented by Delivery Tickets 19311, 19754, 19783, 19785, 19848, 19860, 1459, 1461, 1466, and 1059. Copies of the Delivery Tickets were made available by WILSON. He (JOHNSON) made available a copy of the credit slip and the charge slip.

He (JOHNSON) made available copies of the Delivery Tickets, which were examined in his office. The tickets were prepared in the name of IAT, but were prepared by a Hills Material Company employee in accordance with the agreement with BREWER. That is with one exception which was in question, the Lakota truck driver did not prepare the tickets.

He knew of no stolen or lost Delivery Tickets.

Interviewed on 9/16/74 at Hot Springs, South Dakota File # MP 70-9027

by SA RONALD E. BRUGGER/cmk -2- Date dictated 9/19/74

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He noted Lakota used two government trailers with government license plates when Lakota first picked up gravel. Since approximately July, 1974, however, no government trailers were used. He did not note government trucks being used by Lakota.

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MP 70-9027
REB:jmf
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On September 27, 1974, Mrs. DOLORES BLACK FEATHER, Clerk, Census Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), was contacted at her office at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and Mrs. BLACK FEATHER provided the following information from census records:

Name	ORLIN WAYNE WILSON
Aliases	DICK WILSON, RICHARD ALLEN WILSON, RICHARD WILSON, SR.
Enrollment number	U 14732
Percentage Indian	5/16
Date of birth	April 29, 1934

Name	RICHARD ALLEN WILSON
Aliases	DICK WILSON, MANNIE WILSON, RICHARD WILSON, JR.
Enrollment number	U 21080
Percentage Indian	15/32
Date of birth	April 23, 1953

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MP 70-9027
REB:11
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At Pine Ridge, South Dakota

On September 6, 1974, VINCENT BREWER, Tribal Councilman, Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe, advised SA JOHN E. MC CARTY that GERALD ONE FEATHER, Treasurer, Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe, and LLOYD W. EAGLE BULL, Tribal Secretary, Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe, searched Tribal records at his request, but were unable to locate a charter for Lakota Sand and Gravel Company or Lakota Enterprises. ONE FEATHER and EAGLE BULL also searched records for a recent resolution regarding Indian businessmen buying from Indian businessmen, but no record could be located.

On September 9, 1974, the records of the FBI Identification Division, Washington, D.C., were reviewed. No record could be located for BRIAN BREWER, date of birth February 4, 1947.

On October 4, 1974, the records of the FBI Identification Division, Washington, D.C., were reviewed. No record could be located for RICHARD ALLEN WILSON, DICK WILSON, or MANNIE WILSON, date of birth April 23, 1953.

On October 4, 1974, the FBI Identification Division, Washington, D.C., provided the following record:

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USM Sioux Falls SDak	Orlin Wayne Wilson #4033	11-15-54	aslt on Fed officer	Rel on bond for appearance in the Dist of Neb
SO Rushville Nebr	Richard A Wilson	12-24-56	no acct chk	
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Richard Allen Wilson #3410-1221	12-1-69	Ct.1-embezzlement Ct2-conspiracy	1-22-70 None case dism Indictment dism

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The following information from FBI record, NUMBER is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

Description and Related Data:

Race: Ind

Sex: Male

Height: 69"

Weight: 220

Hair: Brn

Eyes: Brn

Date and Place of Birth: 4-29-34 Pine Ridge SD

Scars and Marks: 4" scar rt side hairline; Tattoo DICK across left fingers; 52-w back left hand.

Address: (IN 1969) Box 316 Pine Ridge South Dakota

Occupation: Plumber

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	1/29/75	11/5/74 - 1/22/75

TITLE OF CASE

ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, aka;
ET AL

REPORT MADE BY: RONALD E. BRUGGER — TYPED BY: cmk

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - EMBEZZLEMENT OF TRIBAL FUNDS;
FAG

DISPOSITION SHEET DETACHED AND HANDLED SEPARATELY

REFERENCES

Minneapolis report of SA RONALD E. BRUGGER, dated 11/1/74;
Albuquerque airtel to Minneapolis, dated 11/29/74;
Minneapolis letter to Albuquerque, dated 12/20/74;
Albuquerque letter to Minneapolis, dated 12/31/74;
Minneapolis letter to Albuquerque, dated 1/16/75.

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ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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MP 70-9027

Will, through the Division of Financial Management, BIA, review the supporting documents of the disbursement of $2,500 under voucher #VDD8V1179, invoice #23236, check #32837668, dated August 26, 1974, in an attempt to determine whether said supporting documents include delivery tickets as listed on Pages 4, 5 and 6 of the Minneapolis report of SA RONALD E. BRUGGER, dated September 6, 1974.

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will, when the above lead is covered, present to AUSA, District of South Dakota.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: RONALD E. BRUGGER
Date: January 29, 1975

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Field Office File #: 70-9027

Bureau File #: 46-67126

Title: ORLIN WAYNE WILSON;
ET AL

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - EMBEZZLEMENT OF TRIBAL FUNDS; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Synopsis: BIA officials, Aberdeen, South Dakota, advised that MANNIE WILSON, doing business as Lakota Sand and Gravel Company, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was paid $2,500 on 8/26/74 under contract order number 4A06-0170208; however, the supporting documents for the voucher were filed with BIA, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DETAILS:

On November 5 and December 10, 1974, Assistant U. S. Attorney ROBERT D. HIARING, District of South Dakota, was contacted at his office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and on January 14, 1975, Assistant U. S. Attorney LARRY VON WALD, District of South Dakota, was contacted at his office in Rapid City, South Dakota. Messrs. HIARING and VON WALD advised a decision would be rendered in the matter of ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, JAMES WILSON and RICHARD ALLEN WILSON following the final review of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) records.

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MP 70-9027

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

On November 27, 1974, Mr. A. W. BARTLETT, Chief of Finance, Division of Financial Management, BIA, Department of the Interior, was contacted at his office in the Federal Building. Mr. BARTLETT advised BIA records could not be reviewed in an attempt to locate disbursements to Lakota Sand and Gravel Company without a purchase order number or a contract order number. Mr. BARTLETT further advised these numbers should be available through BIA, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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January 17, 1975
Date of transcription

PETER SCHMIDT, Acting Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Federal Building, provided the following information:

In June, 1974, BIA, Aberdeen, South Dakota, limited local procurement without a contract to $2,500.00. Material procured without a contract would have to have been approved by the Area Procurement Officer, then SIDNEY MILLS.

He was unable to recall transactions involving BIA and Lakota Sand and Gravel Company and/or Lakota Enterprises. He will have one of his subordinates review BIA records, however, to determine whether a contract was extended to one of the firms.

Interviewed on 1/15/75 at Aberdeen, South Dakota File # MP 70-9027

by SA RONALD E. BRUGGER/cmk Date dictated 1/16/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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January 17, 1975
Date of transcription

NEIL CHAUNCEY, Assistant Area Road Engineer, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Federal Building, provided the following information:

BIA records for fiscal year 1974 disclosed one contract doing business as Lakota Sand and Gravel Company, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The contract order number was 4A06-0170208, and was for "concrete sand" and "sand plant rock - 3/4," not to exceed $2,500.00.

Records also disclosed $2,500 was disbursed to Lakota Sand and Gravel under invoice number 23236, voucher number VD08V1179, and check number 32837688, dated August 26, 1974. The authority for the disbursement was the above mentioned contract, number 4A06-0170208.

He made available a copy of the contract.

Interviewed on 1/15/75 at Aberdeen, South Dakota File # MP 70-9027

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription January 29, 1975

SIDNEY MILLS, Acting Deputy Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Federal Building, Aberdeen, South Dakota, provided the following information telephonically:

He failed to recall an approval for payment for Lakota Sand and Gravel Company (Lakota) or for Lakota Enterprises or MANNIE WILSON during the past year for services at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota.

He was quite sure if Lakota was under contract or order number, all payments would have been referenced to that contract or order number.

Interviewed on 1/22/75 at Rapid City, South Dakota File # MP 70-9027

by SA RONALD E. BRUGGER/cmk Date dictated 1/28/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	5/27/75	3/25 - 5/5/75

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
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	CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - EMBEZZLEMENT OF TRIBAL FUNDS; FAG	

REFERENCE

Minneapolis report of SA RONALD E. BRUGGER, dated 3/27/75.

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LEADS

ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Will, through the Division of Financial Management, BIA, review the supporting documents of the disbursement of $2500 under voucher #VD08V1179, invoice #23236, check #32837688, dated August 26, 1974, in an attempt to determine whether said supporting documents

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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include Delivery Tickets as listed on Pages 4, 5 and 6 of Minneapolis report of SA RONALD E. BRUGGER, dated September 6, 1974.

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Upon receiving a reply from Albuquerque, will present to Assistant U. S. Attorney, District of South Dakota.

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Date: May 27, 1975

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Title: ORLIN WAYNE WILSON;
ET AL

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - EMBEZZLEMENT OF TRIBAL FUNDS; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Synopsis: VINCENT BREWER, original complainant, reinterviewed and signed sworn statement obtained. BREWER told of a conversation he had with RICHARD WILSON regarding bidding for gravel contract let by Indian Action Team and how WILSON thereafter "took" the contract although WILSON was a high bidder. BREWER also admitted he told BRYAN BREWER, his son, who was in charge of the cement batch plant, to..."go ahead and let WILSON haul the gravel..." and he would report it to the FBI.

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DETAILS:

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

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"Rapid City, SD

"March 25, 1975

"I, Vincent Brewer, being duly sworn, make the following voluntary statement to Ronald E. Brugger who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI. Agent Brugger has informed me as to the purpose of the interview. No threats or promises have been made.

"Under the Indian Preference Act a company which is Indian owned and operated, and located on an Indian reservation, can be granted a contract if the company meets the low bid of another company which is a non Indian owned & operated company. The company can not set the bid but can meet the bid.

"Last Spring, 1974, I personally talked to Dick Wilson, tribal chairman, at my residence. Wilson came to my house on his own. I did not invite him.

"Wilson said he could not meet the price per ton of gravel the Indian Action Team (IAT) had. Wilson said he needed the business and asked if there was some way he could get the contract for gravel the IAT was then letting. I told Wilson

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the only way he could get the contract was to meet the bid of the other companies.

"I did not know then but I have since found out Wilson wanted the contract for Lakota Sand and Gravel Company which I understand is owned by him. In talking to my son, Bryan Brewer, I understood that Hills Material Company, Hot Springs, SD, offered a bid of $7.50 per ton, delivered, for gravel and Oral Sand and Gravel Company, Oral, SD, offered a like bid. I also understand through Bryan that Wilsons bid was approximately $11 or $12 per ton of gravel. Bryan told me after that Wilson "took" the contract.

"At the above mentioned meeting with Wilson I suggested Wilson go to IAT, Denver, Colorado, to talk the matter over. Wilson thereafter went with Jim Wilson & Bryan and Bryan told me the Wilsons did not want to go into IAT after they arrived in Denver and to the best of Bryans knowledge they did not go into IAT. Bryan thereafter asked me what he should do because Wilson was telling Bryan he (Wilson) was going to haul the gravel and that's all there was to it. I told Bryan to go ahead and let Wilson haul the gravel and that I would report it to the FBI which I did.

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"I know of no resolution passed by the Tribal Council which would give IAT the right to offer a contract to a high bidder. I am currently a tribal councilman and have been for approximately one and one half years.

"When I first contacted the FBI about the above I also mentioned a $650,000 street improvement contract which was to be let by the U. S. government. I told the agent I contacted, John McCarty, that the money was intercepted by Richard Wilson and James Wilson and deposited into a bank in Gordon, Nebraska. I had no firm information as to that allegation but it was more or less rumor which I wanted to pass onto the FBI.

"I have no first hand knowledge about Lakota Sand & Gravel Company being paid $10,000 illegally for leveling two lots in Pine Ridge, SD.

"I have no first hand knowledge about Dick Wilson being paid a kickback of $65,000 for a street repair contract. I have read the above statement, of four pages, and it is true in the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Vincent V. Brewer

"March 25, 1975

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"Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of March, 1975.

"Ronald E. Brugger

"Special Agent - FBI"

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Date of transcription 3/31/75

IKE BETTELYOUN, Manager, Indian Action Team (IAT), Cement Batch Plant, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was interviewed at the Federal Building, at which time he provided the following information:

He was manager of the IAT Cement Batch Plant, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, from April, 1974, until it closed in approximately December, 1974. During that period he had no contact with DICK WILSON, SR. of Lakota Sand and Gravel Company, (Lakota), Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Business transactions involving WILSON were conducted through BRYAN BREWER, then Director, IAT.

He had seen bills, however, from Lakota in which Lakota charged IAT for both gravel and delivery which totalled approximately $14 per ton. It was his understanding IAT would have been able to obtain gravel from Hills Material Company, Hot Springs, South Dakota, at $6 or $7 a ton delivered.

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by SA RONALD E. BRUGGER / sb Date dictated ~~3/25/75~~

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/1/75

ED D. GAISER, Vice President and General Manager, Hills Material Company, was interviewed at his office at 1311 West Main Street, at which time he provided the following information:

He recalled a verbal quote to Lakota Sand and Gravel Company (Lakota), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, last year from the Hot Springs, Quarry of Hills Material Company. At this point he conferred telephonically with MERLE JOHNSON, his superintendent at the Quarry. Lakota was given the contractors price of $2.70 per ton per concrete rock and $1.50 per ton per sand. The price per ton is the quarry price, that is, not delivered. Lakota has purchased both rock and sand.

Indian Action Team (IAT), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was given a written quote, dated April 25, 1974, for material delivered to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, as follows:

$6.32 per ton per concrete mix which is a combination of sand and gravel; $5.82 per ton per concrete sand; $7.87 per ton per crushed limestone; and $7.37 per ton per crushed base course. The concrete mix could be used to mix concrete. A combination of concrete sand and crushed limestone could be used to mix concrete.

The written quote to IAT was given to BRIAN BREWER.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On May 5, 1975, the records of the FBI Identification Division were reviewed. No record could be located for RICHARD WILSON, JR. or MANNIE WILSON, date of birth April 23, 1953. A record was disclosed for ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, also known as DICK WILSON, date of birth April 25, 1934, which remained unchanged from a previous submission.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	3/27/75	2/28 - 3/1/75

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, aka ET AL	SA RONALD E. BRUGGER	sb

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - EMBEZZLEMENT OF TRIBAL FUNDS;
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REFERENCE:

Minneapolis report of SA RONALD E. BRUGGER, 1/29/75.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, RICHARD WILSON, JR. and VINCENT BREWER, interviewed February 28, 1975, were being interviewed primarily in connection with a separate matter (MP 70-9729 entitled "ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, aka; Unsubs; WILLIAM ROSSMOORE, et al - VICTIMS," etc.) and were therefore not placed under oath in 70-9027.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED _____ SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MP 70-9027

LEADS

ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Will, through the Division of Financial Management, BIA, review the supporting documents of the disbursement of $2500 under voucher #VD08V1179, invoice #23236, check # 32837688, dated 8/26/74, in an attempt to determine whether said supporting documents include Delivery Tickets as listed on pages 4, 5 and 6 of the Minneapolis report of SA RONALD E. BRUGGER, dated 9/6/74.

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will reinterview VINCENT BREWER and obtain a signed statement regarding the allegation of RICHARD WILSON's circumventing bid procedures on letting sand and gravel contracts on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Report of: RONALD E. BRUGGER
Date: March 27, 1975

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Field Office File #: 70-9027

Bureau File #: 46-67126

Title: ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, ET AL

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - EMBEZZLEMENT OF TRIBAL FUNDS; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Synopsis: ORLIN WAYNE WILSON and RICHARD WILSON, JR. interviewed by Buagents and denied knowledge of wrongdoings by Lakota Sand and Gravel Company, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

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DETAILS:

AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

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(1*) Date of transcription 3/6/75

VINCENT BREWER, Tribal Councilman, Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe, was interviewed in a Bureau automobile outside of his residence, was told the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview at which time he provided the following information:

He preferred not to provide a signed statement.

The Indian Preference Act gave the Tribe the right to award contracts to the low Indian bidder on work contracted on the reservation. However, this Act did not give the Tribe the right to award a contract to an Indian bidder over a white bidder if the Indian bid was higher. He will attempt to locate a Tribal resolution to this effect.

He feels DICK WILSON, Tribal Chairman, arranged to have Lakota Sand and Gravel Company, Lakota, sell gravel to the Tribe at a higher price than Hills Material Company, Hot Springs, South Dakota. Lakota is owned by WILSON.

He denied reporting to SA JOHN E. MC CARTY last spring that DICK WILSON had intercepted $650,000 of road funds and had it on deposit at a Gordon, Nebraska, bank.

Interviewed on 2/28/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-9027

by SA RONALD E. BRUGGER:ll Date dictated 3/4/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(1) Date of transcription 3/7/75

ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, also known as Dick Wilson, Tribal Chairman, Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe, was interviewed at his office on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, the purpose of the interview and of his rights by SA JOHN E. MC CARTY as shown on an executed "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, at which time he provided the following information:

He and his son MANNIE WILSON are owners of Lakota Sand and Gravel Company (Lakota), Pine Ridge, South Dakota. BOB WILSON is his driver. He used two old Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) trailers to haul gravel last year. He borrowed the trailers from STANLEY WALKER of BIA with the understanding he would replace the old tires after using.

He has no knowledge whatsoever of a duplication of payments for Lakota gravel by the Indian Action Team (IAT) and BIA.

The following descriptive information was obtained from WILSON or observed during the interview:

Name	ORLIN WAYNE WILSON
Alias	DICK WILSON
Address	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Position	Tribal Chairman Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	220 pounds
Eyes	Brown, glasses
Hair	Black
Date of birth	April 29, 1934
Tattoos	"DICK" left fingers, one letter on each finger; "52W" back left hand
Education	High School Graduate
Marital Status	Divorced

Interviewed on 2/28/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-9027

by RONALD E. BRUGGER
SA'S JOHN E. MC CARTY:11 Date dictated 3/3/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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RICHARD WILSON, JR., also known as MANNIE WILSON, was interviewed at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) building, was told the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview, was advised of his rights as reflected on an executed "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, at which time he provided the following information:

He and his father, RICHARD WILSON, SR., are owners of Lakota Sand and Gravel Company (Lakota), Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Lakota was incorporated by the State of South Dakota approximately 1½ years ago and its purpose is to supply gravel by Indian contract to anyone on the reservation needing gravel.

He would rather not comment regarding the allegation of Lakota's using Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) vehicles without authorization. He would rather not comment regarding the bidding for gravel on contracts obtained by Lakota.

He did not hear anything to the effect his father intercepted moneys from the federal government for a street improvement contract and put it into the bank to collect interest.

The following information was obtained from WILSON or noted during the interview:

Name	RICHARD WILSON, JR.
Alias	Mannie Wilson
Address	Living with JULIE WILSON, Grandmother
Telephone Number	605-867-5478
Employer	Lakota Sand and Gravel Co., Pine Ridge, South Dakota; Oglala Sioux Rangers, Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Position	Part owner - Lakota Sand and Gravel Co.
Race	Indian

Interviewed on 3/1/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-9027

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Sex	Male
Height	5'7"
Weight	140
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Tattoos	"A" on left shoulder (not seen) "P" on back of left hand by thumb.
Date of birth	April 23, 1953
Place of birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Social Security Account Number	503-66-6547
Education	High School Graduate
Military Service	None
Marital Status	Divorced
Arrests	None admitted

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