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SELECT COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Honorable Kenneth L. Smith, Assistant Secretary
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your response to my inquiry regarding the Affiliated Ute Citizens of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Utah.

The report on the June 17, 1984 meeting with the Board of Directors of the Affiliated Ute Citizens and the Subcommittee for Terminated Uintah Ute Indians raises some significant questions relative to their current status. Although the report explains generally what has transpired since the groups' termination in 1954, the report raises questions involving the legality of the termination itself, as well as the sale of corporate stock prior to the expiration of the 10-year period after termination.

The Committee has received many letters requesting our involvement in clarifying, if not rectifying the terminated Utes' situation. The Committee appreciates the report that you have developed on these groups. Now, our concern is that the questions raised in the report be addressed. We would appreciate it if you would provide the Committee with your views as to how the issues raised in the report will be addressed.

Sincerely,



Mark Andrews
Chairman

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cc: Ms. ✓
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