

December 20, 2004

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Over Fifty years ago, on August 27, 1954, the U.S. Congress passed the Ute Partition Act (UPA), that victimized 490 Americans, adults and minors, who were members of the Uinta Band of Ute Indians in Utah. Based on the lies of federal officials, Congress stripped us, our Grandfathers and Grandmothers, Fathers and Mothers of our federally-recognized tribal identity and our sacred land through a failed "experiment" called "termination", a renounced federal policy of racial and cultural genocide by forced assimilation into the American mainstream society.

We have chosen the Christmas Holiday Season as a symbolic reminder to you that the UPA remains in force as a betrayal of the American values of peace, justice and reconciliation toward its own original inhabitants, the Uinta, many who proudly joined the U.S. Armed Forces to protect the cherished freedoms of this Great Country that Congress denied to them and us in 1954. The U.S. Congressional delegation from Utah ignore massive human rights violations in their own backyard.

We have endured the horror and humiliation of watching helplessly the Federal Courts and the Department of the Interior collaborate with non-Indians and corporate interest to turn our immensely sacred and valuable land, water and mineral rights over to them by fraud and dereliction of the duty.

President Bush, just as you advocate for Human Rights in other Nations, we need your Administration's advocacy and support to work closely with us to eradicate the UPA, a domestic racially-based hate crime law, and show the International Community that America is courageous enough to admit and correct its own "stain" of historical wrongs toward its citizens of Uinta Blood. Until then, we remain victims of this renounced federal "scourge" against the values and democratic traditions that our Nation portrays worldwide as the standard to be achieved by all Nations toward respecting the inalienable human rights of their own minority citizens.

Mr. President, our Nation heard your televised speech in Topeka, Kansas on May 17, 2004 commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education. Your eloquent speech reminded us that the U.S. Congress enacted the UPA, a "codified cruelty, at the service of racism" justifying the segregation and humiliation of the Uinta Band, only three months after the highest court of this Land eradicated the rule of "Jim Crow" in 1954.

We are all members of a Nation that strives to do right and we are dedicated to exposing our Country's failures, correcting our Nation's course and making us all a better and compassionate people. Until the UPA is repealed by Act of Congress or reversed by Court decision, "America has yet to reach the high calling of its own ideals." It remains that in the State of Utah, there has been no bright light of day for True Natural Justice for my People. Why?

Respectfully,

A Proud Uinta and U.S. Citizen