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Re: *Harris v. BIA, et al.*, No. 1:05CV0240B (D.C. Dist.)

Dear Ms. Lyons:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that I and the Acting Superintendent, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, have reviewed the referral of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Bureau of Indian Affairs of a document which may be responsive to the FOIA request of the plaintiff, Billy Gene Harris. The FBI referred the document to the Bureau of Indian Affairs because it believed that it might be responsive and because it wished the BIA concurrence on the release. That document is a letter dated February 28, 1989, from Jack Shoemate, Superintendent, Osage Agency, BIA to the FBI in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A copy of the letter is attached. The Osage Agency and this office do not believe that any privacy concerns are implicated in the release of the letter. Therefore, neither the Osage Agency, BIA, nor this office have any objections to the release of the document in connection with either the FOIA request or in the referenced litigation.

Please advise me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Woodcock
Field Solicitor





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OSAGE AGENCY PAWHUSKA, OKLAHOMA 74058

FEB 28 1989

Federal Bureau of Investigation Attention: Officer In Charge 440 South Houston Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127

Dear Sir:

My office was contacted today by Joe Cheshewalla, son of Joseph E. and Gloria Maude Cheshewalla. He would like to know if it is possible to obtain a listing from you of the personal items taken from the house in the course of your ongoing investigation.

Mrs. Cheshewalla was the Curator of the Osage Tribal Museum at the time of her demise and there were items which she had in her possession that are sorely needed by the Museum Staff in order to complete certain work that was ongoing. Items such as a banner for which the people have made inquiry as to its whereabouts and whether or not they can expect receipt of the banner in the time originally agreed upon. We are in the process of changing all the locks on the Museum and we need to locate keys not only to the exterior, but to the interior as well. This includes file drawers and things of that nature.

If you can be of assistance to us in this matter we would sincerely appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Joe Shewante Superintendent

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