

1 MR. FRANKEL: Excuse me, Judge. Earlier
2 you said that there would be an opportunity for Chiefs
3 American Horse and Red Cloud to make a statement. And
4 the gentlemen have been with us all morning and I'm
5 wondering if you might allow them to do that before it
6 gets too late in the day?

7 JUDGE YOUNG: Yes. If that would be good
8 to do that before lunch that would be fine.

9 MR. FRANKEL: Joe, why don't you say a few
10 words and then Chief Red Cloud can say a few words.

11 JUDGE YOUNG: Welcome to our proceeding
12 also.

13 CHIEF AMERICAN HORSE: Justice Young,
14 Justice Cole and Justice Oliver.

15 JUDGE YOUNG: You've just given us a
16 promotion, but thank you.

17 CHIEF AMERICAN HORSE: (Speaking Lakota.)
18 My name is Joe American Horse. I am from
19 Chief American Horse. Long Knife, the one who owned
20 Long Knife Horses. What that means is that he get all
21 the calvary horses.

22 I'm going to, this is my credential.
23 Justice Cole you can give that to the Chief Judge. If
24 I go to the United Nations I will get you another
25 picture later on for Justice Cole and Oliver. I was

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1 in the Basketball Hall of Fame in Nebraska. I was an
2 athlete when I was young. But today I am a diabetic.
3 I have to watch myself what I eat. I don't use
4 alcohol, I don't use tobacco, and I've got to watch
5 what I eat and I've got to watch where I'm going.
6 Because even the other day I fell down and I scraped
7 myself and it got infected, so. I've also had two
8 surgeries.

9 So in my life I like to have a clean
10 environment. I like to not only myself but some of my
11 other people they have the same thing that we have and
12 that's diabetes. We have diabetics. I don't know
13 where it came from. They say it's our diet and
14 everything like that. But still we still have it on
15 the Indian reservation.

16 Now David was mentioning about 1851 and
17 1868 Treaty. We used to be a large nation. Lakota
18 used to be a large nation with 10,000 campfires. That
19 tells you how large we are. The State of Nebraska,
20 Dakotas, Minnesota and Missouri area all Lakota names,
21 are all Sioux names. So we were that big one time.

22 In 1949 the gold was discovered in
23 California. They want to go through the Indian
24 Country. So they signed this treaty, the 1851 Treaty,
25 to let the settlers and the gold miners go through.

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1 And because of this bad things happened after 1851.
2 And under the leadership of Oliver Red -- Chief Red
3 Cloud, Oliver's grandfather, negotiating another
4 treaty, 1868 Treaty, Fort Laramie Treaty. In that
5 these treaties are supposed to act, they are supposed
6 to follow what they say to us, how to conduct
7 ourselves and like that. They've never been followed
8 through.

9 And right now we're at the Pine Ridge
10 Indian Reservation. They put us on the Indian
11 Reservation after 1868 Treaty. And what happened is
12 that you're not going to see in the -- you're going to
13 see us under the Department of Interior where they
14 have like relics like a skull and tin of our sons and,
15 you know the whole, Yellowstone Park, we're in there
16 somewhere the Indian people. And we'd like to see if
17 we can get out of there.

18 And our concern is really important
19 because the water which we're drinking, the water
20 downwind, we're talking about a sweat lodge we have
21 every two weeks. What that sweat lodge does is that
22 we pray for those people having a hard time, whether
23 the alcoholism, whatever it is. We pray for people
24 that just came back from Vietnam that have a hard
25 time. We also pray for ourselves and for guidance.

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1 And we've been doing this all this time. And it's not
2 just something that we want to do, I mean we just
3 started doing.

4 But anyway, we pray for all those.
5 There's about 3,923 servicemen killed in Iraq. I
6 remember the families like that, you know. So it's
7 not only a prayer for ourselves but for all the
8 people.

9 And the 1868 Treaty was signed in Fort
10 Laramie and Fort Robinson in Crawford, Nebraska, is
11 they used to call it Red Cloud Agency but then they
12 moved to Pine Ridge and then the agency was, I mean
13 Red Cloud Agency was gone. But anyway, just a little
14 history of what happened. And my 1868 Treaty my
15 grandfather, the picture I have is my grandfather. He
16 died in 1910. But he signed the 1868 Treaty as one of
17 the leaders.

18 And I thought I can at this time take a
19 little time to have Mr. Oliver Red Cloud can say
20 something. He's a grandson of Chief Red Cloud.

21 Thank you very much for your kind
22 attention. And welcome to the Mari Sandoz Building
23 and Chadron State College.

24 JUDGE YOUNG: Thank you, Chief American
25 Horse.

1 CHIEF AMERICAN HORSE: You're welcome.

2 (Applause.)

3 JUDGE YOUNG: And welcome, Chief Red
4 Cloud.

5 CHIEF RED CLOUD: Okay, first of all I
6 want to tell you who I am. I am Chief Red Cloud,
7 Oglala Sioux Tribe. And my great, great grandpa made
8 that treaty. Back in the days 1493 you people come
9 here he made that resolution, I mean the treaty not on
10 the United States Constitution, it's on the United
11 Nations. So '51, some say '51. Talking here, at
12 least that you're here you violate Lakota Treaty.
13 Fifty-one, it still stands. Fifty-one it's all
14 mineral rights. And I've been fighting for the treaty
15 rights for Lakota people at reservation.

16 And today I look around, I see young
17 people here talking about treaty. I'm 89 years old.
18 And you kids, you people are just born the other day.
19 And I know what I'm talking about. I've been in
20 Washington, I've been to United Nations, and treaty
21 rights. And today you're talking about some that
22 concern about people.

23 I just had a meeting and I had the same
24 problem about two months ago what we're talking about
25 today. And again in the water rights, you're talking,

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