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The Honorable Paul Mueller  
Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Judge  
P.O. Box 186  
Chamberlain, SD 57325

Dear Judge Mueller:

You have been identified to me as a tribal judge for the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe. I understand you have been in contact with one of my DCI agents, Jim Severson, who was sent to Ft. Thompson last week to serve subpoenas for a criminal prosecution we have begun in Sioux Falls against Becky Red Earth for passing forged absentee ballot requests.

I further understand you indicated to Severson that he had no jurisdiction to serve such process on the reservation and you directed him to refrain from do so, and he complied with your directive. Severson also indicated that you suggested that I call you on this matter.

I would like to discuss this situation with you tomorrow in light of the USSCT case of Nevada V. Hicks, 533 US 353 (2001). My phone number is 605-773-3215.

If you prefer, I can place the call to you, and will do so at such time as you suggest. The number I have for you is 734-5275.

Very truly yours,

  
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