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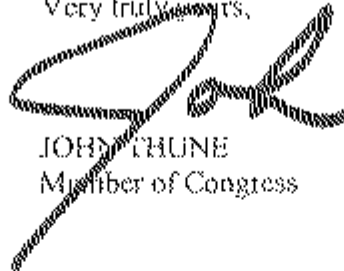
Dear President Bush:

Please find enclosed a copy of the petition for pardon I have received from Joe Warner.

On behalf of my constituent, I am forwarding his petition to you for your review. I would appreciate your review of Joe's situation.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. Please respond directly to Joe with any reply you may have.

Very truly yours,



JOHN THUNE
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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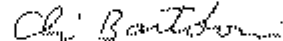
Dear Mr. Warner:

I am in receipt of your pardon application, which Representative Thune forwarded to President Bush.

To make certain that your application receives the proper consideration, I intend to forward it to the Office of the Pardon Attorney of the United States Department of Justice, which assists the White House in connection with requests for executive clemency.

You will be promptly notified once a final decision on your pardon application has been made.

Very truly yours,



H. Christopher Bartolomucci
Associate Counsel to the President

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Joseph William Warner



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Dear President Bush:

B6 Enclosed is a request for a Presidential Pardon from [REDACTED] on behalf of Neil
"Cody" Russell. At their request, I am forwarding this to you for review.

Please respond directly to Mr. Russell with any response you may have. Thank you for your
time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

JOHN THUNE
Member of Congress

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Enclosures

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August 8, 2001

Congressman J. Thune
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Dear Congressman (Senator) Thune,

I am writing this letter with a requests:

I am [redacted] We have a tribal member who is the High School Principal. His name is Neil "Cody" Russell. This request is for him.

He is a U.S. Army combat veteran who went through the living hell of jungle warfare in Vietnam. The tales of war are first hand memories, non-pleasant for him.

When Cody came back to the Reservation he decided to better his educational record. He went to the Social Services officer for financial help. He was consistently turned down.

At one last attempt of inquiry, he saw the Social Services officer in the hallway. He was informed that others had received all the loan money. These people were non-veterans and also were the party crowd.

Mr. Russell informed the Social Services officer of this factor. The Social Services officer turned his back and shrugged his shoulders.

In his anger, Mr. Russell kicked the Social Services officer in the rear and walked off. For this he was cited with a federal offense.

He has attempted several times to get a pardon. Evidently he has contacted the wrong sources.

I am asking you to help this veteran who put his life on the line for his country. He is now and has been a top notch principal.

Will you contact President Bush and ask him for Mr. Neil "Cody" Russell's pardon.

Respectfully,



Lower Brule School System

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