

Transcribed Excerpt from Memo Sent to President Richard Nixon's Administration "Regarding Major Issues with the Wounded Knee Occupation," May 9, 1973

Nixon Administration Issues

1. Halting Of Indian Militancy: Indian militants comprise a “revolutionary Indian element” involved in symbolic action arising from attempts to redress the bloody Indian past. They are not representative of the Indian population at large are criminally orientated, and must be stopped by criminal prosecution-before they create more havoc throughout Indian America.
2. Legitimate Indian Leadership: The Nixon administration is intent on dealing only with elected Indian leaders on Indian reservations and elected Indian leaders of non-reservation groups and associations. The administration currently contends it cannot contract with or serve any but such constituted groups.
3. Quelling Domestic Disorders: The Justice Department not the Interior Department, is the proper agency to handle domestic disorders occurring within any minority in the nation. Infractions of public law require responses from law enforcement officials, not policy-makers from any other department in government. The Justice Department further has the right to pursue prosecution of offenders anywhere within the external borders of the United States.