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SUBJECT: Security Services for Sac and Fox  
Ceremonial Pow Wow

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The following report records technical assistance provided to the Sac and Fox Indian Tribe of Oklahoma for the provision of security for the tribe's ceremonial Pow Wow.

The technical assistance was requested by the Sac and Fox Tribe in order to ensure that the observance of the occasion was in keeping with tribal culture and tradition. The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration approved the tribe's request and the Native American Security Police agency of Shawnee, Oklahoma, was selected to provide security services.

This report is a synopsis of an activity report submitted by Mr. Benjamin Tiger Sr., Security Director of the Native American Security Police.

NATIVE AMERICAN SECURITY POLICE  
SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE SAC AND FOX ANNUAL  
POW WOW AND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The following is an activity report of the Native American Security Police for the provision of security services to the Sac and Fox Annual Pow-Wow and Bicentennial Celebration. The Pow-Wow site was approximately six miles south of Stroud, Oklahoma on Highway 99 in Lincoln County. The assistance was provided on July 9, 10, and 11, 1976.

The consultants appointed were all present with the exception of one, Herschel Tiger, who could not give the time required for the assignment and was replaced by Joe Rice. The following Native American Security Police officers performed the assignment:

Benjamin Tiger Sr.-Shawnee, OK  
Gerald Tiger-Wichita, KA  
Webster Bearbow-Shawnee, OK

Carson Miller-El Reno, OK  
Mitchell Tsoodle-Cushing, OK  
Joe Rice-Meeker, OK

All of the security officers were equipped with side arms, batons, handcuffs, mace, and five-cell flashlights. In addition, the officers were equipped with two walkie-talkies, and two mobile radio units. Radio contact was maintained with all patrols and the check-point station, as well as with the local law enforcement agencies.

Security personnel had the support from all the local law enforcement agencies although physical presence of other agencies was almost non-existent. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office maintained radio contact, and the nearby City of Stroud, Oklahoma, offered its lock-up facilities as holding facilities until transportation could be furnished to transport any prisoners to the county jail at Chandler, Oklahoma, should the lock-up be needed.

The first step was to establish an alcoholic beverage check-point about one hundred yards inside the main entrance. The check point was established at that distance to help prevent any additional traffic congestion on the highway.

All incoming vehicles were welcomed into the area and checked for alcoholic beverages of any nature. All persons found with alcoholic beverages were asked to leave them at the check-point. Those with opened containers were asked to pour them out and the packages or containers that were unopened were tagged for claiming identification. Persons leaving tagged packages or containers at the check-point were told they could claim their packages when

they left the grounds. Those who refused to leave the alcoholic beverages at the check-point were refused entrance to the area. This check-point was established at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 9 and was maintained throughout the activities. The check-point was closed at 2:30 a.m., Monday, July 12. All the packages were reclaimed by the owners.

At least two security officers were on duty at any given time throughout the three day event. The security officers maintained the check-point and directed traffic on the highway at the entrance to the Rodeo and the Pow-Wow. The two events were located on opposite sides of the main highway. Security officers also made vehicle and foot patrols in all the activity areas, and in the camp areas. The various duties and stations were rotated at different intervals among the security officers. Although a few persons managed to get some alcoholic beverages past the check-point they were few in number and, drunkenness was not a major problem.

Security personnel were on duty a total of three hundred and fourteen man hours for the three day annual event. There were three incidents that arose; two of these were of the family disagreement nature and were settled by each of the parties involved going to their respective camps. The third was the only arrest made on the site, the subject was arrested and charged with public drunkenness; whereby, he was taken to the city jail at Stroud, Oklahoma, to be held for transporting to Lincoln County jail at Chandler, Oklahoma by Officers Benjamin Tiger and Gerald Tiger.

It was reported by one of the Pow-Wow committee members that there were in excess of two hundred and forty camps in the area and it was estimated that some six thousand campers and spectators were on the site.

Moody Palmer, a Sac and Fox tribal staff member, stated that he received and overheard many compliments on the professional manner in which the security people conducted their business in traffic control, as well as in their patrol throughout the camp area and the Pow-Wow and Rodeo arenas. He also stated, it was the general feeling of the tribal staff and Pow-Wow committee members that it was largely due to the security force's constant and seemingly tireless efforts that activities remained peaceful and enjoyable.

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