

MEMBER RESERVATIONS

Cheyenne River
Crow Creek
Fort Peck
Lower Brule
Pine Ridge
Rosebud
Standing Rock
Santee
Yankton

BLACK HILLS SIOUX NATION
TREATY COUNCIL
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Statement by Alex White Plume

Regarding the case of North America, the expert, Mr. Gabriel Galanda, an attorney from Seattle, is utilizing federal Indian law as his authority and maintaining that the Indian Reorganization Act Colonial governing councils on Indian reservations are the objective of consultations, seems to render invisible any thought and action from Nations of people who existed before North America. I would venture to comment that federal Indian law is the gatling gun of modern times against our people, just as the gatling gun massacred our ancestors at Wounded Knee in 1890, as it is recognized by us, the traditional people of today's world. Acknowledging the IRA colonial governments, that perspective fails to recognize traditional social and governance systems of the Lakota Tiospaye, which still exists today. Calling upon such a perspective is not only offensive to traditional Lakota people, it deepens the attitude on the international level that we are wards of the state and acknowledges the so called United States of America as the Great White Father. We must constantly work to end that image and relationship. The federal Indian policy of 'consultation' with IRA governments is a tool utilized to further oppress us and deny us not only Human Rights, but our rights as a People and a Nation. We must continue to be clear in our message that while the so called USA continues to treat us as Prisoners of War in POW Camp 344, we refuse to act as refugees in our own lands. The world must begin to see the truth that the so called USA are indeed occupiers of our lands and support actively our rights to our lands and waters. No offense to Mr. Galanda, my comments are regarding the process used to determine who represents us.