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Mr. James A. Finch,
Pardon Attorney,
Department of Justice.

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My dear Mr. Finch:

With further reference to your letter of June 2, dealing with the application of Samuel White Bear for the remission of the fine imposed upon him, I am advised by the Superintendent of the Pine Ridge Reservation that the applicant has returned to said reservation, having paid the fine.

In view of this fact, I assume that no further action is necessary and that the case is disposed of.

The papers submitted by you are herewith returned.

Very truly yours,

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(Signed) E. B. Meritt
Assistant Commissioner.

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YOUR TELEGRAM FIFTEENTH SAM WHITEBEAR CASE REPORTED JULY THIRTEENTH
BRENNAN

1230PM

replied necessary
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PINE RIDGE SD JULY 16

INDIAN OFFICE

WASHINGTON DC

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SAM WHITEBEAR IS BACK ON RESERVATION WAS IN MY OFFICE FEW
MINUTES AGO SAYS HE PAID HIS FINE

BRENNAN

220PM



No telegraphic
reply necessary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Pine Ridge Agency, S. D.

July 13th, 1915.



The Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

FILED BY C. P. F.

Sir:

Referring to Office letter of June 10th, 1915, concerning Samuel White Bear, applicant for executive clemency to the extent of remitting the fine of \$100.00 imposed by the court, beg to advise that the Farmer in charge of the district in which Samuel White Bear resides informs me that this Indian possesses nine cows, one yearling steer, two calves and four head of horses. The cows, steers and calves are trust property or the issue of trust stock. The four head of horses are not trust property and are valued at \$150.00. In addition to the above, there is an Interior Indian Warrant in the sum of \$47.86 for deposit to the credit of Samuel White Bear's account. This money is derived in connection with an issue of eleven head of heifers, as allotment benefits under Section 17, the Act of Mar. 2nd, 1889.

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Allotment number 6090 consisting of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Twp.37, R. 48 W. of the 6th P.M. in South Dakota, 160 acres is in the name of Samuel White Bear and is covered by trust patent.

I trust that the above information will be sufficient for the needs of your office.

Very respectfully,

John R. Gorman

Superintendent.

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Assistant
Pine Ridge

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July 15, 1915.

Brennan, Superintendent,
Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

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Submit immediately reply Office letter ^{June} tenth,
Samuel White Bear case.

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E. B. Merrett

Assistant

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GOVERNMENT NIGHT RATE

Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

June 10, 1915.



Hon. Gato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

FILED BY C. P. F.



My dear Mr. Sells:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, regarding the application for executive clemency of Samuel Whitebear, and note the suggestion you make regarding our form of request for reports.

I will try to include your suggestions in these forms when our next supply is printed and in the meantime will try to bear in mind your suggestion when similar requests are made.

Very truly yours,

James A. Finch
Pardon Attorney.

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JUN 10 1915

Mr. James A. Finch,
Pardon Attorney,
Department of Justice. FILED BY C. P. F.

My dear Mr. Finch:

I have your letter of June 2 calling attention to the application of Samuel White Bear for the remission of the fine imposed upon him and asking for a statement as to the correctness of the prisoner's contention, and whether he has property which would prevent him from taking the poor convict's oath.

As this information is not of record here, I have taken steps to ascertain the truth of White Bear's statement and as soon as it has been received I shall advise you promptly.

In looking over your request, dated March 30, for a report in this case, I find that there was nothing to indicate the nature of White Bear's application and therefore I assumed from the fact that he was serving time then, and would be for a longer period, that he wished to be relieved therefrom.

If you will indicate on future requests the nature of the offense committed, the

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name of the reservation from which the case arose and the nature of the clemency asked for it will prove of material assistance to me in giving you a recommendation, and will also avoid possible misunderstandings, as instanced in this case.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells.
Commissioner.

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JUN 10 1915

Mr. John R. Brennan,

Supt. Pine Ridge School. FILED BY C. P. F.

My dear Mr. Brennan:

In connection with your report, of Oct. 19, 1914, concerning Samuel White Bear, you are advised that he is an applicant for executive clemency to the extent of remitting the fine of \$100 imposed by the Court.

White Bear's states that--"I have no property, real or personal, excepting lands allotted to me and cattle issued to me by the Government and this property I cannot sell to settle this judgment.

And furthermore, these cattle are given to me by the Government to make a living for myself and while I am serving my time here there is no one taking care of these property for me and therefore I want to have my fine remitted."

In order that I may advise the Pardon Attorney concerning the correctness of this statement and the financial standing of the applicant, you are

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requested to prepare and submit at once a complete statement showing what lands, if any, are owned by Samuel White Bear and how held; what cattle he has and whether they are issue stock; and what individual Indian moneys or other property he has that is not subject to execution for debt.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells.

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Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

Mr. James A. Finch,
Pardon Attorney,
Department of Justice.

FILED BY C. P. F.

My dear Mr. Finch:

I have your letter of June 2 calling attention to the application of Samuel White Bear for the remission of the fine imposed upon him and asking for a statement as to the correctness of the prisoner's contention, and whether he has property which would prevent him from taking the poor convict's oath.

As this information is not of record here
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In looking over your request, dated March 30, for a report in this case, I find that there was nothing to indicate the nature of White Bear's application ^{therefore I assumed} and from the fact that he was serving time then, and would be for a longer period, ~~I assumed naturally~~ that he wished to be relieved therefrom.

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Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

June 2, 1915.

Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Washington, D. C.

FILED BY C. P. F.

My dear Mr. Sells:

On taking up the application for remission of fine in the case of Samuel White Bear I find your report of April 9, 1915, recommending against favorable action. I am inclined to think that perhaps the form letter of request for a statement from you did not state the situation quite fully.

The prisoner is not asking for a remission of the imprisonment portion of his sentence, but for a remission of the fine. He claims that he is a ward of the Government, and has no property, real or personal, except land allotted to him and cattle issued to him by the Government, which property he can not sell to satisfy the judgment, and therefore he is in a position where he can not avail himself of the privileges of section 1042, R.S., under which he might be released after a service of thirty days in addition to his penitentiary sentence. Will you be kind enough to inform me if the prisoner's contention is correct, and whether or not he has property which will prevent him from taking the poor convict's oath. The papers in the case are herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

James A. Finch
Pardon Attorney.

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Mr. James A. Finch,
Attorney in Charge of Pardons,
Department of Justice.

My dear Mr. Finch:

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I have your request of March 30, 1915, for a report and recommendation in the case of Samuel White Bear, an Indian who is confined in the Leavenworth penitentiary and who is an applicant for Executive clemency.

In view of the facts before the Office, I recommend against favorable action, and in connection therewith enclose a copy of a very recent report from the Superintendent of the Pine Ridge Reservation dealing with the offense of White Bear and his past record.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells.
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 30, 1915.



Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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Sam'l White Bear, a Federal prisoner
confined in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth,
under sentence imposed by the United States Court
for the District of S. D., is an
applicant for Executive clemency.

Will you be kind enough to report the facts in this case,
and express your opinion as to the expediency and justice of
extending clemency to the applicant, giving the matter the
earliest possible consideration.

By direction of the Attorney General.

Very respectfully,

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James A. Fink
Attorney in charge of Pardons.

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My dear Senator:

There is returned herewith a letter addressed to you from Sam White Bear, an Indian of the Pine Ridge Reservation who is now confined in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The case of this Indian was the subject of Office letter to you dated October 30, 1914.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

Hon. Thomas Sterling,

United States Senate.

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Leavenworth, Kansas, October 18, 1914.

Hon. Thomas Sterling,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

FILED BY G. P. F.

Dear Sir:

First, let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in giving my letter such careful attention and answering it so quickly. In prison we are inclined to think we are forgotten, or ignored and, to meet with courtesy is more than encouraging, it inspires one to make the best of trying conditions and to work for the future.

I am twenty-three years old, not married, and attended the Pine Ridge Boarding School until I finished the seventh grade, spending three years there. Before attending this school, I spent eight years in a district day school, and I spent a few months at the Rapid City Indian School, located at Rapid City, So. Dak. From this place I got in with bad company, left the school and went to Paris, France, taking part in a show, acting as a cowboy.

Since I came home, in the year 1911, I have been ranching on the reservation. I have tried to start a little business there once, but I was turned down by the Indian Agent at Pine Ridge, S. D. And you, being familiar

with conditions there know how extremely hard it is to make a living.

While in school I learned to set type. This is the work I do here. I am going to study grammar by correspondence with the Kansas State Agricultural School during my imprisonment.

For an account of my previous conduct and general reputation, I would refer you to Dr. R. H. Ross, Principal and Physician at Pine Ridge, S. D., And I should think that the Indian Agent (John R. Brennan) ought to know my reputation also.

Again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sam White Bear.

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My dear Senator:

With further reference to my letter of October 13, 1914, regarding Sam White Bear, I have the honor to advise you that this Indian at the May 1913 term of the United States District Court held at Deadwood, pleaded guilty to the charge of introducing liquor on the Pine Ridge Reservation, and was sentenced to serve a term in the Lawrence County jail.

Last December he was again apprehended introducing liquor on to that reservation, and was sentenced by the Federal Court at the September term to one year in the penitentiary.

The record of Sam White Bear is such that the Office would not be warranted in enrolling him at the Carlisle Indian School, or making a favorable recommendation upon an application for Executive Clemency.

I regret that the circumstances and record of this Indian are such as not to justify the Office in taking favorable action in his behalf.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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Hon. Thos. Sterling,

U. S. Senate.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

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Pine Ridge Agency, S.D.

October 19, 1914.

The Honorable:

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

FILED BY G. P. F.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 13, 1914, relative to report on Sam White Bear now confined in the Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

In this connection you are advised that the evidence showed that on or about December 19, 1914, Sam White Bear was at Chadron, Nebraska, and started for home; that he overtook one Peter Shangreau; that Sam was on horseback and Peter was riding in a buggy; that Sam asked to tie his horse by the side of the team and ride in the buggy and permission was granted; that he got into the buggy and produced a bottle and gave Peter Shangreau a drink; that he also stated that he had a jug and a bottle in a gunny sack that was tied to the saddle; that when they got to the reservation he went to the home of Antoine Shangreau, it then being about ten o'clock at night and called the family from their beds and gave them a drink, including Dee Wilkinson, a white man who happened to be spending the night there. Antoine Shangreau and wife filed the complaint against Sam White Bear and he was prosecuted at the September term of U.S. Court at Deadwood, S.D., and convicted and is now serving time for this offense.

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To Commissioner.

The records of this office show that at the May term (1913) of U.S. Court at Deadwood, S.D., Sam White Bear entered a plea of guilty to the charge of introducing liquor on the Pine Ridge Reservation and was sentenced to serve a term in the Lawrence County Jail, Deadwood, S.D. and he was caught on that occasion with seven quarts of whiskey.

Sam White bear is a young able bodied educated Indian but absolutely worthless and a confirmed boozier to the extent of drinking Extracts, Eyewater, Peruna, Celery Compound or any thing else that contains alcohol and a very undesirable character to have on an Indian Reservation, and we believe he is in the proper place for him and regret that his sentence was limited to one year.

Very respectfully,

John R. Sherman
Superintendent.

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My dear Senator:

Regarding the case of Sam White Bear, now confined in the U. S. penitentiary at Leavenworth, and who seeks enrollment in the Indian School at Carlisle, Pa., I have the honor to advise you that steps have been taken to procure full and complete information regarding his case, and as soon as it has been received I shall write you further.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

Hon. Thomas Sterling,

United States Senate.

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Mr. J. R. Brennan,

Supt. Pine Ridge School.

My dear Mr. Brennan:

At the earliest practicable date please submit a full and complete report regarding Sam White Bear, an Indian of your reservation who is confined in the Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. State the offense for which he has been convicted, the circumstances in connection therewith and a report as to his previous conduct and reputation.

Very truly yours, *(Signed) E. B. Meritt*

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~~Second~~ Assistant Commissioner.

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Mr. Francis

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Call me up—
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Sam White 121

in Pen at Leavenworth

Wants to know whether
he can enter school.

Senator Leeting

Pine Ridge