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DIVISION OF INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS
CENTRAL UTAH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Little Dove Buford
FROM: Fred Van Der Veur, Warden
DATE: May 15, 1992
SUBJECT: James Mooney

We wish to show our appreciation for the fine services provided for our staff and inmates by James Mooney, Seminole Medicine Man.

Beginning in October of 1991, Mr. Mooney completed training to become a volunteer. He constructed a Sweat Lodge for the Native Americans incarcerated at CUCF. He has provided a monthly Sweat for the inmates and has conducted the Pipe Ceremony.

James has provided 2 hour cultural workshops on various Native American subjects on a monthly basis. The staff have expressed their thanks to him for this educational effort.

When James comes to CUCF he stays for 2 days. He spends time providing spiritual counseling for inmates, and visiting with inmates who are in the maximum housing unit. He comes early in the morning and leaves late at night.

James gives his travel time and services at no cost to the institution and the inmates. He lives 4 hours travel time one way from CUCF. He has been most generous.

There are 36 Native American inmates at CUCF from 24 different Tribes. James has been able to open lines of communication for these inmates. He is having success with his counseling efforts. Since he began the Sweats and other ceremonies for them, these inmates have not been involved in major disciplinary actions. Many of them have enrolled in Educational and Life Skills Programs.

James has donated several books about Native Americans and the medicine way to the institution. These are regularly checked out by inmates.

Again, we wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the outstanding efforts of James Mooney, Medicine Man. It is a pleasure to work with him.

cc: Bob Steele, Deputy Warden
Dennis Schugk, Prog. XO
James Mooney, Medicine Man