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Assistant Secretary of the Interior

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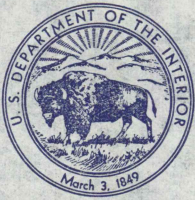
Sincerely yours,

(sgd) John A. Carver, Jr.

Assistant

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Dear Senator Monroney:

We have your referral of October 22, 1962, in the matter of
Mr. Delos Botone.

Mr. Botone's case is under staff consideration and after it
has been carefully reviewed and a decision reached we will
write you again.

We appreciate your interest.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) J. Leonard Merwood

ACTING ASSISTANT Commissioner

Enclosure

October 24, 1962

Mr. Delos Botone
125 Placita De Oro
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Botone:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter and accompanying file which relates to the charges brought against you by the Gallup, New Mexico, Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a matter which you recently discussed with Mr. Jay Perry.

While I understand your feeling that the charges against you were fabricated, I cannot act in the capacity of judge in such matters as this.

I will, however, be pleased to get in touch with the proper Bureau officials and insist that your reply to the charges be given the most careful consideration.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

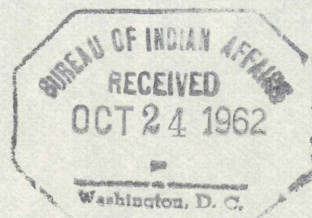
Sincerely yours,

125 Placita De Oro
Santa Fe, New Mexico
October 13, 1962

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Senator Mike Monroney
710 Post Office Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Dear Senator Monroney:

In response to the advice given me by your Administrative Assistant, Mr. Jay Perry, I am forwarding to you the material relative to the charges brought against me by the United Pueblos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Enclosed you will find the following documents relative to these charges:

1. Letter from Fred M. Haverland, Area Director, Gallup, New Mexico, dated September 18, 1962 containing charges.
2. My letter of October 3, 1962 answering said charges, together with enclosures.
3. My letter of October 10, 1962 containing supplemental statements in support of my position.

I believe that these letters are self-explanatory as to the nature of the charges against me and the position I have taken to refute these charges. However, I feel that further comment from me is necessary to fully explain this situation.

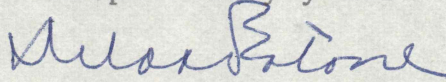
I have been employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for over 25 years, in Oklahoma and later in New Mexico. For more than 9 years I have been a Special Officer charged with law enforcement responsibilities in the territory covered by the United Pueblos Agency. During this time as a law enforcement officer for the Bureau, I have always felt that my job was not merely that of a policeman, but also that of doing my best to educate Indian tribal officials in law enforcement and crime prevention. In this connection I have attempted to conduct my work in such a way to assist the tribes themselves to fully understand their own law enforcement responsibility and to have the tribes take the initiative in law enforcement insofar as the tribes have jurisdiction. In this connection, I have continually conducted schools for tribal law enforcement officials in an attempt to explain the proper methods of crime prevention and law enforcement, and to attempt to explain the complex jurisdictional questions arising on Indian lands. I believe that my efforts have the support of the Indian leaders, as evidenced by the documents attached hereto.

Also, the methods used by my superiors in this case were in my opinion, not of the kind indicative of fair play. As I pointed out in my answers to the charges brought against me, I was never appraised of any of the matters relating to the charges, nor was I ever given a chance to explain my side of these matters prior to such time as the charges were brought. Also, it is obvious to me that the officers upon whose information the charges were based, were more interested in "shadowing" me for the purpose of trying to get something on me than they were in trying to perform their assigned

duties of maintaining law and order in the Indian Country under their jurisdiction. This type of conduct on their part is hardly conducive to good personnel relations, as persons in the Indian Bureau working for them can hardly be expected to do a decent job if the threat of such harassment is continually hanging over their heads.

As a native of the State of Oklahoma and as an Indian who has given 25 years of his life in the service of the Indian people, I respectfully request that you do whatever you may deem advisable to get these unfounded charges dropped and the entire matter expunged from my personnel record with the Indian Bureau, so that I may be able to continue my Government career assisting the Indian people with a clean record.

Respectfully yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Delos Botone", written in a cursive style.

Delos Botone



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Gallup Area Office
P. O. Box 1060
Gallup, New Mexico

SEP 18 1962

Through: General Superintendent, United Pueblos Agency *GLD*

For U. S. Government Use Only

Mr. Delos Botone
Criminal Investigator, GS-9
Branch of Law and Order
United Pueblos Agency
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Botone:

This is a notice, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Veteran's Preference Act, that we propose to remove you from your position of Criminal Investigator, GS-9, in the United Pueblos Agency. The charges against you are:

Misuse of a Government vehicle and falsification of Government records.

The reasons supporting these charges are:

- Sat. Sun. Mon.*
1. On the weekend of January 20-21, 1962, you did not have permission to leave your territory. You were, however, seen by Special Officer, John T. St Clair, on January 21 outside this territory in a Government car going toward Albuquerque. Repeated attempts, on both January 20 and January 21, 1962, were made to contact you by Mr. Stanley L. Coleman. Your weekly report of daily activities covering the period of December 11, 1961 through January 21, 1962, stated that on January 20 and January 21 you were investigating a breaking and entering complaint at the Kremer Store in San Juan, and that you were also policing a Basket Dance at the Pueblo.
 2. *AM* On February 16, 1962, you were observed in your assigned Government car by Special Officer, D. C. Robinson, and Acting Agency Special Officer, R. J. Mann, proceeding to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Your Government car was observed by D. C. Robinson and R. J. Mann at 7:24 PM parked in the driveway at 532 Grove NE, in Albuquerque. You had no permission

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to proceed to Albuquerque. There was no emergency and no request for you to go to Albuquerque for any reason. The car was observed by D. C. Robinson while it remained in the driveway at the above address until it was last checked at 11:50 AM on February 17, 1962.

3. On March 2, 1962, a Nash Rambler bearing United States Government License GI-4052, which was assigned to you while the 1959 Ford usually assigned to you was in the shop for repairs, was observed by R. J. Mann and D. C. Robinson parked in front of the home of Mary Duran in Pojuaque. The automobile was not returned to your trailer or to the Law and Order Office on March 3, 1962. On the weekly record of the regular unscheduled overtime covering the period from February 18, 1962 to March 3, 1962, you reported that you were off duty from 4:30 PM on Friday, March 2, 1962, and that you had no duty on Saturday, March 3, 1962. It is considered inconsistent that you should have reported "no duty" for these dates, but that the Government car was not parked at your residence or at the office since you would not have been using it for official business. The General Services Administration motor pool at Santa Fe was checked on both March 2 and March 3 and the automobile assigned to you was not parked in the motor pool during those checks.

4. On March 12, 1962, the government car assigned to you was found by R. J. Mann and D. C. Robinson parked on San Francisco Street, just west of the U and I Cafe, across from the Lensic Theatre in Santa Fe, New Mexico. At 10:47 PM you were observed leaving the Lensic Theatre. You crossed the street, got into the Government car and proceeded directly to your trailer. It is noted that this theatre is not on a direct route from or to any of the pueblos assigned to you.

In our opinion, your actions and the reference and incidents indicate that you did, in fact, misuse a Government vehicle and falsify government records. Neither of these actions can be tolerated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs from its employees.

You may answer these charges personally, and if you desire to reply personally, you are requested to make your reply to Mr. Earl Black, Personnel Management Specialist, United Pueblos Agency. You may also submit affidavits in support of your answer.

Mary Duran wrote a letter to the Area Director & General Supt., but did not submit a copy to Mr. Malone, confirming the true investigation.

This is a Public place and no affidavit was available.

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You will be allowed ten calendar days following the date of your receipt of this letter to submit your answer. If you consider this proposed action unfair and should not be taken, it is important that you reply, giving your specific reasons why the action should not be taken. In the event you later request a grievance hearing, a failure to reply will be a factor in determining whether a hearing will be granted or whether the complaint will be investigated informally. If you care to read the Personnel Regulations pertinent to this action or obtain information about how you may make a reply, you may contact Mr. Earl Black of the United Pueblos Agency, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

No decision to remove you has been made, or will be made, until after the time allowed for you to reply. Any reply you make will be given careful consideration before a final decision is made. Whether or not you reply, a written notice of final decision will be given you. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter in the space provided on the attached copy and return it to your supervisor. Your signature on the letter does not imply that you agree with its contents, but simply serves as an acknowledgement of receipt.

Sincerely yours,

F. M. Haverland

Area Director

Enclosure

October 3, 1962

Mr. Fred M. Haverland
Area Director
Gallup Area Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Gallup, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Earl Black
Personnel Management Specialist

Dear Mr. Haverland:

This is in response to your letter of September 18, 1962, regarding the charges that have been brought against me and your proposed action to remove me from my job as Special Officer (GS-9) for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In this letter you stated that I had ten days from the receipt thereof to file an answer to the charges brought against me. I received this letter on the 25th day of September, 1962, as evidenced by the official receipt on file with your office. This letter shall constitute my answer to the charges brought against me and my request that such charges be dropped summarily, or in lieu thereof, that I be allowed a formal hearing regarding these charges.

As you know, I am a full-blooded Kiowa Indian from the State of Oklahoma. I was born and reared on the Kiowa Reservation at Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, and my father, The Reverend Matthew Botone, recently deceased, was very prominent in the affairs of the Kiowa Tribe and also in local affairs in and about Fort Cobb and Anadarko, Oklahoma. At the present time I still own property in the State of Oklahoma, and have maintained an interest in the affairs of my Tribe and their welfare.

I have been with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 25 years, having started employment with the Bureau in 1937 at the Riverside Indian School at Anadarko, Oklahoma. I have been with the Bureau in New Mexico since 1942 at which time I was a clerk for the Bureau at the Mescalero Reservation. I was appointed as a Special Officer at the request of former Area Special Officer George W. Kenote in 1953, and have been employed as a special officer under the jurisdiction of the Albuquerque Area, and later the United Pueblos Agency, until the present time.

I volunteered for service in the Marine Corps in 1944 and was in the military service of my country through 1946. In such capacity I spent one and a half years overseas in the Pacific Theater, and saw combat in the Marshall Islands, the Marianas's, and on Iwo Jima. I was discharged from the Marine Corps as a second lieutenant.

I refer now to the specific charges which have been brought against me and I shall answer them in the same sequence in which they were presented in your letter of September 18, 1962.

ANSWER TO CHARGE #1

On January 21, 1962, at approximately 1:45 A. M., I received a telephone call from the governor of San Juan Pueblo advising that there had been a breakin at the Krasser store located on the San Juan Pueblo. The governor requested my assistance in the investigation. I went immediately from my home in Santa Fe to San Juan, completed the preliminary investigation, and returned back to Santa Fe for additional

information. At approximately 9:00 A. M. of January 21, 1962, I returned to San Juan to continue the investigation. Upon the completion of my investigation at approximately noon of the same day, the San Juan Pueblo governor requested that I remain over lunch and police the tribal basket dance. About midway through the dance I was informed that an auto accident had occurred at Santo Domingo Pueblo in which a child had been hit or run over. Upon receiving this information, I proceeded to Santo Domingo to investigate the accident, at which time I conferred with tribal officials and patrolled the area from Santo Domingo to Albuquerque in search of suspects, returning to Santa Fe about 8:00 P. M. that night. While in the area of Corrales and Alameda, north of Albuquerque, I attempted to locate one Charlie Goor of Mountainair, New Mexico, believed to be in Alameda, a non-Indian involved in a previous auto accident damaging property at the Santa Fe Indian School. The Solicitor's Office had been continually asking and waiting for an investigation of this accident and Special Officer Leon Botone had requested that I make this search in aid of his investigation. During this period I had a weekend off but of course I was under emergency standby status, and in accordance with the responsibilities incident to such emergency status, I felt it necessary to pursue the above investigations on receipt of the complaints.

I am in the process of obtaining affidavits from Mr. Lucas Montoya, Governor of San Juan Pueblo, and from Messrs. Paul Corix and Mateo Aragon, officials of Santo Domingo Pueblo, to corroborate the statement I have just made, and these affidavits will be submitted at a later time, as soon as they are received, and

should be considered as attachments to this letter.

ANSWER TO CHARGE #2

On February 16, 1962, Peter Bird of Santo Domingo and Manuelita Pacheco came to the Santa Fe Indian Hospital for treatment. Miss Pacheco was an assault and battery victim, and the incident was reported to me by Mr. Bird for investigation. Upon receipt of a signed complaint from Miss Pacheco I proceeded to Santo Domingo to attempt to apprehend one Edward Pacheco, who was suspected of assaulting Miss Pacheco. Also, while at Santo Domingo, I made a search for another suspect, Adam Aguilar, who was allegedly involved in a rape case under investigation by Special Officer Leon Botone. My investigation indicated that both Messrs. Pacheco and Aguilar were in the vicinity of the Albuquerque Indian School. Upon receiving this information I proceeded to the Albuquerque Indian School in an attempt to apprehend them. I could not find the suspects at the Albuquerque Indian School and since it was after duty hours at that time and it was my weekend off on emergency standby duty, I went to my family's home at 532 Grove, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico, with my wife and children, returning to Santa Fe the next work day without claiming travel pay or overtime.

I am in the process of obtaining affidavits from Mr. Peter Bird and Miss Pacheco, and at such time as I receive them, I shall submit them to your office and they should be considered as attachments to this letter.

ANSWER TO CHARGE #3

On March 2, 1962, I was in the area of Pojoaque Pueblo investigating a trespass complaint which I had received on February 28, 1962, from Mary Duran, a tribal rancher. The Nash Rambler which you refer to in your charge was used in this investigation and probably was parked at the Duran home at the time that officers Mann and Robinson saw it there. I returned home after duty hours and put the Nash Rambler in the four garage building in the second stall located in the rear of the Law and Order Office. Ordinarily, such vehicles are parked in the parking area adjacent to the garage building. However, the weather was threatening, appearing to be turning colder. In order to protect the vehicle I put it in the garage and I drove my own personal vehicle out. This time was also my weekend off on emergency standby duty, and I proceeded in my own vehicle to a destination of my own personal choice at that time.

I am in the process of receiving an affidavit from Mary Duran to substantiate the statements I have made above, and at such time as I receive this affidavit, I shall forward it to you and it should be considered as an attachment to this letter.

I also include a letter from Mrs. Lila M. Stewart of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who formerly was a social worker at the Santa Fe Indian School, which letter verifies the fact that many times I placed the government vehicle in the garage during the winter months and during bad weather in order to protect such vehicle.

I am also in the process of obtaining a letter from Corlyn Wolverton of Security, Colorado, which will also verify this fact. When I receive this letter I shall forward it to you and it should be considered as an attachment to this letter.

ANSWER TO CHARGE #4

On March 12, 1962, during the evening, I was attempting to contact Santa Fe police officer Frank Garcia, Jr., who is a member of the Frank Garcia family involved in the Pojoaque trespass case investigation which I have previously referred to. By inquiry made by personal contact and by information which I secured over the phone from third parties, I was informed that Mr. Garcia was going to be or was thought to be at the Lensic Theater. I went to the Lensic Theater and attempted to find Mr. Garcia, remaining near the entrance to the inner auditorium for approximately one hour awaiting Mr. Garcia's arrival. He never showed up, and I left the theater and returned home. I might explain that I am frequently in my office after the normal working hours due to the fact that I receive office callers and other visitors with official complaints, and at such times I am often called upon to give advice to others in an official capacity over the telephone. On March 12, I remained in the office to finish summary reports and other correspondence required in the official performance of my duty, until about 6:30 P. M. I took the correspondence to the post office to be mailed and at that time I continued to the area of the Lensic Theater to search for Officer Garcia in connection with the trespass investigation.

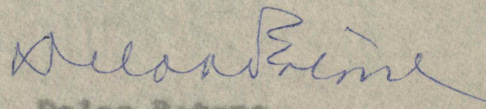
In summary, I feel that the charges that have been brought against me are without foundation and that I did not misuse government vehicles or falsify government records. Further, I feel that an adequate investigation of these matters by Officers Mann and Robinson and others in authority would have led them to the belief that in fact no such charges could be supported. Furthermore, none of these matters were ever brought to my attention personally, nor was I in any way, either orally or in writing, asked to explain my conduct at these particular times, by Special Officers Conner, Robinson, or Mann, or anyone else connected with the Indian Service. The first knowledge I had that there was any complaint relative to my performance as an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs was my receipt of the formal charges contained in your letter of September 18, 1962. In my opinion this entire matter indicates extremely poor supervision in personnel relations by United Pueblos Agency Special Officer Conner, who is my immediate supervisor, by Area Officer Robinson, or others in authority, for it is obvious that no attempt was made at any time to make a thorough investigation of these matters or bring me before them for an explanation of the facts involved.

This letter also constitutes a formal request on my behalf that the charges against me be dropped and that my proposed removal as a criminal investigator, GS-9, in the United Pueblos Agency, also be closed; and that I continue in my present capacity. In the event that you rule against me on the matters contained herein, I hereby request a formal hearing, at which time I respectfully request that I meet face-to-face with those persons who have made

these charges, and that they be required to submit their evidence under oath, and that they submit themselves to cross-examination by myself or by counsel if I so desire to employ counsel.

I further wish to state that I consider the charges that have been brought against me as completely unfounded, and nothing more than a slur upon my character and my ability to perform my official duties. I resent the constant harrassment evidenced by the information contained in the charges. I think it is incomprehensible that my superior officers did not have the dignity or courage to make personal inquiries of me regarding matters contained in your charges in order to give me a chance to explain my conduct without bringing this entire matter to formal charges and thus leaving such charges as an official document in my personnel record no matter what the outcome of such charges may be. I further wish to state that I feel it is impossible for a person in my official capacity to properly perform his job if he is to be subjected to the constant harrassment to which I have referred; and I deeply resent, as a person and as an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, this attempt to disgrace me officially and to deprive me of my livelihood after I have spent over 25 years in the service of the Federal government, efficiently and satisfactorily performed.

Very truly yours,


Delos Botone

2229 - 56th NW
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 27, 1962

Mr. Delos Botone
532 Grove NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Botone,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you requested that I provide you with an affidavit regarding my observations of your use of your government assigned vehicle and your personal car.

As I recall my first knowledge of introduction with you at Santa Fe was about February 1959. Following that time the United Pueblos Agency Branch of Law and Order moved to office quarters directly across from the United Pueblos Agency Santa Fe Branch of Welfare. About January 1960 both offices were moved and both offices were located in building No. 330, a small house located on the Santa Fe Indian School Campus.

I know that during the time that we were associated in the same office location that you used your personal pickup for personal use. I noticed you parked your pick up truck in the parking area provided for the office staff behind the office location and I noticed you backing out your pick up from the Government garage in back of the office replacing your Government assigned vehicle during the winter months and bad weather. To my knowledge I do not ever recall seeing you or hearing anyone else say that you mis-used your Government assigned car.

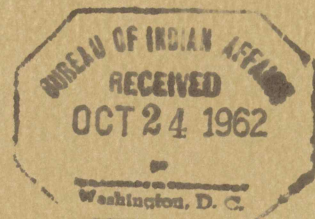
I do know that you were out of the office a lot and many times I saw your vehicle during my own travels in the Northern Pueblo area. In my own travels I have heard many complimentary reports from Govenors and Pueblo Officials that whenever the Botone's were called you always provided services immediately and remained in the area no matter how long it was necessary and your services were needed. Further I have never heard anything derogatory about these special officers assigned to the Santa Fe Branch of Law and Order from any of the Indian people.

I hope this will be helpful in whatever you propose to use this information.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lila M Stewart
Mrs. Lila M. Stewart

October 10, 1962



Mr. Fred M. Haverland
Area Director
Gallup Area Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Gallup, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Earl Black
Personnel Management Specialist

Dear Mr. Haverland:

Enclosed herewith you will find the following documents and statements pertaining to the charges which were brought against me by your letter of September 18, 1962:

1. Statement signed by the Governor, Lt. Governor, and members of the Council of Santo Domingo Pueblo relating to my performance as Special Officer.

2. Statement of Paul Coriz, Lt. Governor, Pueblo of Santo Domingo, and Santo Domingo Council members Mateo Aragon and Santiago Calabaza, relating to your charge number 1.

3. Statement of Paul Coriz, Lt. Governor, Pueblo of Santo Domingo, relating to your charge number 2.

4. Statement of Governor Lucas Montoya of Santo Domingo Pueblo, relating to your charge number 2.

Mr. Fred M. Haverland
October 10, 1962

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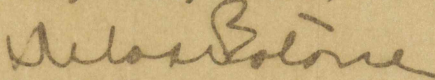
5. Statement of Peter Bird and Miss Manuelita Pacheco relating to your charge number 2.

6. Statement of Governor Alfred Rael of Picuris Pueblo, relating generally to your charges.

7. Affidavits of Harry E. Wolverton and Corlyn E. Wolverton which have a bearing on all charges.

As you will recall, in my reply to your charges, dated October 3, I stated that I would send in affidavits supporting my answers to your charges. The foregoing attached statements are made in support of my answers, and I shall attempt to obtain further statements if necessary at the very earliest time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Delos Botone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B".

Delos Botone

TO WHOMEVER IS CONCERNED:

This affidavit is prepared at the request of Mr. Delos Botone:

I have known Mr. Delos Botone, Special Officer, United Pueblos Agency Br. of Law and Order, Albuquerque, New Mexico, for approximately three years, and at no time during those years have I known him to behave in a derogatory manner.

While I was employed at Secretary for the United Pueblos Agency Br. of Welfare, our office and the UPA Br. of Law and Order office, where Mr. Botone is employed, shared the same office building on the Santa Fe Indian School campus. At that time, Mr. Delos Botone kept his personally-owned pickup truck in the garage adjacent to the office building, and he used this truck for his personal use. I know of no incident when he used his government vehicle for personal use. It would be impossible for me to know just when he used his personal car, but I do know that from time to time he drove his personal car from the office, and parked his government vehicle either in the parking lot behind the office, or in the garage provided for him directly behind the office building on the Santa Fe Indian School campus.

Corlyn E. Wolverton

Corlyn E. Wolverton
October 5, 1962

*County of El Paso
State of Colo.*

*The foregoing instrument was acknowledged
before me this 8th day of October 1962
by Corlyn E. Wolverton.*

My commission expires June 3, 1965

*Herald E. Townsend
Notary Public*

TO ANY AND ALL CONCERNED:

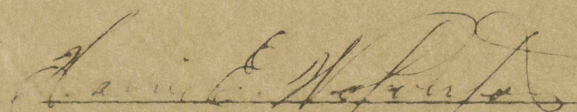
I hereby take this opportunity to make the statement below at the request of Mr. Delos Botone, Special Office, Br. of Law and Order, United Pueblos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Albuquerque, New Mexico:

I, Harrie E. Wolverton, formerly Guidance Officer, U.P.A., Santa Fe Indian School, Santa Fe, New Mexico, have known Mr. Delos Botone since May 1960. For nearly one year of our acquaintance, our respective offices were in the same building on the Santa Fe Indian School campus. In addition, it was frequently necessary to call on Mr. Botone regarding our respective job responsibilities. In all my contacts with him, I found him ever willing and eager to assist in helping the students make the adjustment to school and the temptations encountered in the community.

On several occasions, Mr. Botone stated he wished he could do more for the students of the Santa Fe Indian School, as well as the adults of the United Pueblos Agency.

I firmly believe his sincerity could not be doubted.

In regard to the use of government vehicles - I know for certain that on at least one occasion, if not more, Mr. Delos Botone conducted government business with the use of a non-government vehicle. This statement is not to be construed to imply knowledge on my part, of Mr. Botone's use or mis-use of government vehicles, but rather to state simply the facts I do know.



HARRIE E. WOLVERTON
October 6, 1962

*State of Colorado
County of El Paso*

*The foregoing instrument was
acknowledged before me this
8th day of October 1962*

My commission expires June 7, 1962

*Donald E. Tamm
Notary Public*

October 2, 1962

Dear Mr. Botone,

We have thought about what you asked us to write about concerning the time you were in Santo Domingo to check about the Lovato child being hit by an automobile. We can recall some of the events that followed this accident that the relatives took the child to either Santa Fe or Albuquerque Indian Hospital and that word was sent for investigative help to the Albuquerque and Santa Fe Law and Order offices for assistance. We remember you did come to Santo Domingo and measured the distances of the car tracks in the sand and talked to us about other boys who you were looking for. We recall you said you would look for the other boys too in the vicinity of Santo Domingo in the direction of Albuquerque if necessary to catch them. It's hard to remember things that happened so long ago but this is about all we can recall at this time. We hope this will help explain part of the happenings of that week-end.

E. Paul Coriz Lt. Gov.

Mateo Pragon

Santiago Calabaza

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September 30, 1962

Dear Mr. Botone,

This is about your request for my word on the time I called you to come to San Juan to help us find out who broke into Mr. Well's Kramer store on the night of January 20, 1962. I remember you come sometimes a little bit after midnight and made the investigation. Also I can remember asking you to stay afterward which you stayed to help us out to police the basket dance. I thank you Mr. Botone for that help again. I have asked you to help lots of times and you did. What for they say you are not helping us. Tell me what else I can do if you want me to.

Gov Lucas Montoya
Lucas Montoya
Governor of San Juan Pueblo

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SAN JUAN PUEBLO, NEW MEXICO

October 15, 1962

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DIAL 753-3135

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

In the last two years the rate of petty theft and vandalism plus the more serious break-in's where we lose considerable, has increased ten fold. In the case of window breakage we have stopped calling on various officers as we would have them up here twice a week. On the more serious break-in's and theft of merchandise we have called on Delos Botone of the Indian Service to assist us. In no case has he failed to respond and in a number of cases has cleared up the guilty parties.

On the 20th,, of January Mr. Delos, Botone was called on a break-in and theft. He came up as soon as possible from Santa Fe, arriving shortly after midnight, the 21st. Due to the the fact that we had been unable to determine how much had been taken, we checked out side for and possible evidence and lacking this he stated he would be back early in the morning, the 21st., Sunday. He arrived here somewhat before nine A. M. and began taking notes on what we could tell him. We then came to the store and and detailed checked. All together he spent approximately three hours here on that Sunday morning.

On another occasion he was called to the writers place on a break-in and theft and in his investigation located the name of a suspect that had been seen with a Taos Indian. He went to Taos and found where they had pawned some of the material and later found that the suspect had left for someplace in California. He still has a warrant pending of this. Due to his tremendous territory he has to cover we feel that he is doing more than average to protect we who reside and have businesses in Indian Pueblos.

SHW/b

Krammer Mercantile Co.

Pres.

October 2, 1962

To Botone,

Mr. Peter Bird of Santo Domingo Pueblo make the following voluntary statement to whomever it may concern that he did report to Mr. D. Botone that Manuelita Pacheco had been beaten up by her brother Edward Pacheco on or about 2/15 or 2/16/62 and asked that Mr. Botone investigate the incident. Manuelita and Peter Bird talked with Botone at the Santa Fe Law and Order office and Indian Hospital where Manuelita was being treated for injury from the beating.

Peter Bird
Peter Bird

I have read Peter Bird's statement and believe to the best of my knowledge that it is true and correct.

Manuelita Pacheco
Manuelita Pacheco

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October 2, 1962

To Mr. Botone,

This is to certify that Mr. D. Botone investigated the Manuelita Pacheco family fight matter at Santo Domingo about the middle of February, 1962. During this time I believe also that the rape case suspect involved an Aguilar boy was discussed with me too by Mr. Botone. I can't recall if Pacheco or Aguilar were found and arrested at Santo Domingo at that time.

As the chief enforcement officer of the Santo Domingo Pueblo jurisdiction, I should like to add that the advise and police services provided by both Leon and Delos Botone, of the Santa Fe Law and Order office for this Pueblo has been very satisfactory and apparently effective because our volume of cases have slightly reduced during the later part of this year due to good hard police work and timely and effective help by the Law and Order offices at Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

E. Paul Cariz

Lt. Governor
Santo Domingo Pueblo

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Picuris Pueblo
P.O. Box 258
Penasco, New Mexico
October 2, 1962

Area Director
Gallup Area
P.O. Box 1060
Gallup, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

This is a letter concerning about our friend Mr. Deles Botone; from branch of Law and Order, whose is station in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

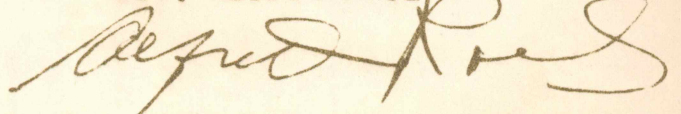
It is that I have heard that Mr. Botone is being run out of his office in Santa Fe, because he is doing a great work for the Northern Pueblos.

To say he has been a great help to us, as much as to the various Indian Pueblos, and is always willing to work and help as much as he can. So we wish and want for him to continue on his work, to hold the same position as he is for the Northern Pueblos. Which I think he is a better man in these parts. There are no better man than he is, concerning about Law and Order

We would appreciate it very much if we would hold him as much as we can.

Sincerely,

Gov. Alfred Rael



en/ar

general

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The All-Pueblo Council has learned with deep concern that the Area Branch of Law and Order and that of United Pueblos Agency are still spending time and effort shadowing and spying upon Officer Delos Botone in an effort to "get something on him," instead of spending time attending to problems of law enforcement among the Pueblos; and

WHEREAS, after eight months of spying by Special Officer D. C. Robinson, Acting Agency Special Officers Lester L. Connors, John T. Sinclair, Stanley L. Coleman, and R. J. Mann, during which time these officers should have been attending to the duties for which they were hired, four charges were finally made against Officer Delos Botone, known to the Pueblos as the most competent officer working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in this area; and

WHEREAS, our investigation of these charges proved them to be without merit and fully and satisfactorily explained by Officer Botone, thereby resulting in further proof of his competence and dedication to his work; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Pueblos under Officer Botone's jurisdiction have benefited greatly by his conscientious attention to his duties and are aware of the number of times he has been of service to the said Pueblos above and beyond the call of duty, which has not characterized the efforts of those who have been busy spying upon Officer Botone; and

WHEREAS, all the hours spent in a vain effort to bring discredit, dishonor and disgrace upon Officer Botone would, if spent in law enforcement work, improve the quality thereof; and

WHEREAS, this harassment and these disgraceful activities appear to constitute a desire by these officers to do the bidding of their superior officers, who are envious of the high esteem in which Officer Botone is held by the Pueblos among whom he works, all to the detriment of effective law enforcement: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the All-Pueblo Council ask that the said charges against Officer Delos Botone be dropped and this harassment stopped forthwith; that an end be brought to these unworthy practices, and to accomplish this, we request the dismissal or transfer of Special Officers D. C. Robinson and Lester L. Connors, and Officers John T. Sinclair, Stanley L. Coleman and R. J. Mann, who are evidently swayed by personal enmity and animosity toward Officer Botone, the most outstanding BIA officer in this Area; that the Branch of Law and Order be strengthened by the employment of Indians instead of non-Indian officers usually employed; and that Officer Botone be encouraged to continue the excellent work he has been doing; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Gallup Area Director and the General Superintendent of United Pueblos Agency.

SANTO DOMINGO PUEBLO

PEÑA BLANCA, NEW MEXICO

Governor's Office

October 4, 1962

The Honorable Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Udall:

The Council of Santo Domingo Pueblo, which is headquarters for the All-Pueblo Council and is the Pueblo Center, wishes to make clear the fact that Santo Domingo Pueblo, as well as others, not only supports the resolution of the All-Pueblo Council, but the Chairman's letter, and supports them one hundred percent.

We have lost patience with the kind of administration that has resulted in the disgraceful attempt to dishonor the best law enforcement officer we have ever known, and we want action that will not only put an end to further efforts of this kind, but will insure that if this is Bureau policy, that it will be discontinued and a more constructive policy adopted.

We are deeply disappointed in the present incompetence of the United Pueblos Agency Branch of Law and Order, and we would like to see the incompetents removed and Indian law enforcement officers in their place.

In accordance with our enclosed resolution, we are asking that you take immediate steps to correct the existing situation, so that law and order work among the Pueblos will be what it should be.

We will appreciate prompt action in our behalf and a prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Augustine Reano
Augustine Reano
Governor of Santo Domingo Pueblo

E. Paul Coriz
E. Paul Coriz
Lieutenant Governor of Santo Domingo

Members of the Council:

Mateo Aragon
Mateo Aragon

Reyes Quintana
Reyes Quintana

SANTO DOMINGO PUEBLO

NEW MEXICO

Governor's Office

October 3, 1962

TO WHOMEVER IT MAY CONCERN:

The Tribal Officials of the Santo Domingo Pueblo met in a Special meeting in Santo Domingo this date to consider the matter recently brought to our attention wherein the Gallup Area Office and United Pueblos Agency Law and Order Offices have proposed to remove Mr. Delos Botone from his position as Special Officer.

It is the intent of this body to make known to the Bureau of Indian Affairs authorities that such proposed action against Mr. Botone is unfounded and absolutely unfair to consider such action. This body further wants to state that it is one hundred percent behind the retention of Mr. Botone and back him up with the same mind in whatever he choses as answers to the charges which involves the village of Santo Domingo.

The entire body of the Santo Domingo Tribal Officials endorses the good character of Mr. Botone and the efficient and excellent work he performs in answering the complaints placed by this Pueblo. All work given Mr. Botone from the Governor's Office has always been done with courtesy and effectiveness and is on par or exceeds with other professional law and order experts in providing accurate and logical advice. Mr. Botone has always responded to our call for assistance no matter what the hour may be, day or night, and rain or shine.

It is further stated to further confirm the affidavits furnished by certain members of this Pueblo regarding reasons (1 and 2), January 21, 1962 and February 16, 1962, that this body has examined such evidence and found it in order and completely satisfactory and correct.

We believe that the charges brought against Mr. Botone should be dropped forthwith and he should be promoted and commended for his untiring efforts and unselfish giving of himself to the needs of our people at the earliest date. It is unbelievable that a person of Mr. Botone's calibre should be so treated by his own co-workers. We believe it is outrageous and must be stopped immediately.

Tribal Officials:

Augustine Reano
Governor
Ed Paul Carige
Lt. Governor

Reyes Quintana Santiago Calalza Santiago Aguilar
Reyes Maldonado Augustine Corry
Diego Rositto Lee Ray Calalza Reyes L. Bailon
Valentino Garcia Joe C. Reano Reyes M. Rositta
Dannie Calalza Walter J. Kouta Antonito Tinsico
General

PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE
ROUTE 1, BOX 71
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
OCTOBER 2, 1962

Mr. Delos Butone; The following is in essence
the very same letters as were sent to the Area
Director and the General Superintendent.

Dear Sir;

The Governor and the Tribal Council of the
Pueblo of Pojoaque have requested that I include
their opinions and strong feelings in this letter
as if they were my own, in this matter regarding
the charges against Mr. Delos Butone, an officer
of the branch of Law and Order of the United Pueblos
Agency. Of course, we were not too well informed
of this particular matter, but we must say that
the few things we did hear about were enough to
stir us to the point of demanding some definite
information as regards Mr. Delos Butone and the
supposedly impending action arising from the charges
made against him.

The above mentioned came as quite a surprise,
to say the least, because Mr. Butone has instigated
events that have brought about a great deal of
changes, and these changes came about through
interests that were aroused by Mr. Butone through
endless efforts in working with small groups of
tribal officers and which groups continued to
grow to the point that a certain number of Indians
begin to participate actively even though they
were not tribal officers.

General

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We must also mentioned the fact that Mr. Butone also encouraged tribal officials and state officials to meet together, in order to iron out the various different opinions as regards Law Enforcement and Jurisdiction; especially where the Indian and his reservation are concerned.

We realized the Mr. Butone is not an expert in this matter, but we also became aware of the fact that many of the so called experts of Law Enforcement and Jurisdiction employed by the State of New Mexico were some what in the dark when confronted with specific questions during the course of these meetings between tribal and state officials.

It must be pointed out that even though he was not an expert, Mr. Butone did create circumstance and situations whereby these mixed meetings did arrive at some conclusion, which in turn established a higher and better relationship between tribal and state officials.

We would like to go on record as ready and willing to appear on Mr. Butone's behalf to substantiate his character and most certainly his contributions to the Pueblo Indians in helping to cast a little more light on the complexities of Law Enforcement and Jurisdiction.

Respectfully Yours,

Tony Gutierrez
Tony Gutierrez

ATTEST: As to the validity of the statements as set forth herein and the position the Tribal Council has taken with Tony Gutierrez.

Tom Romeros
GOVERNOR

COUNCIL MEMBER

San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico
September 15, 1962

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Delos Botone and I have worked with each other in the United States Indian Service for the past twenty-five years, except during the time he was in the Army when we were both serving at Mescalero. He was in charge of the Commissary at Mescalero that distributed supplies to the Agency and to the day schools. At the time I was principal of the Elk Silver Day School on the Mescalero Reservation.

In this area, where I have been for the past sixteen years, the state police do not very willingly come into our villages unless the pueblo governor calls them and therefore Mr. Botone has many calls to answer. Since we have been in San Juan Pueblo we have depended upon him for help in any problems on the government campus which is in the center of the village and closely surrounded by many other villages. Upon necessary requests, he has responded at all times with kindness and sincere consideration of problems.

Mr. Botone's ability as an officer of the Branch of Law and Order can not be questioned, for at all times he has handled the cases with good judgment and firmness. We have never had any occasion to question his integrity, ability, and interest in his work. We have found him fair and honest in all dealings. In all the government school and village activities, he has been very active in keeping order. And the necessity for such help in the San Juan Pueblo village is important. He has therefore been equally cooperative with the various governors of the village in their problems, and likewise with any citizens of the village who have had serious problems.

During the eight months that my wife, Pauline C. McGranahan, was Acting Principal-Teacher in 1962, after my retirement on December 31, 1961, Mr. Botone continued his cooperative help at all times and with the governor of the village receiving his help too, things went very smoothly.

As a law-informing officer, Mr. Botone is highly respected by all present and past leaders in our village. And his attitude, character, integrity, and honesty are unquestionable. Along with others, we sincerely appreciate his years of loyalty to our service.

CC

Verified by wife, Pauline C. McGranahan,
also a loyal U.S.I.S. employee:

Pauline C. McGranahan

Sincerely,

William J. McGranahan
William J. McGranahan

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PERFORMANCE RATING REPORT

Period covered (from, to)

4/1/61 to 3/31/62

Employee's name (first, initial, last)

Dales Botone

Organization and headquarters

Position, title, grade

HS-19, Criminal Investigator, GS-9

~~Law and Order, United Peoples Agency, Albuquerque, New Mexico~~

INSTRUCTIONS.—Prepare in duplicate. Consult detailed instructions in the Performance Rating Instructions to Rating and Reviewing Officials. Rate elements 1 to 4. Rate supervisors on element 5 as well. Additional elements may be added in item 6 and on the reverse side if important requirements of the job are not adequately covered in elements 1 to 5. Any rating element marked "Unsatisfactory" must be supplemented with an explanatory statement.

RATING ELEMENTS			INDICATE BY "X"			
			Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Excellent	Outstanding
1. Volume of work	Degree to which quantity of work turned out meets requirements.	Consider: Amount of work produced; rate of progress on assignments.			X	
2. Quality of work	Degree to which quality of the work meets requirements.	Consider: Accuracy, precision, completeness, and acceptability of work.			X	
3. Work habits	Degree to which employee facilitates work of others.	Consider: Organization of work; observance of rules and procedures; observance of safety rules; cooperation and tact; conduct on the job; dependability.		X		
4. Work attitude	Degree to which employee applies himself to job.	Consider: Enthusiasm for the work; acceptance of supervision; adaptability to changing conditions; willingness to accept responsibility.		X		
5. Supervisory ability	Degree to which supervisor obtains results from those under his supervision.	Consider: Effectiveness in directing and reviewing the work of others, establishing standards of performance, training subordinates, and delegating authority.				
6. Other (specify)						

SUMMARY RATING

Date	Rating official (signature and title)				
3-6-62	<i>[Signature]</i> Agency Sp. Officer		X		
Date	Reviewing official (signature and title)				
4-16-62	<i>[Signature]</i> Gen. Supt.		X		
Date	For unsatisfactory or outstanding ratings only: Designated official or committee chairman (signature and title)				

DEFINITIONS OF SUMMARY RATINGS

Outstanding: Performance of which all aspects not only exceed normal requirements but are outstanding and deserve special commendation.

Satisfactory: Performance which meets requirements in the principal duties of the position.

Excellent: Performance which fully meets all requirements and which exceeds such requirements in the majority of the principal duties of the position.

Unsatisfactory: Performance which fails to meet requirements of the position.

Memorandum

To: Agency Special Officer, Law & Order**For: Delos Botone, Santa Fe
Leon Botone, Santa Fe****March 19, 1962**
Date**FROM: General Superintendent
United Pueblos Agency, Albuquerque, N. Mex.****SUBJECT: Use of a Government-owned or -controlled Vehicle
between Residence and Place of Employment**

Based on the findings listed below, which comply with the provisions of the GSA Administrative Manual, 2-91 (DOA 5410.1), the above addressee(s) is (are) authorized to use a Government-owned or -controlled vehicle between residence and place of employment for the following defined period:

BEGINNING DATE * Mar. 19, 1962	ENDING DATE * June 19, 1962
FINDINGS <p>This has reference to your request to store Government cars at the homes of UPA Special Officers: Delos Botone) Leon Botone) Santa Fe, New Mexico</p> <p>It is understood that suitable storage facilities are not available within a reasonable distance, and storage at these residences is determined to be most advantageous to the Government.</p> <p>Therefore, in accordance with letter of January 23, 1958, from Mr. Donald J. Froulx and Assistant Area Director's memorandum of Oct. 13, 1958, you are authorized to store Government vehicles at the homes of the Special Officers listed above.</p> <p>You are requested to be very strict regarding any officer driving his Government car to lunch from the assigned field office or transporting unauthorized persons in the Government car on any personal business.</p> <p>This is a renewal of authorization granted on June 16, 1961,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Eugene L. Williams</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL)</p>	

* IN NO CASE WILL THIS AUTHORITY EXCEED NINETY CALENDAR DAYS.

General Superintendent

DISTRIBUTION	ORIGINAL TO ADDRESSEE	COPY TO APPLICABLE MOTOR POOL-Santa Fe
	COPY TO AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL	COPY TO: Santa Fe office



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Gen. Supt.

United Pueblos Agency
P. O. Box 124
Albuquerque, New Mex

September 24, 1959

Memorandum

To: Gallup Area Personnel Office
Attention - Mr. Frank E. Pence

From: General Superintendent

Subject: Reorganization of the Branch of Law and Order, United Pueblos Agency

Confirming my conversation with you several months ago, we transferred Mr. Delos Botone, Assistant Agency Special Officer, to Santa Fe to be in charge of that office. At the time the decision was made to make that transfer, it was also decided that there was no need for an Assistant Agency Special Officer at United Pueblos Agency. Consequently, it was our intention to re-write the position description for Mr. Botone, setting out the duties of his new assignment at Santa Fe. The position description has not been re-written and pending the time that this can be done everyone concerned will be advised that Mr. Botone is no longer operating as Assistant Agency Special Officer but will perform as the officer in charge of the Santa Fe office responsible to the Agency Special Officer.

By copy of this memorandum, I am asking Mr. Douglas Robinson, Area Special Officer, to assist us in re-writing this position description so that our organization will be properly documented at the earliest practicable date.

Guy C. Williams
General Superintendent

GCW:AD
cc - Area Special Officer
Mr. Delos Botone

*First reduction in rank per this letter.
There were two later reductions also.*