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August 26, 1967

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1967

Mr. James Monroe
Press Secretary to
Senator Fred R. Harris
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Monroe:

In response to your telephone conversation with Gene Krizek, attached is the biographic information which you requested on Marion Frank Keel, one of our Foreign Affairs Scholars.

I have also attached a copy of our Foreign Affairs Scholars Program pamphlet for your information.

I thank you for your interest in this program. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call me.

With every best wish.

Sincerely yours,

Eddie N. Williams
Special Assistant to the
Deputy Under Secretary for
Administration

Attachments: As stated above.

*Choctaw - Chickasaw
father for Hugo*

MARION FRANK KEEL

Marion Frank Keel is presently a Foreign Affairs Scholar under the Summer Intern Program of the Department of State. He is assigned to the Historical Office of the Bureau of Public Affairs.

Born in 1946 in Lawton, Oklahoma, Mr. Keel graduated from Lawton High School. At the age of eight he accompanied his parents to France and Germany where his father was stationed in the Army. It is this background which inspired Mr. Keel to apply for a summer position in the Department of State, and which, he feels, will be a deciding factor in his career choice.

Mr. Keel's plans for the future include a transfer from Southwestern State College to Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts, where he will continue his study of Modern Languages in the fall. He then plans to enter either the Foreign Service or the teaching profession at the college level.

As a participant in the Foreign Affairs Scholars Program, which selects 40 minority group students to work as Interns in the Department of State, the Agency for International Development and the U.S. Information Agency, Mr. Keel may, upon graduation from college, receive up to \$4,000 in grants from the Ford Foundation to continue his studies in preparation for a career in the Foreign Service.

Mr. Keel is interested in judo, karate, and drama. He is the first American Indian to be selected for the Foreign Affairs Scholars Program.

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Affairs Scholars Program - (Keel has papers

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