



OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Mr. George Johnson

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please refer also to our May 27, 2010 letter regarding your concerns of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the State Historic Preservation Officer for New Mexico, and the Santa Fe Indian School campus.

Although violations of the National Historic Preservation Act are outside the realm of the types of things the Office of Inspector General examines, based on the information available to us, it appears the BIA likely did not violate the National Historic Preservation Act when the 19 Pueblos demolished the school buildings. Although it appears this matter has already been raised with BIA, which is the appropriate forum, we have also provided BIA with your complaint so they may look into the actual demolition of the buildings.

We appreciate you communicating this matter to us. Your commitment in helping the Department of the Interior improve their programs and operations benefits not only the Department but also the public we serve.

Sincerely,

Scott L. Culver
Deputy Assistant Inspector General
for Investigations

cc: Raven Murray, Office of U.S. Senator Tom Udall
Elizabeth Martinez, Assistant U.S. Attorney