

May 11, 2010

Senator Tom Udall
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Dear Tom,

I was very sorry to read about the passing of Stewart. He was a great man. I wrote a remembrance of him on my website, The Santa Fe Review.

I am attaching a copy of a fax I sent to your office on March 5 following up, for the third time, on the unauthorized demolition of the historic Santa Fe Indian School campus. Two months later I have received no response.

You are acquainted with me personally and by reputation and know that I would not be making groundless allegations. I ask once again that you give serious attention to the documents I have provided and am now sending to you again. You will see that there can be little doubt that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, possibly in collusion with the All Indian Pueblo Council, violated crucial provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act. It also now seems possible, given the lack of a response from the Inspector General, that the Department of Interior is covering up the matter. For that reason I am sending a copy of this letter to the new United States Attorney for New Mexico.

I realize that it is not politically expedient for you to take on this issue involving the pueblos. But I am calling on you to recognize the higher purpose in insisting that federal laws be upheld.

Sincerely yours,

George Johnson

cc: Kenneth Gonzales, United States Attorney for New Mexico
Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, Department of the Interior

Enclosures:

letter to Stephen A. Hardgrove, Department of Interior, September 25, 2008

letter from Department of Interior, March 11, 2009

letter to Tom Udall, February 25, 2009

letter to Tom Udall, June 10, 2009

fax to Tom Udall, March 5, 2010