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Greetings Elders, Brothers and Sisters.

I pray that when you receive this humble letter it will find you all in good health and in good Spirits surrounded by all your loved ones. First of all, I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to read this letter, let me start by introducing myself, my name is Joey. I'm currently incarcerated at S.A.T.F./SP. I'm one of the many Native American seeking help, there is so much struggle inside the prison system for us Natives, our Native ways are slowly disappearing and for us who are trying to keep the traditions alive, there is a never ending battle against administration. We are in desperate need of spiritual guidance, there is just a few of us who have just enough knowledge to conduct the inipi ceremonies in this institution, there is absolutely no teaching of any kind. Brothers & Sisters my main concern is to learn much as I can about the inipi ceremonies even though most of us are from different Nations we are trying hard to follow the teachings and guidelines of Archie Fire Lame Deer, but there is not enough literature or anything on him, I'm trying to pass the little bit of knowledge I have to the new brothers who are coming to prison, specially those ones that have been caught up in the street gangs and don't know anything about the lodge ceremonies but want to learn. Brothers & Sisters I humbly request your help with any teaching or literature or anything you could send so we can use to continue with the traditions with your permission of course.

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Me and the rest of the Native Brothers will highly appreciate at this institution, please know that all I have in return is my Beadwork which I offer with open heart. I pray that you will take a moment of your time and take this humble letter in consideration and allowed me to hear from you soon as you can, Thank you once again for your time and understanding.

May GrandFather Continue gives you happiness and bring harmony in all your lives.

Sincerely

Joey

To all my Relations !!