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re: Books

Dear Martha,

Many pleasant greetings to you and yours, and, I hope that my letter finds you and yours in the best of health and spirits?

My name is, Phil: _____, and I am from, Lame Deer, MT I am a full blood Northern Cheyenne. I've been in prison since the 70's for a murder I didn't commit. (Or, being the closest drunken Indian where a murder happened. The media crucified me?)

A fellow native prisoner referred me to you as a person who can help me get some native books.

I've been looking for the book, Sweet Medicine, by, Fr. Peter Powell. Plus, Cheyennes, The Sun Dance People, I don't know who wrote it. Or, any books on the Cheyenne. My grandfather, Frank, was a Sun Dance priest, and our tribes pipe carrier. I was the youngest male child of my dad's first family and it is our way that the youngest boy child lives with and takes care of the grandfather. It was a long time ago that I saw a picture of my grandfather, the only picture of him, in the book, Sweet Medicine. I haven't seen the book since. It would be great if you could help me.

Thank you?

May Mahedo' continue to watch over and protect you and yours?

In spirit,
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Phil

AKA Phil

Two Rivers Correctional Institution

Friday, June 5, 2015

Phil

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Dear Mr. ,

First and foremost, I extend my sincerest apologies for the situation you are in. Also, I apologize for the delay with this letter. Things are beginning to slow down a little bit in the office now that summer is here; I am making it a goal of mine to be A LOT quicker with responses to letters like yours. Thank you for your interest in BRAID, a program that serves incarcerated American Indians.

Our current inventory does not have the materials that you requested, but I was able to access an article about Cheyenne culture through the UCLA domain and library. I hope that you find this article satisfactory. Additionally, in this package, I have included a couple of different books that deal with the Cheyenne people. As we receive more books, I will be sure to keep an eye out for the books *Sweet Medicine* and *The Sun Dance People*, as well as any books that deal with Sun Dance knowledge. I'd love to be able to help you regain the connection with not only your people, but your grandfather as well. If I manage to get my hands on these books, I will send them to you. Below you will find the list of articles and book titles that I have enclosed in the meantime:

Cheyenne Autumn

The Fighting Cheyennes

Cheyenne Memories

Exemplar of Liberty

All of the materials that we send are yours to keep and there is no charge for them. If you want to share, trade, or donate these books when your time at Two Rivers is complete, that is up to you. You do not need to return anything to us.

I hope you enjoy the books. Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,

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