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Mr. Leroy Spang, President
Northern Cheyenne Council
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Dear President Spang

Having recently assumed command of the 28th Bomb Wing, I am writing to introduce myself prior to the scheduled government-to-government consultation with the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council on August 17.

I believe meeting will help us both better understand our unique perspectives and continue the meaningful dialogue initiated by Colonel Vander Hamm between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Team Ellsworth. Our discussions must be open and honest, respecting each other's cultures, and trusting of each other's desire to maintain a healthy relationship. My goal for this consultation is to get to know you and other members of the tribal council, and to help me better understand and address the concerns identified in President Small's letter to the Air Force on September 8, 2008 in response to the scoping process for the proposed Powder River Training Complex (PRTC). If you have other specific issues you'd like to discuss, please feel free to contact me prior to the scheduled meeting so I can arrive more prepared, and we can make the meeting more productive.

We also welcome you and other members of the tribal council to visit Ellsworth Air Force Base as it would give us an opportunity to familiarize you with our base and the B-1 bomber. I look forward to meeting you and learning more about the people of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

Please contact me at (605) 385-2801 if you have any questions. If it's helpful, please feel free to have someone contact Mr. John Morgenstern, my natural and cultural resources manager, at (605) 385-2690.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey B. Taliaferro", written in a cursive style.

JEFFREY B. TALIAFERRO, Colonel, USAF

Attachment:
Official Biography