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Mr. Darrin Old Coyote, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Old Coyote

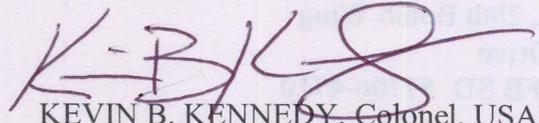
I am the new Commander of the 28th Bomb Wing and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. Before his departure, Colonel Weatherington and I discussed those topics we felt were most important to the future of Ellsworth AFB, including the relationship that Ellsworth has with the Native American Tribes in our region. It is my intent to keep the relationship between Team Ellsworth and the Crow Tribe remains strong. To accomplish this, I would like to discuss with you the following:

1. How do we further strengthen and expand our relationship beyond any specific project or undertaking? A long-term, mutually-rewarding relationship recognizes the importance of and takes into account each other's views. For example, we took into account the views the Crow Tribe and other Tribes regarding the importance of Bear Butte. We have implemented procedures to ensure that Ellsworth aircraft do not inadvertently disrupt sensitive cultural practices taking place on or immediately adjacent to Bear Butte.
2. What is your and your staff's preferred means of communication? Ellsworth has had three face-to-face meetings with the Crow Tribe since 2008: one at Crow Agency in 2008, and two regarding the PRTC Airspace Proposal (2008 and 2010). My staff and I are willing to host future meetings or travel to meetings you host. I can also offer telephone, written, or e-mail correspondence.
3. At what organizational level of leadership would you and your staff prefer to communicate? If you prefer Chairman-to-Wing Commander level communications, please feel free to contact me directly at 605-385-2801 or via e-mail at 28bw.cc@ellsworth.af.mil. If you prefer staff level contact, your staff can work with my natural and cultural resources manager, Mr. John Morgenstern, at 605-385-2690 or via email at john.morgenstern@ellsworth.af.mil.

Team Ellsworth is committed to being a good neighbor and a lasting friend of the Crow Tribe. We recognize and appreciate the Tribe's contributions to our nation's defense, as demonstrated by so many of your members through their own selfless military service. I would like to thank the Crow Tribe for its support of Ellsworth AFB in the past, and look forward to hearing from you.

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Sincerely



KEVIN B. KENNEDY, Colonel, USAF

Colonel Kevin B. Kennedy
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1925 Scout Group
Ellsworth AFB, MT
Mr. Danny Old Coyote, Chairman
Crow Tribal Council
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Crow Agency, MT 59022
Dear Chairman Old Coyote:

I am the new Commander of the 1925 Scout Group and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. Before his departure, Colonel Westphalen and I discussed how we felt that it was important to the future of Ellsworth AFB, including the relationship that Ellsworth has with the Native American Tribes in our region. It is my intent to keep the relationship between Team Ellsworth and the Crow Tribe very strong. To accomplish this, I would like to discuss with you the following:

1. How do we further strengthen and expand our relationship beyond any specific project or undertaking? A long-term, mutually-beneficial relationship recognizes the importance of and takes into account each other's needs. For example, we look into scouting the views of the Crow Tribe and other Tribes regarding the importance of Bear Butte. We have implemented procedures to ensure that Ellsworth events do not inadvertently disrupt sensitive cultural practices taking place on or immediately adjacent to Bear Butte.
2. What is your staff's preferred means of communication? Ellsworth has had three face-to-face meetings with the Crow Tribe since 2008: one at Crow Agency in 2008, and two regarding the PRTC Airbase Proposal (2008 and 2010). My staff and I are willing to host future meetings or travel to meetings you host. I can also offer telephone, written, or e-mail correspondence.
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