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To: Sullivan, Thomas (ACF)

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Subject: Re: Mandated Report of Child Abuse on the Spirit Lake Reservation

Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your e-mail and for your concern about the children of the Spirit Lake Reservation. The United States Attorney's Office in North Dakota shares your concern for the safety of Native children as can be seen in our strong track record of prosecuting and convicting the hands-on perpetrators of abuse and neglect crimes on the reservations in North Dakota.

That being said, unfortunately, my office does not have any administrative jurisdictional control over the Spirit Lake Tribe's Social Service Program. This program is the responsibility of the BIA and is administered by the Spirit Lake Tribe under a 638 contract. I would encourage you and others with concerns about this program to direct your concerns to Sue Settles, Chief BIA Division of Human Services. Ms. Settles and BIA would have the jurisdiction to address the majority of your concerns. Ms. Settles e-mail is [sue.settles@bia.gov](mailto:sue.settles@bia.gov)<<mailto:sue.settles@bia.gov>> and her phone number is 202-513-7621<<tel:202-513-7621>>.

Finally, in regard to the alleged double homicide of the two young children on the Spirit Lake Reservation that you reference in your letter, the law does not allow me to discuss this matter other than to say that the FBI and BIA law Enforcement have an active and ongoing investigation into these deaths.