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Mr. Eccles

Accept this letter, supporting the return of Sacred Bundle belonging to the Buffalo Women's Society of Siksika. In 1996, the Late Angelina Leather was given the role and responsibility of leadership to the Buffalo Women's Society. Angeline stated that the Siksika Buffalo Women's Society was not complete as Bundles were either in the BCHP or RAMM or missing.

Today the society is missing two of the Bird Bundles. The Sacred Bundle in RAMM's possession, is called the Bird Bundle. These bundles are distinct with Horns on top of Feathered Hat. The Bird Bundle should still have yellow or red ochre painted on the Bundle or feathers. Often the Bundle will have bells on the side of a feathered hat. The bottom includes a red trade cloth decorated with eagle feathers and bells.

The repatriation of sacred material to the Siksika Women's Society is a story of perseverance and the community we represent. There is no history of sacred items being given away. The origin of the Siksika Women's Buffalo Society People is to help our people overcome difficult situations and the challenges we face in the post-colonial world. Please help us in returning the missing Bird Bundle Home to Siksika.

Sincerely

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