Email to Carrie Billy - RE: AIHEC Presentation

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Hi Carrie,

It was good to talk to you on the phone and it seems that I may have reached you in the nick of time. As I indicated, I would like to see if you can find a 20 minute slot for me to tell the AIHEC Board what has happened since the Rapid City, SD meeting with respect to several initiatives by both the NASA Nebraska Space Grant as well as the NASA Western Region. What I have been able to accomplish, as an outgrowth of what I learned in Rapid City, could well serve as the foundation for a NASA Native American program. Among the activities are:

1. The formation of a permanent Native American (NA) working group for the western region; this working group will meet again during the 1997 Western Region Space Grant Meeting in October or November 1997.
2. The development of a Western Region World Wide Web site. This web site will contain western region NA news and items of general interest as well as links to other western region state NA homepages and selected NA web sites.
3. The establishment of a western region NA database. The database will be the first such aerospace/aeronautics specific site focusing exclusively on Native Americans employed in the field.
4. The collection of aerospace/aeronautics career information for inclusion on the Western Region NA Homepage; It is envisioned that this career information will ultimately include job overviews, descriptions of various career ladders, and profiles on Native Americans currently working in the aerospace/aeronautics field.
5. The development of a Western Region NA reflector site email list that can be accessed from the Nebraska Space Grant Homepage at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
6. The sharing of progress on the Nebraska Space Grant Articulation Model with Native American Tribal Schools with the western region. This information will also include progress reports on the envisioned joint project (based on the Nebraska initiative) between Nebraska, South Dakota, and Kansas.

The best day for me to come is Sunday February 2; I can be available anytime during the day.