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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

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Freedom of Information Act Officer
Department of Health and Human Services
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Re: Investigation Reports. Minneapolis Indian Health Board

Dear Rosario Cirrincione,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, please provide a copy of the reports from the fraud investigation of the Minneapolis Indian Health Board (MIIB). According to previous media articles, there was a 3-4 year investigation of the MIHB conducted during the years 1994 - 1998.

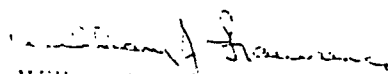
It is our understanding that the U.S. Attorney's office, District of Minnesota, declined to prosecute this case, and therefore the material in that file is public information.

I am an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, as well as the owner and publisher of the Native American Press/Ojibwe News.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


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