

contacts with Bill Cadotte and other tribal representatives during and immediately after the IGMS review of the application in Lakewood, Colo., at the end of January. Hartman had frequent conversations with DuWayne Derickson of the Mole Lake tribe, both on the phone and in person at DOI. Derickson testified that he would regularly drop in on the IGMS and see Hartman whenever he was in Washington.

4. White House Contacts with Interior During Consideration of the Hudson Application

The only Interior Department employees who recall having any contact with the White House regarding the Hudson matter were Heather Sibbison and Robert Anderson. As discussed above in Section II.E.4.e., Sibbison stated she spoke with Ickes's staffers Jennifer O'Connor and David Meyers before the final decision was announced. Anderson said he spoke with Elena Kagan in the White House counsel's office in the time period after Sen. McCain wrote to Babbitt in July 1996. Collier denied that he received any communication from the White House that could be construed as a directive or a request for improper action. Collier further explained that his relationships with the offices of Personnel and Intergovernmental Affairs directly, and the White House Chief of Staff indirectly, were somewhat strained as a result of prior disputes over political appointments at DOI, as well as conflicts with governors of Western states over matters within the DOI's jurisdiction.

While phone records from DOI officials and Ickes's office reflect contacts during the period that the Hudson proposal was pending, the evidence suggests that at least some of those calls likely related to other matters pending at Interior. For example, Ickes's log of incoming telephone messages for March 31, 1995, reflects a call from Duffy at 8:36 a.m. relating to "Indian issues," and a call from Secretary Babbitt at 8:37 a.m. Neither Duffy nor the Secretary