Acceptance of Quilts from Indian Hsg. Authority

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Michael R. Chitwood, Regional Administrator,

Region VIII, 8G

FROM: Frank Keating, General Counsel, G

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Quilts from Oglala Sioux Housing

Authority

This is in response to your inquiry regarding whether you may accept, on behalf of the Department, two quilts from the Oglala Sioux Housing Authority. Authority to accept these gifts is granted.

Section 3535(k)(1) of Title 42, United States Code, authorizes the Secretary to accept gifts, both real and personal, for the benefit of the Department. In a memorandum dated December 3, 1990, I advised that gifts should not be accepted if solicited by the Department, or if acceptance creates the appearance of a conflict. We have been assured that the Department did not solicit the quilts and that no appearance of conflict would be created by the acceptance of these gifts. Consequently, you may accept the quilts on behalf of the Department.