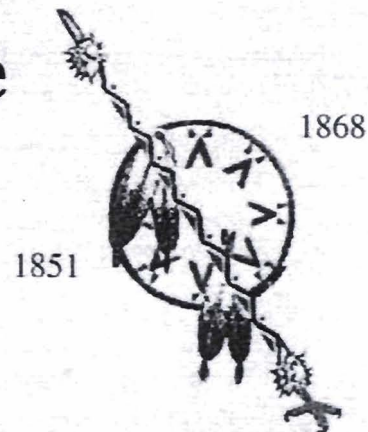




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### POSITION STATEMENTS OF OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE RE: OST FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

1. Oglala Sioux Tribe opposes any funding methodology for the Oglala Sioux Tribe Food Distribution Program.
2. Budget need to negotiate 100%; not 15%.
3. Consideration needs to be taken into account of different climate, roads, urban or rural, etc. One size does not fit all.
4. When using participation, Oklahoma serves urban areas with over 10,000 populations and the rest of the programs cannot serve these areas.
5. Government-to-Government negotiations are not being used.
6. This program is a treaty obligation of the U.S. Government; not hand-outs.
7. Funds should be provided to programs that are underfunded. Budgets should be negotiated with these underfunded programs to see that they do have adequate funds.
8. Funds should not be taken from programs that negotiate adequate funding.

Signed:

*John Yellow Bird Steele*  
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