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The Honorable President Barack Obama
United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500-0003

May 9, 2011

Re: San Carlos Apache Tribe
Letter of Support

Dear President Obama:

On behalf of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc., we vehemently object and oppose the designation of the San Carlos Apache leader, Geronimo, as a military euphemism for an evil man, Osama Bin Laden by the United States of America.

The Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc. formally supports the San Carlos Apache Tribe's position letter dated May 6, 2006, re: Operation Geronimo.

Across Indian Country, the Apache (Ndé) the use of the name Geronimo has taken culture back to a time when such leaders and people were hunted to near extinction for their values and customs.

The Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc. has no formal reservation with over 1,200 enrolled members. Our members have faithfully served in the military at home and abroad in defense of the American way of life. Stories of heroism and valor in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War, Panama, Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan with many receiving the awards for their bravery and heroism.

In Indian Country, the issues of poverty, lack of services, lack of health care, and homelessness are all a symptom of forced acculturation of our culture that spans hundreds of years that is still being felt among the many nations.

The Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc. formally requests the following;

1. A formal apology to the San Carlos Apache for the use of its leader's name.
2. That your office reviews its policy on the naming of its military operations using Native American leaders, tribes, and Nations.
3. A Presidential Order that's forbids the use of past, present and future Native American leaders names to propel one race over another.

In closing, as citizens of this great country, a great nation desires an equally balanced image in the eyes of the Creator.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Romero, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

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Daniel Romero, Jr., M.S.W.
General Council Chairman
Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc.