

emphasized, I believe we should keep our negative responses at a minimum level and be sure we have good and compelling reasons for making them when we do.

In this talk I have tried to cover the past, present and future in Indian affairs, which is a rather large assignment. Undoubtedly there are many topics which were touched upon too briefly and which need more elaboration than it was possible to give them on this occasion. But my major purpose was to provide you with a little additional insight into the nature of the job that lies ahead and perhaps to stimulate among you some interest in making a real contribution toward its accomplishment.

In the program development work which we now face, it is vitally important that the Indians should enter into the consultations with confidence in our good intentions and in a generally positive rather than negative frame of mind. You people who work with the Indians day in and day out are in excellent position to help in building up such an attitude and in setting the stage for some truly progressive program at the various tribal jurisdictions. I know that we can count on your cooperation and your positive support.