



"We love our country because it is beautiful, because we were born here.

Someday strangers will covet it and try to possess it.... then there must be war, unless we have grown to be cowards without love in our hearts for our native land."

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Mr. John Young
Big Horn County News
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Dear John,

Thank you for calling me yesterday to let me know that Clara Nomee has finally admitted to signing an agreement with Sierra Energy Company. While it is important that this information is brought to the attention of all Crow Tribal Members, I am saddened that it has been kept secret from us (for how long? 6 months, 9 months? more?), and our duly elected representatives in our Districts, the Crow Tribal Executive Committee.

This secrecy is not the way of the Crow Tribe. The Crow Tribe — through the Crow Tribal Executive Committee — is supposed to receive information of this importance, discuss their relative merits (as you so accurately pointed out in your editorial) and then, and only then, can the Crow Tribal Members make an informed decision. That decision is voiced to the Crow Tribal Executive Committee Member in their District who is responsible to their constituents to present their views to the Crow Tribal Administration.

When, as in this case (and possibly others we don't yet know about), important information is kept secret from the Crow Tribal Executive Committee they do not have any basis upon which to inform their constituents, the Crow Tribal Members in their Districts. Then, in turn, our People obviously have no basis upon which to make a fully informed decision on matters which affect not only them, but future generations yet unborn.

You have asked me for my reaction to Clara's admission that she really did sign an agreement, after denying that she had. I have given you part of my reaction. The other part is probably shared by many others. I am sure that the Crow Tribal Executive Committee, and their constituents, the Crow Tribal Members, will want to know if anything else has been kept secret. For example: How much is the Crow tribe projected to receive from this "Secret Sierra Project?" Has the Crow Tribal Administration received any money to date from the "Secret Sierra Project?" If so, how much, and how was it spent?

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